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Lack of Yearbook and Newspaper staff pushes students to try out new areas of Journalism

It only took 20. 10 designers, four writers and six photographers. All very different roles to put productions together, but everyone was in the same boat - too much to do, not enough people.

"It affected us not having many people this year, but I feel like we just did it," Editor-in-Chief senior Carlos Mata said. "Yeah we have short staff, but I feel like at some point you just need to stop complaining and get it done."

Because of the shortage, the staff tried a new method coming into the 2022 Journalism year, everyone took on more than one field of Digital Media Production. Writers designed, Designers took photos, it became full circle for the journalism staff.

"I came into yearbook thinking all I was gonna do was write but now I'm designing and taking pictures and kind of doing everything," staff member sophomore Payton Cook said. "I like that I was given the opportunity to design because it's made me realize how much I like it so I think it's really cool I got to experience the different parts of Yearbook."

The mix of varying tasks for each student would prove to be stressful for the whole yearbook team, with the time crunches punishing students who had laid off work for later. Especially towards the end of the year for the final deadline, a time that Journalism teacher Becky Tate repeatedly found to be quite challenging, no matter the circumstances.

"February and March of every year is always really hard because that's

when the final deadlines are," Tate said. "That's when kids have to finally get stuff in and even though I've said to them all along, 'You need to get this done,' and 'This is due! You've got to pay attention and get stuff done early. Not tomorrow - tomorrow's late, that's a hard thing. That's a hard lesson for anybody to learn, especially high school kids."

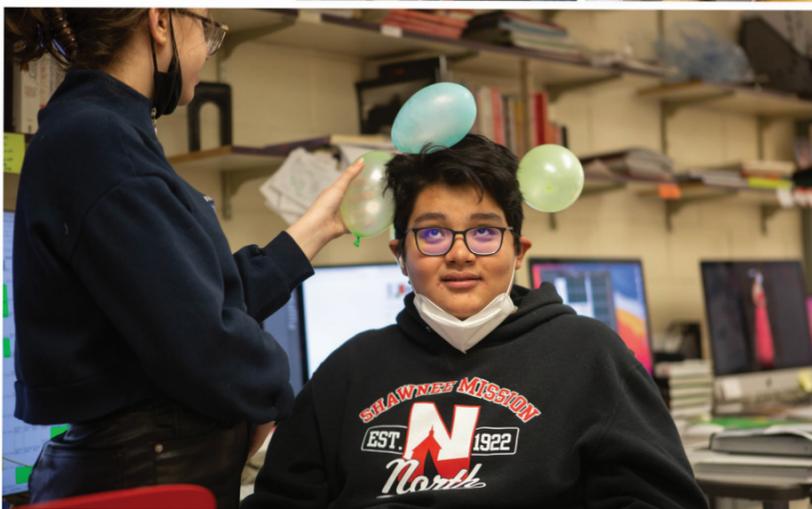
The time might have been overwhelming for members of the staff in different ways, but each person also had their own way of getting around the inevitable stress as the final deadline approached.

"I think having a routine of not being in the room right after school and doing our QuikTrip runs really helps," Photo Editor senior Alexis Kelly said. "It just gives us that little tiny bit of a break and something to do where we're having fun before we have to sit down and push pages out and do spreads."

Even with a few relievers, the pressure of expectations to outdo previous iterations of yearbooks weighed on the staff. But Tate said she believed such pressure shouldn't interfere with the intention of making the yearbook the best it could be for each staff's class. She also said that learning a few life skills including meeting deadlines, talking with people and learning to work in a group environment was important.

"As far as life skills go, I think that's what this class does," Tate said. "I think it teaches life skills, all while the kids are putting together a gift to give back to the building." | *story by adriano peralta and rylie peterson*

Looking back, junior Gage Chapman opens his Journalism Secret Santa gift before Winter Break. Chapman received a calendar of his favorite celebrity, Scarlett Johansson, although it had not come in the mail yet, he still got to see the receipt! Chapman got his present the following week during the Yearbook sixth hour. | *photo by alexis kelly*



Looking up, senior Carlos Mata sits as Journalism staff stick balloons to his head. Mata found the balloons in the Yearbook closet on a Wednesday work night. Everyone quickly began playing with balloons. "It was fun I was enjoying taking a break from stressing out," Mata said. "We were trying to get some photos of each other for the Yearbook spread so it worked out perfect." | *photo by robert leon*

headline HEADLINE

Staff writes Sticky Notes to selves for reminders, sketches and more

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow - Mark Twain

to do:
- edit basketball photos
- edit shrek photos
- girls tennis page design
- finish freshman first day page?
- edit black history program photos
- new page idea - nails!
- spring sports photos!!

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hi olivia ☺ u r doing great bae
I LOVE U
☺♥

pages to do
- finish marning band proofs
- get pep club story
- girls basketball content

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Journalism staff chooses their favorite songs from collaborative Spotify playlist

Someone Like You
Alexis Kelly, 12

Family Affair
Miguel Tapia Becerra, 10

Umbrella
Gage Chapman, 11

Just the Two of Us
Angie Fernandez Alvarez, 10

All I Ask
Nicole Mendez, 9

Beneath the Mask
Adriano Peralta, 10



Fanning out, sophomore Payton Cook shows her moves to Just Dance's Dynamite with friends. The journalism staff spent three days at the CAA at a Journalism Workshop during the summer. SM North's staff used their downtime to groove along to Just Dance songs. "I remember being really sweaty, but it was really fun," Cook said. "It felt like a bonding experience for everyone." | *photo by alexis kelly*



Laughing together, Journalism students, senior Alexis Kelly, sophomore Payton Cook, junior Rylie Peterson, sophomore Laurel Hansen and senior Carlos Mata say "Cheers" to drinking energy drinks together. The students stayed until 8 P.M. at SM North to work on pages due that evening on a Wednesday worknight. | *photo by nicole mendez*