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Thirty Two NFL Teams: One National Anthem



Colin Kaepernick kneeling during National Anthem with a teammate
Michael Zagaris/San Francisco 49ers/Getty Images

By: Ryan Harrison

It was on August 26 of 2016 that Colin Kaepernick first started gaining national attention for his action of sitting down during the National Anthem. Colin Kaepernick stated after the 49ers game vs. the Packers in an exclusive interview: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Colin Kaepernick originally planned on just sitting during the anthem but was persuaded that it would be more respectful to kneel. Kneeling during the anthem is the source of controversy that has sparked this protest. A year later, the protest has taken a whole new shape as players all over the NFL are kneeling during the National Anthem. The Pittsburgh Steelers stayed in their locker room during the National Anthem in their week three game against Chicago, while one player, Alejandro Villanueva, a former member of the military, stood for the anthem right outside of the locker room. On Sept. 25, days after President Trump said players should be fired for protesting during the anthem, more

than 200 players protested. An increasing amount of players have started participating in this movement, and it has become a center of discussion at the start of every NFL game.

Students around Franklin were asked about various proponents of this protest at NFL Games. Senior Osaro Grayson stated, "I support it. I feel like Colin Kaepernick is doing the right thing standing up for an issue that is very important to him and to millions of other people. It's basically the same thing as Muhammad Ali, how he refused to be inducted into the army and wasn't allowed to box for five years because of it." Senior Sam Westerman, who attended the Ravens/Steelers week four game, where the majority of Ravens fans booed their own team for kneeling (about half of the team), stated on the booing: "I think it shows how there is a lack of unity in this country, and people need to support others practicing their rights."

This protest is growing into aspects outside of the NFL, as other major sports teams such as the Women's U.S. Soccer team has members such as Megan Rapinoe who have kneeled during the Anthem. The protest is spreading outside of sports, as Donald Trump has created controversy over criticizing the protest. National news outlets have been covering it weekly, and new forms of protest have sprouted from this act, such as the petitions to take down Ray Lewis's statue outside of M&T Bank Stadium because he kneeled for the anthem. As the protest continues to grow, the country continues to separate as this divisive issue takes the forefront of the nation. What started as a single person kneeling for the anthem is now a protest that has gained national attention. Only time will tell how we as Americans and one people will overcome this division.



NFL players seen kneeling and standing during National Anthem. Images by Getty Images and US Presswire

Franklin Basketball Tips Off

By Zach Simons

With fall sports coming to end, and winter sport tryouts starting Nov 15, Franklin High School students are preparing for their respective winter sports. Winter sports include basketball, indoor track and field, and wrestling. Each year, one of the most challenging teams to make is basketball.

In 2016-2017, the Indians' varsity squad had their best season in a while, finishing 17-7. With that being said, it is time to consider last season's seniors, and how their absence will affect this season's team. Last season's roster was very senior-heavy, consisting of eight seniors; Jalen Jacox, Mike Gibson, Ace Kelly, Max Herman, Dwayne Smith Jr, Jason Penstil, Nicolaus Smith, and Josh Turner.

The team's head coach is David Lampieri, affectionately known to his players as Coach I. In order to prevent any false promises to players, he did not want to reference any of his players by name for this article. Most would agree that replacing last year's seniors will be no easy task. Coach I said the hardest player to replace from last year's team, is "Jalen [Jacox] because of how well rounded he was." Jacox led the team in points, assists, and steals per game, and was second in rebounds, behind Pensil. Senior Derron McCall, who was on varsity last year, agreed with coach I, saying "Jalen was the best player for sure and will be hardest to replace." Sophomore Karon Moore, who was on the junior varsity team last season, thinks the player who will be hardest to replace is Gibson. "Mike because of his crazy athleticism. He dunked very often and some of his dunks were insane," said Moore. Coach I remembered a game when Gibson beat his defender, drove down the paint and threw it down with authority. "It was the best dunk I've ever seen," said Coach I.

Jacox, along with Pensil, were the team captains. Both led by their play but were not emotional or vocal leaders. In coach I's opinion, the team had no emotional leader so that is a void that doesn't need to be filled, but he hopes will be by this year's senior class.

Coach I thinks no individual player will replace Jacox or last year's senior group. "I think our seniors will be replaced by a group of players." With basketball tryouts coming up, its time to get excited for a new opportunity for student athletes. With the team losing eight spots on the roster, and the expected turnout, each student trying out has a good chance.

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Franklin Academy of Law Teams on the Rise



Pictured from left to right, members of the Mock Trial Team are Jenifer Fridman, Zach Hermann, Andrew West, Emily Dioguardo, Daisy Oberfeld, Maddie Ballan, Michelle Gonikman, Asia Chester, and Sasha Shrubstock.

By: Ryan Harrison

Franklin High School's Academy of Law teams, which include the Moot Court and Mock Trial Teams, have been gaining state-wide attention as they have both recently earned top spots in their respective competitions.

Last month, Franklin had two tenth graders go to Princeton University and argue in the Princeton Moot Court Tournament. Three of the Franklin teams advanced to the round of sixteen. Over the course of November 11-12, Seniors Emily Dioguardo and Jamie Roa competed in the Maryland Moot Court Championship at the University of Maryland Law School, where they earned first place.

These teams have continued to push students beyond their expectations and have allowed them to share valuable experiences. Dioguardo stated "These experiences have helped me find my voice as an advocate and learn how to handle tough situations." The preparation for the new season has already begun. Five teams of two students have been selected to compete in this year's Duke Moot Court tournament. These applicants must write an essay corresponding to their desired spot, which is due at the end of the year.

The Mock Trial team here at Franklin is coming off a very successful season.

They only lost one match all season. The state champions from last year had only one

loss, which came from Franklin. The team competed in a national mock trial competition called Empire Mock trial in Atlanta, where they placed sixth out of twenty-seven teams from across the country.

Tryouts have begun for the new team, as they look to continue this success. Over forty students tried out, which is more than any number of students than before. The team has been selected and has already started preparing for this year's state mock trial championship tournament. Both teams are led by experienced teachers here at Franklin, Mr. Lambert and Mrs. DiSciullo.

The Franklin Academy of Law teams are the most dominant teams in recent Franklin history. This superiority does not seem to be wearing off any time soon, as there were a number of seniors who graduated, yet there are numerous younger returning members stepping up to take their place. Both of these teams look to keep up their command on not only a regional level, but a state level as well, as they are prepared to make successful runs in their respective competitions this year.



Attorneys Jenifer Fridman, Daisy Oberfeld, and Emily Dioguardo watch as Maddie Ballan objects during a competition.

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Robin Hood Shoots His Way to FHS!



Trevor Bower as Robin Hood and Lauren White as Will Scarlet

By: Melissa Otis

A new type of play comes around to Franklin High School; a British Pantomime of Robin Hood is what the play is exactly going to be. Wonder and excitement billow in the minds of students, parents, children, and even teachers. British Pantomime is a theatrical entertainment suited for all ages, but is mainly for children. This production involves audience interaction, and the auditorium has been transformed into "theatre-in-the-round" with the audience seated around the players on the stage.

Theater director Ms. Wahba summarizes the play by saying, "Robin Hood is a play about stealing from the rich to give to the poor; it is the ultimate hero story. Robin, a vigilante leader of a ragtag band of Merry Men, steals from the Sheriff of Nottingham, an evil, selfish man taking advantage of power in a leaderless England during the

Crusades. More than that, the love triangle between Robin and the Sheriff and Robin's childhood sweetheart, Maid Marian, adds the romance a good hero story needs.

With witty interludes by the Sheriff's henchman Bullseye, Maid

Marian's nursemaid Nora and Robin's Merry Men makes for a fantastic comedy event you won't want to miss!"

Lead roles include Trevor Bower playing as Robin Hood, Sophie Freedman as Maid Marian, Christian Shipe as the Sheriff of Nottingham, Carlita Espada as Nurse Nora, Lauren White as Will Scarlet, Isaiah Gallo-way as Little John, and finally Jeremy Jones as Bullseye.

The director Ms. Wahba provided a statement on the reason she chose this play. "Since this is my first time here at Franklin High School, along with directing my first play here, I wanted to try something different, something that is worthwhile, and the British Pantomime of Robin Hood was chosen, along with its interactions, especially with the children."

The school play will be showcased on these dates: Nov 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7pm & Nov 11 and 18 at 2pm.

Ms. Wahba then added, "for those who haven't already seen the play, we hope you'd come to see it. Here's your chance now!"



Christian Shipe as Sheriff of Nottingham fences with Bower

America's Favorite Music Artists to Be Awarded at the 2017 AMAs



By Myles Jay Wortman

The American Music Awards is an annually televised ceremony held in Los Angeles, California where American singers, rappers, and all different types of musical artists are honored for their hit songs and albums. This year's AMAs will be held at 8/7c on Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Microsoft Theater in downtown Los Angeles. Although the question of who is hosting remains a mystery, the amazing nominees were announced, and you better believe that the competition is very fierce this year! Here are a few of the top categories and nominees for the 2017 AMAs!

Artist of the Year: Bruno Mars, Drake, Ed Sheeran, Kendrick Lamar, and the Chainsmokers

Video of the Year: Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee "Despacito," Bruno Mars "That's What I Like," and Ed Sheeran "Shape of You"

Favorite Female Pop Artist: Alessia Cara, Rihanna, and Lady Gaga

Favorite Rap/Hip Hop Album: Drake "More Life," Kendrick Lamar, and Migos "Culture"

Favorite Female R&B Artist: Beyonce, Kehlani, and Rihanna

Favorite Electric Dance Artist: DJ Snake, Calvin Harris, and the Chainsmokers

Favorite Alternative Rock Artist: Linkin Park, twenty one pilots, and Imagine Dragons

Favorite Artist Latin: Daddy Yankee, Luis Fonsi, and Shakira

These are just a few of the many categories presented at the AMAs this year. The best part about the AMAs is that as Americans, we get to vote! Yes, you read that correctly, there's no academy or musical Electoral College to sway your vote. Only your vote matters! All you have to do is log on to www.amas.com/vote/ and choose which artists you believe should go home a winner!



One of the Biggest Events of the Year... Homecoming!



By: Tiffany Mints

Homecoming 2017 took place on October 7, and it was sure a night to remember. Students from all grades danced the night away with friends in the school's gym. Franklin celebrated homecoming with spirit week activities. The days included: America day, tacky day, tourist day, white out day, and school colors.

The SGA board had a lot to do with all the events that happened in the first week of October. Spirit week was planned about a week before the actual date. The SGA board planned out the activities for the students. The principal also helped out the board with the themes for each day.

Spirit week lead up to the homecoming game which



took place on Thursday. Following that event was the dance. A member of the board, senior Robert Carney said that they started planning three weeks before the dance. The president of the board, senior Ruben Maaya decided the date for the dance. The budget for the dance was also decided by the SGA board. The budget for everything was \$2,000.

SGA decided the theme for the dance to be "under the moon," and the decorations committee decided on all decorations. Junior Halie Brown said, "The deco-



rations at the dance were really nice. They did a good job." When interviewing other students that attended the dance, they all had the same response: "it was fun! And the decorations that they had were nice." Of course, when having a dance, there has to be music. At the event was a DJ, and Carney said they asked for students' opinions on the music. Students spent a lot of time after school getting homecoming together to ensure that attendees had an amazing night with friends.

Carney said, "Getting the dance together wasn't that stressful. Was it a lot of work? Yes! But definitely not stressful." A lot of the other SGA members can say the same. At the dance, girls were dressed up in their beautiful dresses and guys in their best attire. The night started off amazingly and ended that way as well.

The homecoming court was introduced at the dance. Students voted for homecoming king and queen that night, and they had different kings and queens from each grade. After the winners were crowned, everyone continued to dance to the amazing music, everyone had a good time and was pleased with homecoming 2017.

Homecoming king and queens;





Franklin JROTC Earns Mission Capable on Inspection

By: Jasmin Algararheh

On Oct 11, 2017, Franklin High School JROTC program was involved in an important inspection. All the Cadets, Drill team, even Gunny and Master Guns, only had 5 weeks to prepare. The inspection requires standards for grooming and physical fitness (crunches in two minutes, one-mile run in under 12 minutes, and pull-ups). The cadets also were graded on how well groomed they were and how well presented their uniforms were. All girls had to have hair pinned up in tight buns, clear nail polish, no earrings or any kind of jewelry or piercings. Boys must have a short hair cut, clean nails, no facial hair, and no piercings. The uniform must be cleaned and ironed, and the cap must be starched.

The cadets also had to learn information about JROTC and the Marines' history. There were two times cadets could do the inspection: 6am-7am and 12pm-2:10pm. If cadets didn't go at all, the whole inspection would fail, and all would have to be redone in the next two months. Happily, the inspection was a success; the corps passed with flying colors.

Franklin has one of the best JROTC programs in the state. They won many drill competitions, PT Team competitions, and many more. Cadets will get their own individual grades in about 2 weeks. Many of the cadets agreed that it was a nerve-racking experience. Cadets had to stand at the position of parade rest while looking straight and being completely still, then answer all the questions the Latinate asks in a respectful manner. About 106 cadets showed up for the morning inspection; that's 106 students being at the gym by 5:50 am. Gunny and Master Guns were extremely proud of their cadets, as they should be. The next inspection that will happen here at Franklin HS will be in 2020.

Most cadets took the inspection seriously, but there were still "some short-comings," as Gunny said. The requirements that all cadets needed were the basic grooming standards for boys and girls. All cadets had about three weeks to prepare for the inspection and knew there was one being held about two months prior. Some may wonder if the cadets took it seriously. Gunny said that about 95% did take it seriously, but still that 5% of kids could've cost the whole inspection. If cadets decide to not come or miss the inspection, they get two zeros and have to make up their uniform days. Because the cadets did well in the inspection, they don't have to wear their uniform for four weeks. However, for the cadets who didn't show up, they get mini inspections by Gunny and Master Guns, which doesn't sound very pleasant. The last inspection held at FHS was about seven years ago which also earned mission capable (passed).

Since Franklin HS JROTC is one of the best, they are usually exempt from the inspection, but the Corps recently decided to also inspect the honor schools. Overall, the cadets did an outstanding job. Keep in mind that most of them woke up around five in the morning to be at the gym by 5:50am for the inspection which started at 6am. PSAT was also that day, and many cadets had to take the PSAT either before or after and still got good results. Only five cadets out of all the classes were absent. Also, two other high schools were supposed to do the inspection as well, but they didn't have enough confidence in their cadets, unlike Gunny and Master Guns. "We couldn't be any prouder in our cadets. They are a pain, but they never fail to impress us," said Gunny. Great job to all the cadets.



Franklin JROTC color guard marching in the Reisterstown festival with pride.

Teachers and Students Affect Each Other

By: Kennedy Allen

How do teachers effect their students? Many people think that teachers have a huge impact on their students. Two Franklin students explained exactly how their teachers affect them and if their teachers impact their daily lives. Also, one Franklin teacher gave his point of view on how teachers think they affect their students.

The first student perspective is from a sophomore who chooses to remain anonymous. Regarding their personal high school experience, sophomore John Doe said, "of course you have your ups and your downs. It all depends on the atmosphere. If you arrive to school, and there is a happy atmosphere, you're going to be happy, and vice versa." Then in regards to how a negative atmosphere affects him, Doe said, "well, sometimes it can be the weather that makes it seem dreary or sometimes you can sense the emotions of the people around you, and that changes your whole mood. For instance, if my teacher is down, I can tell or if a class mate is down I can tell, and it changes everything." This student said the change in mood affects his work "because if it's a down dismal feeling in the air coming from our teacher or anyone else in the room, no one is going to feel enthusiastic about their doing their work to the best of their abilities."

Now that teachers know that their aura rubs off on their students, how will they change their actions? Will they be more cautious with their emotions?

For the teachers' perspective, a teacher who also chooses to remain anonymous said it is not always easy to connect with their students. "Well, of course you always try, but it isn't an easy task. It's impossible to build an individual bond with each student when you have 100-sum kids." This teacher admitted that sometimes students affect teachers emotionally. "When you're a teacher, you try not to let kids affect you negatively, but it's bound to happen. For example, if you notice a student has potential for greatness, but every day you see them going down the wrong path. That doesn't make you feel good, and once you've done all you think you can do, you start to feel helpless. Helplessness is the last thing a teacher wants to feel." Now we know that students also have an impact their teachers. Will students start to consider more about their teachers?

Now that we have stories from each side, students and teachers need to ask themselves, "How can we help each other?" If both parties work to benefit each other, school can be a healthy environment for students and teachers alike. An atmosphere where both student and teacher prosper and flourish in their work. If both parties work towards helping each other, the whole school will change for the better.



Franklin Golf Team Takes on Tough Opponents in the District Championships



Andrew Gersh playing a ball out of the bunker against Catonsville

By: Andrew Gersh

Preparation for large tournaments in any high school sport is tedious and difficult. Many people think that golf is easy because of its lack of a need for pure athletic ability, but the team would argue otherwise. Sophomore Reid Jones said, "the training and long

practices that it takes to prepare us as a team for the tournaments is not easy by any means."

The team underwent two to three hour practices every day that consists of non-stop swinging so they can all get their swings in check for the tournament. Jones also added,

"Coach [Mike] Miguel prepares us very well by putting us through intensive putting drills for the first part of practice and then we move to the driving range where we focus on mainly our short approach shots. We will work on driving the ball and long irons, too, but the vast majority of ways to save stroke are by

sticking your approach shot close. Lastly, we will go to the chipping green to work on our touch around the greens. This is what a typical practice consists of." By the sounds of that, the team goes through very repetitive practices so that they can master their swing and get a sense of muscle memory.

When going into the tournament, Franklin submitted five golfers; Andrew Gersh, Kobe Pinsky, Reid Jones, Justin Carswell, and Jake Carswell. These players all had the goal of shooting a 79 at Fox Hollow so that they could qualify for the state championships at the University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park, Maryland. The truth of the matter is that this would be a stretch for the vast majority of the team. Sophomore Kobe Pinsky said, "my goal for the district tournament is to obviously qualify, but as long as I shoot in the 80's, I will not be too mad."

As a result of the tournament, Andrew Gersh and Kobe Pinsky both shot 87 which was Pinsky's career low. Everyone else on the team shot in the 90's. No one on the team was too upset with the results, but it was not the ideal situation for the team.

Looking in the future, the team looks to prepare for the county championships where they will face all the other teams in the county in hopes of placing at least top five.

Powder-puff Game: Another Thriller Highlights Franklin's Homecoming Weekend

By: Ryan Harrison

October 7 was the date of the highly anticipated powder-puff game between the seniors and juniors of Franklin High School. Crowds came for each side to watch a combination of football and male cheerleaders. As a part of homecoming weekend, the powder-puff game is Franklin tradition.

The seniors were coming off a game winning touchdown from student Cali Platt the previous year. This was not the case in the second half of the game this year, as the seniors, coached by senior Sam Westerman, pulled away from a tie at 14 points early in the second half to ultimately win 35-15. Senior Gabby Douglass scored the first and last touchdowns for the seniors, which helped secure their second straight Powder Puff win. The juniors fought hard, led by Ayana Booze who ran all over the senior defense and had both touchdowns for the juniors to keep the game close.

Powder Puff would not be itself without male cheerleaders. This year saw an increase in the amount of male cheerleaders, as there were over ten from each side. From human pyramids to piggy back races and attempting cartwheels in tutus, the cheerleaders kept

the audience thoroughly entertained. Senior Cammie Berman stated that her favorite Powder-puff memory was "watching the male cheerleaders attempt to make a human pyramid while wearing sports bras and short-shorts."

The Powder-puff game, while competitive, helps bring the classes and Franklin community together.

Senior Emily Proper stated that her favorite aspect of the Powder-puff game is "actually being able to compete while having fun at the same time and having family and friends come to enjoy and be a part of the experience with us." Senior Louie Rosner, one of the male cheerleaders, on the topic of whether the powder-puff game is a way to bring people together, stated: "I think it creates opportunities for people to be a part of homecoming weekend that might not enjoy going to the dance or going to the actual football game."



Pictured above is the senior celebration after winning their second straight Powder-Puff title.

This is what the Powder Puff game is all about. Although the class of 2018 emerged as victors again, everyone who participated had fun, and it contributed to the overall exciting homecoming weekend at Franklin High School.



Franklin Athletics Honors Coaching Legacies with Hall of Fame

By Lesa Stigall

This year Franklin High School celebrated the first Athletics Hall of Fame event on Oct. 5th, created and hosted by Athletic director David Scrivener and Principal Patrick McCusker to pay respect to those who have put all their time and effort into making up the history of sports at Franklin.

as coach, his teams won several county and regional championships and the Maryland State Wrestling Championship in 1999. For all the hard work, Wagner received the 1999 and 2001 Maryland South Region Girls Soccer Coach of the Year and the 2001 Maryland State Soccer Coach of the Year. Mr. Wagner said, "I loved my girls soccer team. And one thing

His wrestling teams won five league championships and a regional championship, won seven state playoff games and was a state finalist. He was also active in the Maryland Public Secondary Athletic Association (MPSAA) serving on the wrestling committee and was the Baltimore County Wrestling Tournament director for seven years. For his success in coaching he received the Baltimore Sun All-Metro Football Coach of the Year, Baltimore County Wrestling Hall of Fame, Maryland Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame, the MPSAA Service to Wrestling Award, and Maryland Wrestling Officials Association's (MWOA) Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Wrestling Award. His kids, two boys and one girl, both attended Franklin as well. He feels as though, "Franklin is a home to us," he said.

Jill Myers was a teacher, coach, and athletic director from 1965-2007. She also served at the county level as co-chairperson of the Baltimore County All-Star games and officer on executive council of Maryland State Committee. At Franklin, Ms. Myers coached JV and varsity volleyball, JV and varsity basketball, and varsity tennis. Ms. Myers' volleyball teams won county championships in 1972 and 1973. Not to mention that she was also selected as Baltimore County Athletic Director twice for years 1997 and 2002, presented with the Meritorious award by Basketball All-Star Committee in 1998, was awarded the Maryland State Award for Merit by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2001, inducted into the Maryland State Athletic Director's Association Hall of Fame in 2008, recognized by the Baltimore County Board of Education for outstanding contributions to Baltimore County Public Schools in 1997 and 2002, and awarded the Maryland State Award for Merit by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2001. "Franklin is family to me. Everywhere I go I see someone from Franklin. I had great memories of everything that I did here," and the Hall of Fame event added more memories on top earlier ones to be forever remembered.

The event was very overwhelming for some. They couldn't help but to take lots of pictures together until they got the perfect one. A former student athlete, Tammy Jackson who played softball, field hockey, basketball, and even more sports said, "I think this is wonderful for people who have dedicated their whole life and time to the sports."



From left to right : George Wagner, Claude Darr, Rick Wiscott, Jill Myers

To celebrate, they served Mission barbecue and let the honorees say a few words on how they felt about the event, experience of working in the sports department at Franklin, and to be recognized for their legacy in FHS athletics. Mr. Scrivener believed that the event was long overdue and needed to happen soon. All the years the honorees devoted to FHS added up to nearly 129 years; recognition in the athletics Hall of Fame was well deserved. Mr. Scrivener finally got to set it up.

Four honorees joined the event to be reminded of their great legacy and wonderful works in the Athletic department. Some created sports at the school; some gave the school a name with certain sports, and some even made sports better than they were before and kept them great for the years to come.

George Wagner coached from 1972-2002. He worked with wrestling, badminton, gymnastics, boys lacrosse, and boys and girls soccer -- in fact he started lacrosse at Franklin and the Reisterstown Recreation Lacrosse Program. During Wagner's time

everyone should know is that your legacy goes on -- what you teach, they will teach. This is an honor."

Rick Wiscott taught and coached from 1972-2008. Mr. Wiscott coached baseball, football, and softball for 11 years. Wiscott's teams won several regional championships with his baseball team winning the 1985 Maryland State Baseball Championship and finishing as a state finalist in 1986. His softball team was often a county power during his time at the helm. They won Regional Championships in 1996 and 1997, finishing as a state finalist. Due to all the success he received, the Baltimore Sun named Mr. Wiscott the Metro Baseball Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1996. He said, "I spent most of my time on the field with the players. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

An honoree, who preferred to stay anonymous stated that he and his wife both worked at Franklin. While he coached and taught from 1967-1997, his wife worked as a librarian. He coached football for 25 years, wrestling for 18 years, golf for two years, and also served as an Athletic Director.



A Look Inside The Diverse World Of Senior Quotes



By Myles Jay Wortman

Senior quotes are a high school tradition that has been carried on for many generations now, a tradition that seniors tend to think very long and hard about and take lots of pride in once they come up with it, no matter what their quote turns out to be. If you're on social media often, you are very well aware of the wide array of inspiring, hilarious, and often just straight up stupid senior quotes. However, if you are not familiar with the big, wide world of senior quotes, here are few examples of the wild excerpts you may see this spring.

#1: The Class Clown Quotes-

Name ~ "was released from their four year sentence"

"That's what" - She

Zach Zachary - "I hate my name"

#2: The Overly Confident Quotes-

"This is nothing but a hive, and I am the one and only Queen Bee"

"You guys will see me on TV later"

"I get butterflies when I think of myself"

#3: The "Beating the System" Quotes-

"Cheaters never win, but I just graduated"

"I want to thank the snap math app because none of us would have made it without you!"

"Thank God for the group chat!"

#3: The Pop Culture Reference Quotes-

"Hannah Montana says nobody's perfect, but here I am"

"I didn't choose the thug life; the thug life chose me." - Tupac Shakur

"Yo yearbook, I'mma let you finish, but my senior quote was the best quote of all time!"

#4: The word-play quotes-

"The roof is not my son, but I will raise it"

"I'm gonna go stand outside. If anyone asks, I'm outstanding!"

"I'm a senior, but I stay fresh man."

#5: The Realist Quotes-

"Bruh, we graduated just to go to school again"

"On to the next scam"

"So now I have to go to school again. Only I have to pay for it this time. Graduate again. Then get a job. And pay bills? I did not sign up for this!"

One of the factors that students are encouraged to consider when coming up with their senior quote is: Remember that they last forever! While that new meme and catch phrase that everyone is talking about now may seem priceless at the moment, try to think of how funny it may be in a few months. Then decide if that is the quote you'd like to be remembered by when your peers look at it in later years. Remember that your quote has the ability to impact people, so an inspirational or any positive extract is always helpful. A good form to follow by when creating your quote is "small and symbolic." Keep in mind that you're writing a quote, so no one is trying to read an essay. Also, recognize that your senior quote should show who/what type of person you are. So try to compose your quote to be as YOU as possible. With these tips in mind, you're assured to have a great senior quote. Can't wait to see yours!



Homecoming Night

Students greet each other before the dance



Girls pose inside the homecoming tunnel



Students enjoy the dance and party with the DJ





Effects Of R Rated Horror Films On Adolescents

By: Kennedy Allen

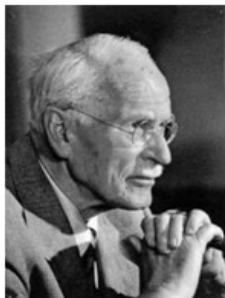
The month of October brings its monthly share of horror films along with its horror movie lovers. In a survey of 20 students, 18 students plan to see "The Snowman" released October 20. All twenty students confessed to seeing the remake of the 1997



2017 version of "It"

horror film, "It." Both of these movies are R rated, and all of the students surveyed were under the age of 18. Fifteen of the students said they viewed the movie with their parents, and the other five said they were never asked for an ID at the movie theater. Parents are allowing their children to view these movies and may not know the effects they are having on their children, and movie clerks are letting minors into R rated movies.

Psychiatrist Carl Jung said, "The horror movie provides a substitute for the real world." Adolescents are growing adults who are going to face real life implications. Does viewing a horror movie make teenagers unable to face reality? Dr. Jung said, "at puberty, the fantasies lead to the formation of complexes of ideas that are incompatible with the other contents of consciousness and are therefore repressed." Dr. Jung insists that when teenagers are unable to fully release their feelings and ideas, it isn't healthy. To support Dr. Jung's reasoning, Dr. Carl E. Richardt said, "emotions are a powerful source of understanding for adolescents. Having good emotional access and the ability to express feelings is important in emotional development for teens." Teens viewing these R rated films could stunt their emotional growth creating anxiety, stress, and self-rejection.



Dr. Carl Jung

On the other hand Greg Ruth, who is the author of *Red Kite*, *Blue Kite* and *The Lost Boy*, gives five reasons as to why horror movies are actually good for teens. His first reason is the fact that childhood is already scary. "Kids are already scared, so let's give them some tools to cope with it...scary movies tell kids there's always something worse." The storyline of "It" follows children who are tormented by a clown named Pennywise. After seeing the film, Hailey, a 15 year old sophomore recalls feeling "relieved" that she wasn't in the children's position and "thankful" that her current position in life was

nothing like theirs. Horror movies give teens a way to see that there is always something worse than their current reality.

Ruth's second reason is that horror movies are a way for teens to see power given to the powerless. "If we make children both the object of terror as well as agent for surviving villains...you're into something magical." Ruth talks about horror movies as being an outlet that makes teens feel accomplished. "Horror provides a playground for teens in which they can dance with their fears in a safe way that can teach them to survive... and be powerful too." Horror films let teens see themselves in the film. The teen lives through the film, and the hero's success is their success.

Ruth's third reason is that horror is ancient, real, and can teach us much. Horror originated as fairytales, which main message to children was to avoid places that are dangerous. "They were cautionary tales for generations of kids who faced death, real and tangible, almost each and every day." The fairytales had purpose when they were originally written in a time where not many children survived to adulthood. So, these stories taught them how to stay alive and the importance of watching out for threats in the real world. But over the course of time when the fight for survival was no longer important, these stories became irrelevant. "We have developed, as a species, from an evolutionary necessity to be afraid of threats so we might flee them and survive to make more babies that can grow up to be suitably afraid of threats, that can also grow up and repeat the cycle." So, through the course of history we have developed our fright senses and used them to our advantage. The horror makes us feel understanding as we go through the fright cycle.

Ruth's fourth reason is that horror confirms "deeper truth." When watching horror movies, the viewer sees examples of protectors and leaders. In most cases, parents try to protect their children from harsh truth in an effort to save their feelings, but this could make children feel distrust. Teens always know when something is going on, so hiding the truth from them doesn't help. "But because we [the parents] don't share all the details of our anxious whispers, stressful phone calls, or hushed arguments, (and rightfully so), they [the teenager] are left to fill in the facts themselves, and what one imagines tends to be far more terrible than what is real." Adam, a 14 year old freshman, recalls his experience when his parents were getting divorced. "They didn't tell me anything that was happening and that was very frustrating. I needed my questions to be answered and that wasn't happening. So I turned to not only horror films but also many different types of films in a search for the ultimate distraction and to find some type of hidden truth." In an effort to find truth in their lives, teens may turn to horror movies as an outlet because there's always truth. The child gets to feel the nightmare

that's happening in the film. Horror movies don't shy away from uncomfortable, frightening, and disastrous situations. "Where we as adults cannot tell them a half-truth, horror can tell them the whole, and there is a great mercy in that."

Ruth's fifth and final reason is that "hidden inside horror is the facts of life." Teens are



Teen being negatively affected by parents feuding. <http://www.mghclaycenter.org/parenting-concerns/families/when-parents-have-an-argument/>

facing many changes. Not only is their body changing, but also their position in life is changing. They're becoming adults, which can be very scary. Horror movies teach teens that they eventually have to meet their real-life horror. Horror movies also tell them that there is always a way to conquer that horror. "Fear is not the best thing in the world, of course, but it's not going anywhere and we are likely forced to meet it in some capacity, great or small, each and every day. There's no way around it." Ruth explains the many different ways on how horror movies can benefit teens as an emotional outlet that helps them psychologically. Parents must consider the advantages of horror movies and how they will affect their children positively.

Many will argue that R rated horror films are detrimental to teens' mental health or that they help teens have an emotional outlet. Not only teens viewing the films, but also adults who are allowing their children to view these films must think about the long-lasting effect these movies have on the mind. Teens and adults must consider the many factors of horror films and decide if they want to continue watching.



Shooting Our Way into the Basketball Season

By: Justin Magaziner and Douglas Ditto

With the 2017-2018 college basketball season right around the corner, fans are starting to get a look at what will be expected from teams this season. This article will give projections on how the notable schools should look this season.

Duke:

Duke is expected by many to be the best team in the country this season. They continued their run this year by adding Marvin Bagley III, Gary Trent Jr., Wendell Carter, Alex O'Connell, Trevon Duvall, and Jordan Tucker. They have four of the top ten recruits in the incoming freshman class. The top recruits are being added around senior starting shooting guard, Grayson Allen and legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski.



Coach Krzyzewski

Arizona:

Despite losing three top tier players to the NBA draft, Arizona retained Allonzo Trier and Rawle Alkins; plus they brought in the best center in the 2017 class, Deandre Ayton, along with four star forward Emmanuel Akot. Arizona should be able to claw their way back to a PAC-12 Championship.

Kentucky:

After the Wildcats' heartbreaking loss to UNC in the Final Four, all five of their starters were either seniors or entered the NBA draft. Although they will be very young, John Calipari is a recruiting genius and has put together another young team with a ton of potential. Another slate of five stars should lead Kentucky to a successful season.

Louisville:

In the offseason, Louisville added Brian Bowen to an already strong mix of upperclassman. However, Louisville's long time coach, Rick Pitino was fired in one of the biggest scandals in NCAA history. Dick Vitale says "It's a shame. It's sleazy. It's no good. It's ugly, and it really just breaks my heart." Although the scandal is having an effect on the university, the players on their current roster should not be affected.

Kansas:

The Jayhawks enter the season very optimistically. In the offseason, they were able to keep Devonte' Graham and Sviatoslov Mykhailiuk. However, they lost Carlton Bragg in a transfer to Arizona State. Although they lost him, incoming five star freshman Billy Preston plays the same position. Kansas is very experienced which can prove to be valuable in a league where most of the best players leave after just one season.

North Carolina:

After winning the National Championship last season, the Tar Heels will try to repeat. However, this will be tough as Justin Jackson and Tony Bradley decided to go pro. They do have a great incoming recruiting class. ACC sports says, "Roy Williams' recruiting class could be his best since 2006." They have some serious problems to overcome in the frontcourt if they plan on making more magic in March.



Joel Berry cutting the nets after winning the National Championship

Michigan State:

Michigan State added Jaren Jackson Jr. and kept Miles Bridges. They are expected to win the BIG which is a premier basketball conference expected to produce other great teams this year. The talent on this team may carry them far into the tournament.

UCLA:

Although UCLA lost Lonzo Ball, his little brother, LiAngelo is an incoming freshman. LiAngelo is not as good as Lonzo or their youngest brother Lamelo, as he is only a three star recruit. The Ball family has made their mark recently as their dad, Lavar, who played NCAA basketball and in the NFL, has proven to either be crazy or a media genius as he will attack anyone and everyone if it somehow benefits his sons. According to Carron J. Phillips, Lavar is a "Father. Husband. Jerk. Misogynist. Basketball Coach. Lunatic. Racist. Loud Mouth. Community Service Volun-

teer. Role Model. Embellisher. Genius. Troublemaker." Regardless of the Ball brothers, UCLA also added five star point guard Jaylen Hands and should be expected to be a top team this season.



Ball Family. Lamelo, Lonzo, Lavar and LiAngelo (left to right)

Maryland:

Maryland adds incoming freshmen Bruno Fernando and Darryl Morsell to their core group of now sophomores Anthony Cowan, Kevin Huerter and Justin Jackson. They should be expected to be in the top three in the BIG Conference behind Minnesota Golden Gophers and the Michigan State Spartans.



Kevin Huerter, Justin Jackson and Anthony Cowan (left to right)



NBA Rookies Tip Off Season



By: Jacob McCarthy

As the NBA season tips off, all eyes are on the league's rookies. This year's lottery picks include Markelle Fultz, Lonzo Ball, Jayson Tatum, Josh Jackson, De'Aaron Fox, Jonathon Isaac, Lauri Markkanen, Frank Ntilikina, Zach Collins, Dennis Smith Jr, Malik Monk, Luke Kennard, Donovan Mitchell, and Bam Adebayo.

The rookies have been able to showcase their talents in the summer league. The summer league MVP Lonzo Ball put on a show, getting triple doubles every other night. The league has also been introduced to some sleeper picks in the draft, guys like Kyle Kuzma and John Collins. These players have been overshadowed mainly because of their teams' surrounding talents. With Lonzo Ball on the Lakers, Kuzma has been overlooked due to the hype of Lonzo and the Big Baller Brand, which is his own

brand. As for John Collins, the Hawks are projected to be one of the worst teams in the league, but the Hawks added a young star by the name of Dewayne Dedmon.

Sophomore Ray Banks was kind enough to share his thoughts on the rookies entering the 2017-2018 NBA season. He said, "I believe that Lonzo Ball will win the ROTY award mainly because of his court vision and size advantage at the point guard position." He'll average around 15 points and 9 assists this season. Sophomore Zach Simons believes that Dennis Smith Jr. will win the ROTY because he is going to receive the most chances out of all of the rookies entering the league.

The first official game of the NBA season was on October 17th where the new look Boston Celtics faced off against the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Celtics' Jayson Tatum was the third overall pick in the last draft, and on Tuesday he will be able to show off his talents.

Ante Zizic and Cedi Osman are the only rookies that the Cavaliers picked up this offseason, and they are not projected to have an impact on the



team. The players in this years' draft are going to have the future of the league in their hands. With old NBA stars about to retire in the next few years like Dwayne Wade and Carmelo Anthony, the rookies have the chance to take the throne from the older leaders.



Christian Pulisic Shocks the Nation

By: Andrew Gersh

It is not very often that an American kid goes on to be one of the impact players in the international Champions League made up of the best soccer players in the world. Pulisic is a small town kid from Hershey, Pa, which has less than 15,000 people in residence. He has gone from that to a full time starter on the USA National team as well as the number one ranked team in the German Soccer League, Borussia Dortmund.



Pulisic got his first career start for the USA National team at the age of 17 and is now only still 19. He is the fourth highest scorer for Dortmund

and has made an immediate impact in the soccer community.



He is a very famous celebrity in the United States and he is to topic of many conversations, which the reasons for this are clear. Sophomore, Reid Jones adds, "it is crazy watching someone so young play at such a high level." He also adds, "I was never a big soccer fan but since he is American and from not too far from where I live, it is cool seeing him succeed in big-time European soccer." Junior, Kaveh Montazer makes similar points because he says, "he is fun to watch on the USA team and more importantly following his career because that is what were

currently living through."

Junior, Alex Adedeji said "it is especially cool that he is so close in age to us because he is no more than a year older than the seniors at our school but yet he is making millions of dollars and is considered to be a national superstar." To add to that, he even flew home for his prom last year after already becoming the superstar he is today.

Looking to the future, he will plan to work up the rankings in Dortmund and continue to win titles. Also he will look to grow the US team and lead them in becoming an international powerhouse.



Pulisic as a child