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A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVES

Dear Reader,
As the incoming executive editors, we are so excited to introduce to you Issue 4 and our first issue at the helm of the Geneva Quarterly.

In this issue, we have had the privilege of honoring people who have touched the lives of many. Woven throughout these pages is a celebration of humanity's beauty and relationship.

The ongoing theme of Volume 10 is of boldness and thinking outside the box. As we analyze themes that dare us to learn, explore, live and play, we hope to showcase the unique aspects of individual journeys with pops of color and splashes of creativity. Our staff invites you to join us as we dive into the wonders of our world, the excitement of

life, the gift of community and the thrill of competition.

As we wrap up all the hard work we have poured into this issue, we would like to thank our seniors who have led us so well thus far. Our seniors are cherished by us as a staff, and we wish them all the best of luck as they forge a new path beyond Geneva.

Our staff is proud to present Volume 10, Issue 4 of the Geneva Quarterly. Our wish is that every story, photo and graphic can inspire our readers to be bold and live well. We hope you can enjoy reading this as much as we enjoyed making it!

Claire Coultriss

with Hailey Kirchner, Lindsay Lee, and Suri Nilsson



To my staff,
What a joy it has been working with you. Three years. 12 issues. Countless story ideas. Tons of edits. I have so enjoyed the creative process of building each issue. The J Room is a special place and I will miss our time in there. I am always amazed by the talent held within its four walls. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together and I look forward to what comes next for the Quarterly. You all know what to do, just keep doing it. Love you all, Mrs. H

CONCEPT

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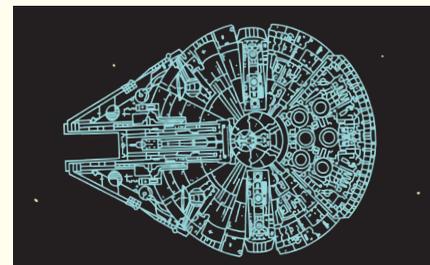
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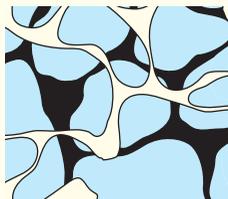
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The Force is strong



When: Tuesdays during lunch
Where: Mr. Poole's Classroom

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DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US THROUGH CURIOUS MEANS



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SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Sam Armstrong

Most likely to accidentally make a shocking discovery

Ella Babic

Most likely to save the turtles

Abby Bower

Most likely to hunt Bigfoot

Ethan Brunsvold

Most likely to be a private investigator

Sloane Burkholder

Most likely to have a travel blog

Dominic Garcia

Most likely to be an army commander

Karynn Garrow

Most likely to go to space

Hailey Hubenak

Most likely to
win a Nobel
Peace Prize

Joshua Kupferschmid

Most likely to
discover a new
energy source

Ellie Ledoux

Most likely to
become
First Lady

Austin Malkowski

Most likely to
teach AP Gov

Noelle Moerdyk

Most likely to
marry someone
famous

Luke Pratt

Most likely to
be GQ Man
of the Year

Gage Secor

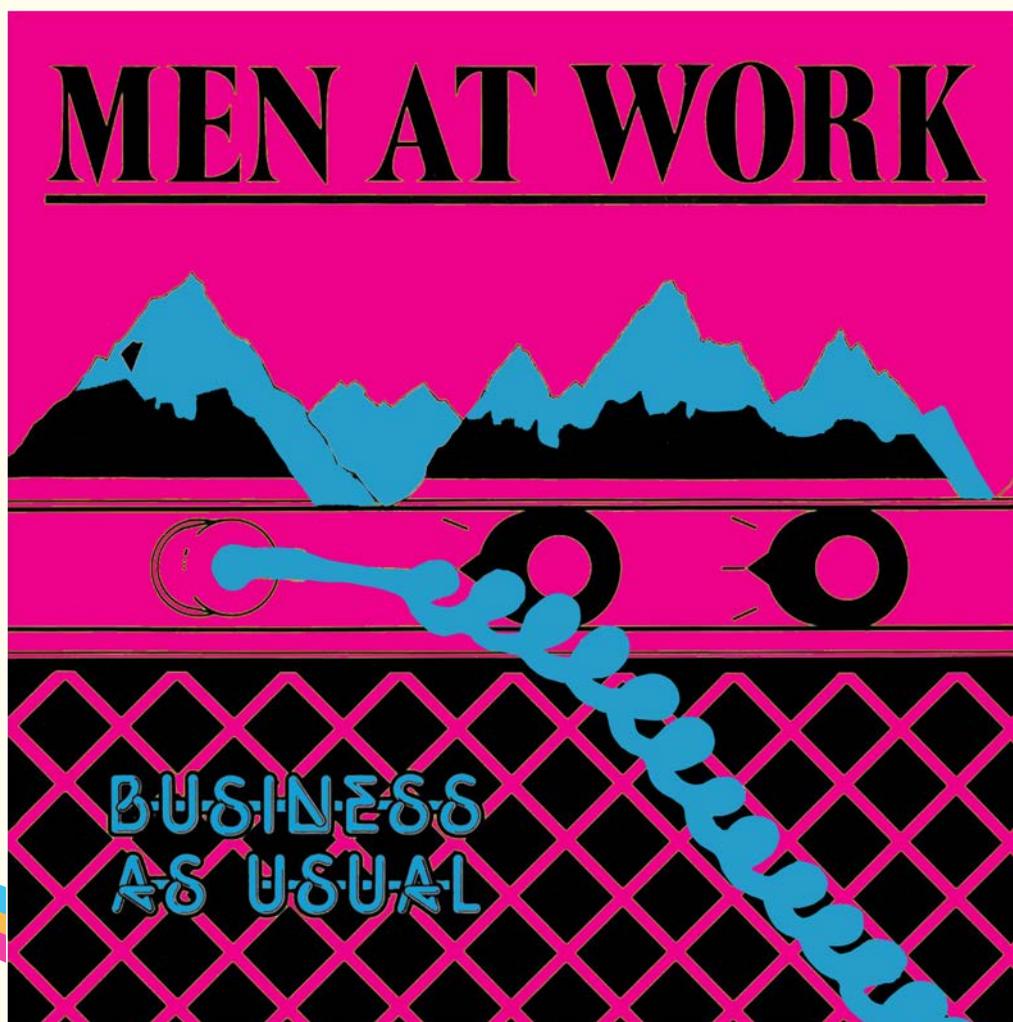
Most likely to
solve world peace

Mia Wilson

Most likely to
start a non-profit

DIGGING THROUGH THE DECADES

Reviewing the big hits and events of 1983



The early 80's marked the beginning of one of the most memorable eras. From pop culture to sports, 1983 proved to be a year overflowing with ingenuity and vibrancy. Let's take a trip back forty years in time to discover some of the year's highlights.

BIRTHS

Chris Hemsworth, Andrew Garfield, Carrie Underwood, Amy Winehouse, Henry Cavil, Emily Blunt, Aaron Rodgers and Adam Driver

SPORTS

Super Bowl XVII: Washington Redskins win 27-17 over the Miami Dolphins.

World Cup Championship: Grêmio (Brazil) wins 2-1 over Hamburger (Germany)

Baseball World Series: Baltimore Orioles win their most recent World Series: 4 games to 1 over the Philadelphia Phillies

NBA Finals: Philadelphia 76ers won 4 games to 0 over the Los Angeles Lakers

Stanley Cup: New York Islanders win 4-0 over the Edmonton Oilers

IN THE NEWS

Hurricane Alicia: Hurricane Alicia hit the Texas Coast during August of 1983, causing billions of dollars worth of damage to the region. The Category 3 storm directly hit the Galveston and Houston areas on the Gulf Coast. Hurricane Alicia was also the first hurricane to make landfall in the United States in three years.

Challenger Space Mission: The second space shuttle, the Challenger, made its successful maiden voyage, which included the first U.S. space walk in nine years.

The Vinyl Decline: With the introduction of noise-free compact discs, vinyl record usage began its rapid decline.

Introduction of Mobile Phones: The first call from a mobile phone, then called the "Gynatech," was made by the Motorola Company on April 3, 1983.

Cabbage Patch Dolls: Cabbage Patch Dolls were first sold in shops and quickly became a success among toddlers.

DEATHS

Corrie Ten Boom, Tennessee Williams, Alice White, Arthur Godfrey, Pat O'Brien, Hergé, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Karen Carpenter

FILM & TELEVISION

M*A*S*H* Finale: More than 125 million viewers tuned in to watch the final episode of M*A*S*H.

Mario Brothers' Emergence: The video game Mario Bros. was first released as a Nintendo arcade game in Japan.

Return of the Jedi: Return of the Jedi, the final installment in the original Star Wars trilogy, was released. Like the previous films, it went on to become the highest-grossing film of the year.

A Christmas Story: The film "A Christmas Story" was released on November 18, 1983, and received positive reviews from critics. Today, the film is considered a holiday classic in the United States and Canada.

MUSIC

Top 10 Singles of 1983:

- "Every Breath You Take" The Police
- "Billie Jean" Michael Jackson
- "Flashdance...What a Feeling" Irene Cara
- "Down Under" Men at Work
- "Beat It" Michael Jackson
- "Total Eclipse of the Heart" Bonnie Tyler
- "Maneater" Hall & Oates
- "Baby, Come to Me" Patti Austin and James Ingram
- "Maniac" Michael Sembello
- "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)" Eurythmics

FASHION TRENDS

Off-the-Shoulder Sweatshirts, "Members Only" Brand Jackets, Hawaiian Shirts, Big Shoulder Pads, Popped Collars, Exercise Gear, Guess Jeans, Parachute Pants, Jelly Shoes and Kangol Hats

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IF YOU ONLY KNEW

Exploring the lives and legacies of two fearless women:
Francesca Mann and Ruby Bradley

FRANCESKA MANN

Francesca Mann was a Jewish ballerina born in Warsaw, Poland on February 4, 1917. She studied ballet from childhood and became known as the most beautiful and promising young dancer in Poland. Unfortunately, her short career came to an end with the start of WWII.

In 1940, the Warsaw Ghetto, the largest confinement camp for Jewish and Romani people, was established by the Nazis, and Francesca Mann was a prisoner there at some time. There were regular deportations of the prisoners to death camps from the ghetto until May of 1943 with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Due to this uprising, the Nazis demolished the ghetto. There were thousands of survivors able to go into hiding in Warsaw; Mann was one of them.

Rumors started going around that the Jews could make it out of Nazi territory if they could acquire documents such as passports from a neutral country. Unfortunately, the Gestapo intercepted many of these documents, and certain collaborators developed a plan to lure the Jews out of hiding. They began selling forged documents at Hotel Polski for high prices, even up to an estimated one million USD. The Hotel Polski became a gathering place for Jewish people hoping to escape Nazi-occupied Europe. Around 2,500 Jews came out of hiding and were waiting at Hotel Polski. Authorities started transporting small groups from the hotel to "safety." Some transports went straight to concentration camps, but others went to a transit point. The 420 Jews remaining at the hotel were executed. For those waiting at the transit point, the Nazis announced that all of their papers were fake and sent the prisoners to Auschwitz. Among these prisoners was Mann.

Upon arrival at the death camp at Auschwitz, the transport of 1,700 was told that they were on the way to Switzerland, but they had to be disinfected before crossing the border. Mann and all the women were taken to the room next to the gas chamber and told to undress. Francesca Mann probably knew that it was time to perform her last dance. She distracted the guards and proceeded to steal officer Josef Schillinger's pistol. She fired two shots, killing Schillinger with his own gun. She fired a third and wounded SS Sergeant Wilhelm Emmerich. These shots signaled the other women to attack and inspired a full blown revolt of the female captives in Auschwitz.

“These women showed true bravery in the face of death.”

Accounts vary as to what happened next. Some say that an officer had his nose torn off, and another was scalped. Some say that the women were mowed down with machine guns, or that they were herded into the gas chamber. What did happen was that reinforcements arrived and executed every last woman in the chamber. What did happen was that Francesca Mann killed and wounded two Nazis and led a female revolt in the death chamber before their mass execution. These women showed true bravery in the face of death, and they will never be forgotten.



COLONEL RUBY BRADLEY



FRANCESKA MANN

COLONEL RUBY BRADLEY

Ruby Bradley was born on December 19, 1907 in Spencer, West Virginia. In 1934, at the age of 27, she joined the United States Army Nurse Corps as a surgical nurse. Just three weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Bradley was serving in the Philippines and was captured by the Japanese army. Bradley and the other prisoners of war were moved to Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila, Philippines. It was here that Bradley earned her title of "Angel in Fatigues" from her fellow captives.

For the next several months, it became her mission to help the prisoners, especially the children. She would often skip meals and go hungry so that others didn't have to. She lost so much weight that she was able to start smuggling supplies into the prison without raising suspicion by hiding things in the extra room in her uniform. She smuggled in outdated medical devices and food to provide medical attention to the camp. In her 37 months in captivity, Bradley performed 230 major medical operations and delivered 13 babies. When the internment camp was liberated by United States troops in February of 1947, Bradley only weighed 84 pounds.

Upon returning to the United States, Bradley continued her service in the army. She simultaneously earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California in 1949. Only one year later, Bradley was serving as Chief Nurse in the 171st Evacuation Hospital during the Korean War. A few months in, during the Chinese counter-offensive, she refused to leave until she had loaded the sick and wounded onto a plane in Pyongyang while surrounded by 100,000 advancing Chinese soldiers. As soon as she boarded the plane, her ambulance exploded from an enemy shell. A year later, Bradley had over 500 Army nurses reporting to her throughout Korea, as she was named the Chief Nurse for the Eighth Army.

“For the next several months, it became her mission to help the prisoners.”

Bradley continued her service after the Korean War and was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1958. Colonel Ruby Bradley retired from the army in 1963 as one of the most decorated women in United States military history. She received 19 decorations, medals, and ribbons, including the Bronze Star Medal. Bradley died on May 28, 2002 at age 94 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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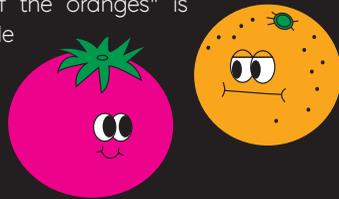
WHAT IN THE WORLD?

Learning new tidbits from across the globe

The world is a vast and diverse place. After living in one place for a long period of time, one can easily become unaware of different ways of living and various cultures. One of the most beautiful things our world has to offer is the ability to celebrate our differences and the opportunity to learn about the different (and sometimes a little wacky) customs and fun facts of other nations.

Food Fight!

In Italy, a "battle of the oranges" is held annually, while in Spain there's a "tomato war"!

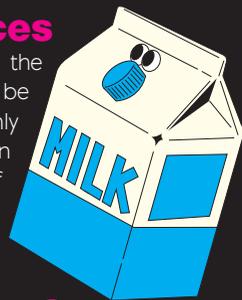


Staying Grounded

In New Zealand, it's not uncommon to go barefoot to the mall or even school!

Dairy Differences

In France, you'll find milk in the pantry! It doesn't have to be refrigerated there. Not only that, but Columbia sips on hot chocolate with slices of salted white cheese!



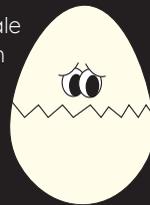
Say Cheese?

When taking a picture, the Dutch say "smile for the little bird."



How's the Weather Up There?

The Netherlands has the tallest male population on Earth! Indonesia sits on the opposite end of the spectrum with the shortest.



The Early Bird... Hasn't Hatched Yet

In Vietnam, it's a common custom to eat half-hatched eggs!

Learning Curve

In China, school days can be 9.5 hours long.

It's Raining...Worms, Fish and Spiders?

In 2013 in Brazil, spiders rained from the sky! Raining worms and fish have also been reported in parts of Singapore and Norway.



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WHAT'S UP WITH WILLOW?

Reviewing the pros and cons of the Willow Project in Alaska



The Willow Project is an oil plant in Alaska owned by ConocoPhillip. According to the company, it will produce 180,000 barrels of oil a day, which is 1.5 percent of all U.S. oil production. It will be the largest oil plant on U.S. soil. ConocoPhillip was supposed to have five drilling sites in Alaska, but only three were approved by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The oil produced would create 263 million tons of greenhouse gasses over the thirty years of projected operation. Compared to the Houston-based approach, this project will have an eight percent reduction in emissions.

There are many who are for the project like Alaskan Native groups who see it as an opportunity to bring in more revenue and fund services like health care and education. It is also supported by state lawmakers who say that it will create more jobs, boost domestic energy production and lessen the country's dependence on fossil fuels.

"Such is the consensus in the region and across Alaska that this project is a good project," Yup'ik Democrat U.S. Representative Mary Peltola said.

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But along with those who support the cause, there are those who are against it. An environmental law group called Earthjustice is expected to file a complaint and seek an injunction to stop the building of Willow. Some Alaskan Natives who live closer to the plant are concerned about the health and environmental impacts that it could produce.

"Other villages get some financial benefits from oil and gas activity but experience far fewer impacts than Nuiqsut," Nuiqsut Mayor Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak said.

Many are concerned about the environmental effect of Willow. The administration has stated that the project will produce enough oil to release 9.2 million metric tons of carbon pollution a year. However, supporters of Willow, along with Alaska lawmakers, have said that drilling in Alaska will produce fossil fuel in a cleaner way than obtaining it from other countries like Saudi Arabia or Venezuela.

“Many are concerned about the environmental effect of Willow.”

Along with the environmental effect, there has also been controversy on the political side of things. During Joe Biden's 2020 presidential campaign, Biden pledged to end oil and gas drilling on public lands, which he then enacted as an early executive order. However, this was struck down by a federal judge in 2021, and since then the Biden administration has opened up many new drilling sites.

The Willow project is a very controversial topic and has been debated back and forth. There are some downsides, but also ways that Willow could help those in the U.S. and specifically in Alaska.

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INSIGHT INTO OUR LIVES ON AND OFF CAMPUS



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SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Kate Evans

Most likely to
have an identity crisis
when reading her
superlative

Guy George

Most likely to
become a park ranger

Cole Hodo

Most likely to
start a patriotic cult

Henry Jons

Most likely to
retire at 25

Parker Moffett

Most likely to
turn his house into a
Civil War museum

Alex Peet

Most likely to
become a youth pastor

Zach Petty

Most likely to
be a motivational
speaker

Danie Quitadamo

Most likely to
own a boba shop

Hailey Smith

Most likely to
start vlogging

Ally Turgon

Most likely to
be her college
class president

George Viña

Most likely to
be a grill master

Spencer Yarbrough

Most likely to
marry rich

Callie Zuniga

Most likely to
be a kindergarten
teacher

TIME WELL

Honoring two of Geneva's best as they leave the nest

Seventeen years is a considerable amount of time. That's approximately one fifth of the average life expectancy; it takes a lot of passion to stick with something for one fifth of a lifetime. Yet, for the past seventeen years, Mrs. Debbie Wheeler and Mr. Dirk Russell have both poured into the Geneva School of Boerne and its community. Now they are bidding Boerne adieu, but before they say their final goodbyes, they have each shared a little about their time here

MRS. DEBBIE WHEELER

Mrs. Wheeler has a wealth of beautiful memories from the past seventeen years, but a few moments stand out in particular. These include moments as simple as sitting on the ground with her Logic School classes reading books, and also her memory of Scott Travis (father of junior Kate Travis and two other Geneva graduates) and the other dads building a fire for the kids, which they eagerly fed leaves and old homework until the flame was as respectable as any bonfire. She remembers sharing a classroom with one of the school's founders, Joanne Thornton, whose desk was packed with bags of candy, ready to be shared with her girls at all times. And even in the past two years, she has loved having her sophomore classes over to her house for dinner.

As with any season of life, Mrs. Wheeler's years at Geneva have not come without difficulties. While her husband and oldest daughter were on a bus to Houston for the fifth grade NASA trip, she received word that her father-in-law had been killed suddenly in a car accident. Another Geneva mom, Laura Kasproicz, was close by when Mrs. Wheeler took the call. She said that her husband was following the NASA bus in his car because he couldn't stay the night, and that he could give them a ride back towards the school. Mrs. Kasproicz drove Mrs. Wheeler until they met up somewhere along I-10; all were devastated, but all were together. While in the car, Mrs. Wheeler received an influx of texts and prayers from others in the community. Not only that, but in no time, a parent offered to sub for her class all week so that the Wheelers could be with their family. She hadn't ever experienced anything like it before. It was evident to her just how much God was working through the people and the school.

As she has watched Geneva flourish, Mrs. Wheeler has grown so much stronger in her faith and become all the more certain of God's goodness. She knows that in her work, she is actively participating in something that God is doing. Mrs. Wheeler truly professes her faith in every aspect of her work, and every person and

student on campus has the massive privilege of being privy to that.

Now, Mrs. Wheeler is preparing for new beginnings in Nashville, Tennessee. Though she is certain of her call, the transition has been bittersweet. She never imagined she would leave Geneva. Her roots run so deep at the school, and she sees how God has used her family's experience here to steady them on His foundation. Because of her time at Geneva, she feels ready to take this next step, and she knows that it will only further build her trust in God's good plan.

Before Mrs. Wheeler says her goodbyes, she wants the students to know that they can't comprehend the depth of love each teacher and faculty member has for them. She says that every student claims a piece of them when they leave, and that being able to share with students a deep passion for God has created an unspeakable love that she will forever hold for them.

Though we are all incredibly excited for Mr. Russell and Mrs. Wheeler, the school won't ever be the same without them. For seventeen years they've been showing up; even on their off days, even when the weight of the world bears down on them as it often does, they have both taken on the great responsibility of being a role model and leader for Christ. Shaping kids into disciples is no easy task. It requires an outpouring of love and of oneself entirely. For seventeen years they have chosen to be part of something much bigger than themselves, and every soul that's been on the receiving end of their contributions is so much better for it. So Mr. Russell and Mrs. Wheeler, thank you. We are all praying for you and wish you nothing but the best as you go where God is leading next.

SPENT

MR. DIRK RUSSELL

Mr. Russell never imagined he'd be a teacher. However, before teaching had come into the picture, he was operating as the board chairman and minister for another church and its Christian school. One day, the school's principal came to Mr. Russell with a book about classical Christian education. This was his first exposure to a classical Christian approach, but it immediately piqued his interest.

Soon, he and the school principal worked to implement a classical structure into the already Christian curriculum. This opened the door to meeting with some families from Geneva, which had recently been established.

A few years passed, and Mr. Russell moved on to become a church planter. At the same time, he also reached out to some friends at Geneva inquiring about an opening. He knew he wanted to be bi-vocational, but had only planned to work at Geneva in the short term while establishing the church. Despite his original plans to eventually leave the school, ten years went by, and Mr. Russell was no longer set on solely pursuing pastoring. In the time he spent at Geneva, his love of classical Christian education ultimately encouraged him to stay at the school, where he continued to evangelize and preach, just in a somewhat different context.

In his time here, he saw Geneva change significantly. When he first came in 2004, the school was not more than a few portable buildings in a field. Classes capped at the eighth grade, so Mr. Russell began by teaching sixth grade Bible and History. At times, he wondered if the school would make it because of its humble beginnings. Simple though it was, there was a certain beauty to it. All the families at the school were devoted to the mission, and that created a close-knit community of people.

Mr. Russell developed a love for the school and its mission, but it wasn't a beautifully paved road that led him to it. When he first moved to San Antonio with plans to plant a church, he had applied for a job at USAA. Despite his former experience working for USAA in the very same position, they told him he wasn't the

right fit. With five kids and one on the way, he found himself questioning God's plan.

"How are we going to pay the bills?" Russell said.

The uncertainty of it all made for some troubling moments, but God ultimately used that experience to lead Mr. Russell and his family to Geneva.

Throughout all his years at the school, he has made some pretty special memories. Every year, the Europe trip with the junior class has proven one of his favorites. Additionally, Mr. Russell looks back fondly on all the senior luncheons because each student receives a personal tribute from a teacher who has really gotten to know them and pour into them.

Faith has been a huge component of Mr. Russell's life and work at Geneva. At times it has been tested, but it has grown even more significantly, specifically when met with questions students have had over the years. He hasn't always had all the answers, but his interactions with students and their questions always drive him back to Scripture. By diving deeper and deeper into the word every day, he has seen his faith continue to flourish.

As he prepares for the next phase of life, he is met with both excitement and nerves. He's going to be in a new place with no kids around for the first time in a while, and that lends itself to some level of suspense. But at the same time, he fully trusts in God's plan and can't wait to see where He brings him.

Finally, Mr. Russell would like to remind the school to love God and love your neighbor. When life seems to get bogged down with problems and dissension, going back to this principle is how we as Christians can navigate and absolve the issues that trouble us most.

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CHECKING IN WITH OUR GRADS

A look at the lives of former Geneva Eagles

Ryan Travis CLASS OF 2011

I graduated from Geneva in 2012. It was so long ago, my yearbook photo was taken with a chisel and limestone slab. Back then, many of us participated in athletics so the school could field a team. All the same, my favorite sport was trying to get Mr. Johnson to laugh.

I dabbled in the fine arts. In fact, I dabbled so much that my dabbling often spilled into other classes like Math and Biology (sorry, Mrs. Greenlees and Ms. Daniels). I was, undoubtedly, a "sketch outside the lines" kind of student. Nevertheless, my doodling, dabbling, and Geneva's habits of scholarship laid a foundation for my time at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

After nine years in Nashville, my wife Emily and I moved to San Antonio, where I joined the leadership team at Great Hearts Western Hills, where I continue to co-labor with our faculty to make Classical Education available to all Westside families—regardless of their income, language or worldview.

My wife Emily and I, our dog Sunday, and our two chickens (both named Lisa) live in an older neighborhood of San Antonio. It's close-knit, and everyone knows everyone. If you make a pun here, it's guaranteed to 'pundulate' throughout the entire community.

I am proud every day of the growth of our students here at our Western Hills campus. Faculty like James Grover and Emily Riedlinger, both Geneva alumni, take the best of their Geneva experience—community, comradery, academic process, love of learning—and turn it over to families in San Antonio who would otherwise miss out on such essential opportunities. Each classroom discussion on Plato's Republic, Bilbo Baggins' adventures or "The Good Life" is a milestone!



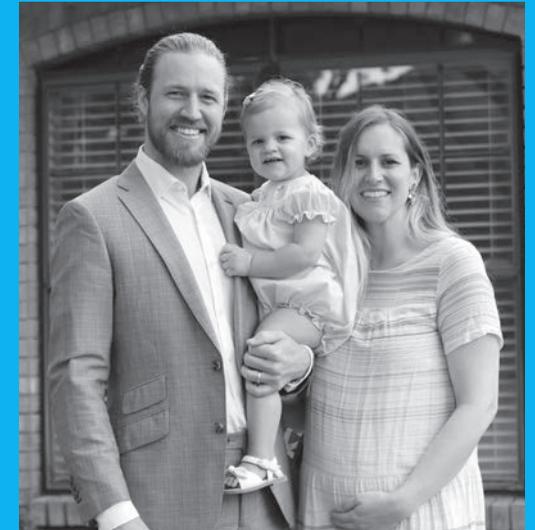
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Claire Lunsford Hagen CLASS OF 2011

Claire graduated from Geneva in 2011. She played volleyball, basketball, golf, soccer and tennis where she won State in doubles. Claire participated in choir and drama and was part of every play at Geneva from 2005-2011. She graduated from Baylor University in 2015. She taught fourth and fifth grade at Regents School of Austin and The Covenant School in Dallas for five years, but is now a stay-at-home mom. Claire is married to Jake Hagen and they have a daughter named Annie who is 1.5 years old, and Claire is pregnant with another girl due in August. The three of them currently live in Bedford, Texas.



Chloe Baldwin CLASS OF 2014

Chloe graduated from Geneva in 2014 and was a member of the varsity cheer squad her freshman and sophomore years of high school. She also participated in art class her freshman and sophomore years and the varsity debate team her sophomore and junior years. Chloe attended UTSA and UT Health San Antonio to get her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, and she graduated in 2019. She is currently a registered nurse working in the neonatal intensive care unit and still lives in San Antonio. After graduating nursing school, Chloe started working in February 2020, right before COVID.

"Being a new nurse, navigating a new job, and working through a pandemic as a healthcare worker was very stressful. However, with the help of my co-workers and God's grace, I was able to persevere and help take care of sick children in the pediatric intensive care unit," Baldwin said.



David Grote CLASS OF 2020

David graduated from Geneva in 2020. His class's graduation was unique, as it was held on the football field due to the pandemic. He played soccer, cross country and tennis. He participated in art class. David was a member of the yearbook staff all four years of high school serving as a photographer. He was Executive Editor of Photography his senior year. David currently attends Texas A&M and will graduate in the fall. He is a junior and just received his Aggie Ring. In his free time, he still enjoys photography and recently participated in a half Ironman relay with his roommates!

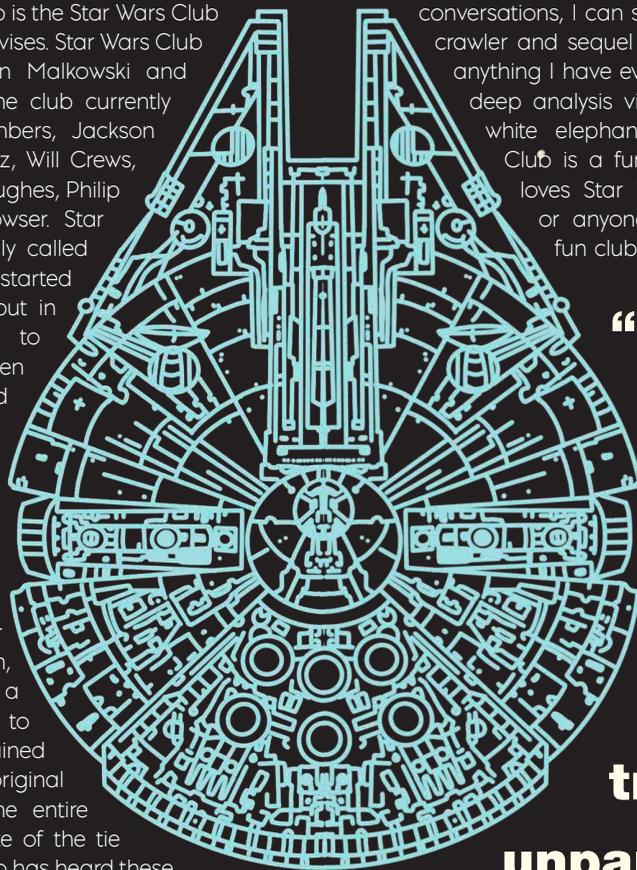


OUT OF THIS WORLD

A look into the Star Wars Club

This issue's featured club is the Star Wars Club of which Mr. Poole supervises. Star Wars Club was founded by Austin Malkowski and Keaton Shindler and the club currently has seven active members, Jackson Mitchell, Pablo Gonzalez, Will Crews, Samuel Crews, Jason Hughes, Philip Gordon and Aidan Bowser. Star Wars Club was originally called Sci-Fi Club which was started around 13 years ago, but in 2018 it was changed to Star Wars and has been a popular club around Geneva ever since.

The club meets every Tuesday. During their meetings they watch video breakdowns of movies no matter how obscure and no matter the topic. On occasion, they also spiral into a discussion or rant as to why the sequels ruined the purpose of the original and prequel trilogy. The entire club shares mutual hate of the tie crawler. As someone who has heard these



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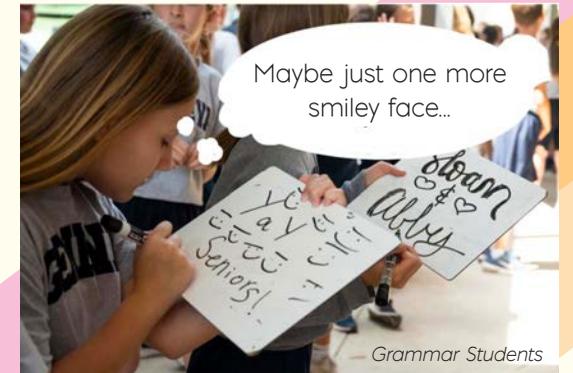
Graphic
Hailey Kirchner

conversations, I can say the disdain for the tie crawler and sequel trilogy is unparalleled to anything I have ever heard. From watching deep analysis videos of the prequels to white elephant exchange, Star Wars Club is a fun place for anyone who loves Star Wars, hates the sequels or anyone just looking to join a fun club.

“...the disdain for the tie crawler and sequel trilogy is unparalleled...”

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?

A look at what goes on in the minds of faculty and students



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Design
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Graphics
Hailey Kirchner

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Senior moms share joys and sorrows of opening their homes to senior class each day

VIÑA

Being literally around the corner from Geneva, the Viña family has opened up their house for seniors to enjoy during their off periods. Mrs. Julie Viña has previously hosted her house to seniors for her two former Geneva students, Henry (Class of 2018) and Margaret (Class of 2020).

She was willing and happy to make her house available to this year's seniors as well. Her only request was that seniors pick up their trash and not park in front of her garage. As the end of the year is upon us, she primarily sees the senior boys in her house now.

Her most frequent visitor is Luke Pratt, who she claims lives there during the day. She even has fun memories of Luke; she said one morning she was walking out of her house and saw human hair all over the sidewalk. She asked George what happened, and George said, "Oh mom, Luke Pratt got a chair out and someone shaved his head yesterday at lunch."

Another funny memory she recalled was Luke Pratt waiting outside of her house in the morning, trying to get internet service to check his stocks.

"I truly do love having them all around; I will miss it," Viña said.

Words
Sophia Dacy



"I truly do love having them all around; I will miss it."



ERFURT

When you allow a bunch of seventeen and eighteen year olds to come over to your house at any time of the day, you run into some interesting situations. Having graciously opened their home to the seniors over the years, the Erfurts have definitely seen some things.

Mrs. Erfurt shares some funny rules and memories from this year's group of seniors. Despite what you might think, Mrs. Erfurt says that she doesn't really worry about the group that comes over.

"I don't have that many crazy rules," Erfurt said.

She was happy to report that the seniors pick up after themselves and don't leave trash laying around their game room, or on the couch like previous grades. In fact, some senior boys will even take the trash out once it's full. However, sometimes these seniors are a little too cautious.

"When are they going to stop asking if they can come get a fork? They can just get a fork," Erfurt said.

Despite all this, there has been one funny rule. In the midst of heavy rain earlier in the year, you could find a paper that read, "Don't use the stool rungs as a boot-scrape" posted on the door with a real boot-scrape placed on the ground.

When it comes to stories, one notable one was when Mrs. Erfurt walked in on Sydney Turnbow and myself (Sophia Baldwin), seeing if Claire's new French Bulldog puppy would fit into a cylinder puzzle box and taking a picture. Another memorable moment was when Jake Flora's truck got stuck in the mud in their front yard.

"Other than those, I don't have many funny stories that I'm allowed to tell," Mrs. Erfurt said.

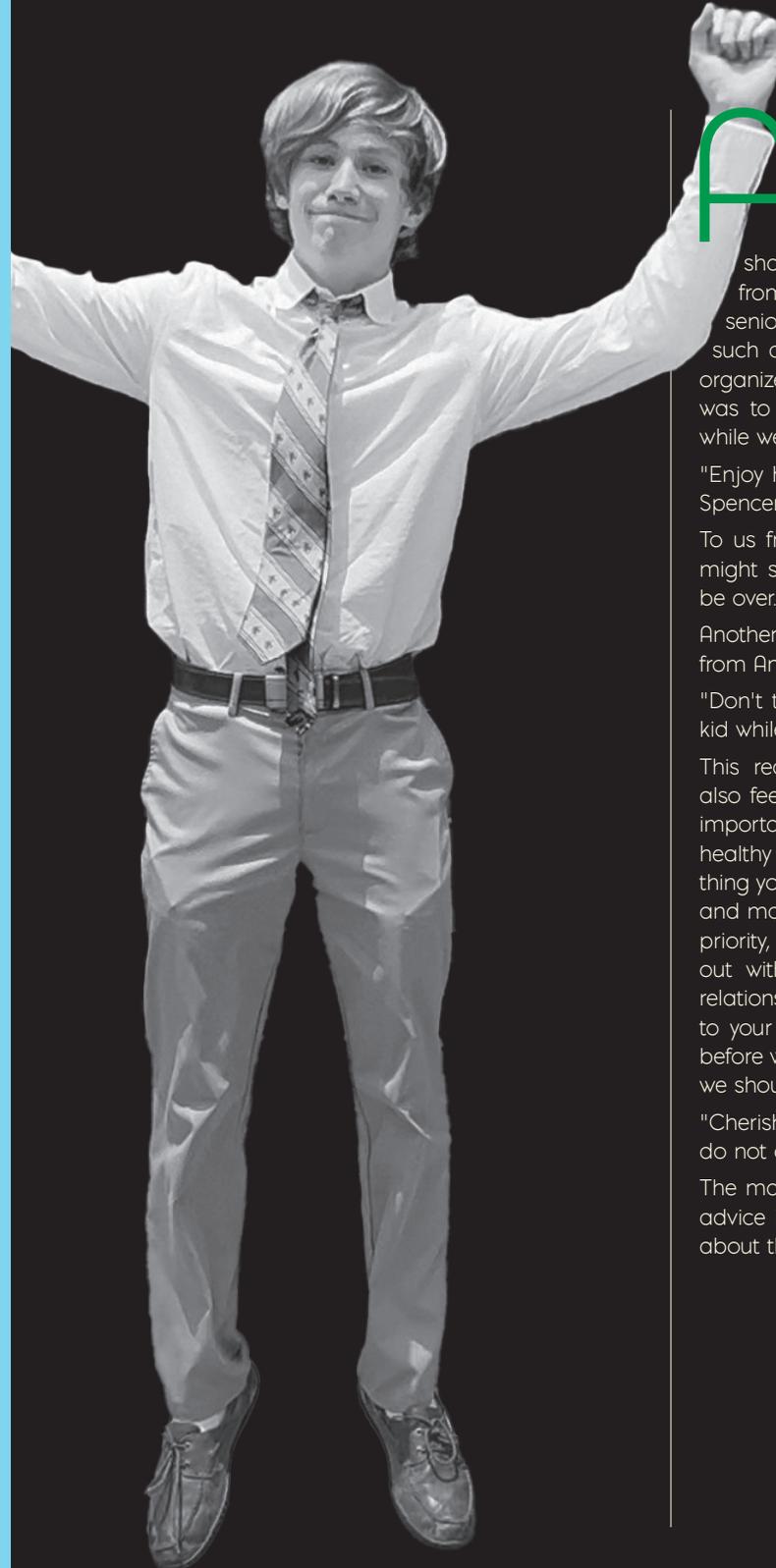
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Graphics
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TAKE IT EASY

Freshman Intro to Journalism student takes on senior advice



As the seniors prepare to graduate, leaving behind our school community to go off and start their lives, they were kind enough to provide the freshmen class with meaningful advice. Lots of great words of wisdom were shared, and as a freshman myself, I can benefit from taking these pieces of advice to heart. The senior class gave tips on many different topics, such as not stressing out about school, or staying organized, but the most common piece of advice was to just enjoy life. To simply enjoy high school while we are here.

"Enjoy high school, it goes by faster than you think," Spencer Yarbrough said.

To us freshmen, the four years that we spend here might seem like forever. But soon enough, it will all be over.

Another piece of advice that stood out to me was from Amy Grace Miller.

"Don't take school too seriously. Have fun and be a kid while you can," Miller said.

This really means a lot and encapsulates how I also feel about school. Sure, getting good grades is important, but making good friends, maintaining a healthy life, and just having fun is the most valuable thing you can do. If you stress too much about school and make getting the best grades possible your only priority, not only does it take time away from hanging out with friends and maintaining those important relationships, but it can also potentially be damaging to your mental health. We only have so much time before we grow up, and instead of wishing it all away, we should focus on enjoying it while it lasts.

"Cherish the time you have because it goes fast, and do not over stress about school," Gage Secor said.

The main thing to take away from the senior class's advice is to enjoy life while it lasts, and to not worry about things that are not important.

Words
Introduction to Journalism student
Justin Clark

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Photo Team students Abigail Bussey,
Sopris Oglesby and Caroline Pickle

TAKE IT FROM THE TOP

A chat with the two at the top of the Class of 2023

Q: How has your Geneva education shaped who you are today?

A: Geneva's classical curriculum has been such a blessing to learn with. One of the biggest impacts has been round table discussions. It gives us the opportunity to discuss with peers and even respectfully disagree with others. I've seen it help me grow through my time at Geneva as it allows the student to personally struggle with hard ideas.

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment?

A: One day, Sven Johnson (Mr. Johnson's son) drew me a picture and gave it to me. I have never felt more accomplished in my life. The yearbook was also pretty cool, but cannot compete with Sven's artistic abilities.

Q: What is the hardest class you took at Geneva?

A: One of the hardest classes was probably Dr. Short's philosophy class during sophomore year. The group I did worksheets with would always end with us losing our minds. I could not have passed that class without my study group when we FaceTimed until midnight the night before.

Q: What was your favorite class at Geneva?

A: Mr. Johnson's eleventh grade humanities classes are unbeatable. Hailey Hubenak and I had the time of our lives taking notes and keeping track of how many times Mr. Johnson would say "this is the thing" in class over the year.

Q: What's the lowest grade you ever got and what was it on?

A: It would probably be around a 65 in Mrs. Vaughn's fifth grade class. Don't remember why that happened but it lives forever in my memory.

Q: What's the best piece of advice you ever got in high school?

A: Mr. Russell was giving a talk to the seniors one time about humility. One of the things that stuck out to me was that being humble also means owning up to your mistakes, knowing when you are wrong, and trying to fix it.

VAL / JULIANA FLORES



SAL / ELLE NICHOLSON

Q: How has your Geneva education shaped who you are today?

A: My Geneva education has taught me, above all else, the skills of critical thinking and excellence. The school has always prioritized considering the "why" behind concepts and deciding whether certain ideas align with your own worldview, which has helped me learn to analyze information to find truth. Geneva has also taught me the value of hard work and trying my best because it reflects my character.

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment?

A: My proudest accomplishment has to be publishing my book! It took years of hard work, but it all paid off in the end.

Q: What is the hardest class you took at Geneva?

A: The hardest class I took was probably AP Bio just because the workload was so heavy.

Q: What was your favorite class at Geneva?

A: My favorite class at Geneva over the years was debate. I learned so many important skills, plus I had a lot of fun at tournaments with the team. I made some of my best friends through debate and will always cherish the time I spent in the class!

Q: What's the lowest grade you ever got and what was it on?

A: I think the worst grade I ever got was a 50 in second grade because I forgot to do the back side of my homework.

Q: What's the best piece of advice you ever got in high school?

A: The best piece of advice I got in high school was from Scott Milam when he told me to keep my schedule 80% full. He said that gives enough free time to relax and enjoy life but enough to keep me busy and fulfilled. I've kept his advice in mind and it's worked very well for me!

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CELEBRATING AND ANTICIPATING OUR SENIORS' GROWTH



Graphic Sophia Baldwin





Hayden Allen

**Baylor University
BBA/Management**

Isaiah 40:31

"Let me not say too much or do too much, because if I'm up way too much I'm out of touch."

—Kanye West

I, Hayden Allen, do leave my Baby Yoda backpack that tore after two weeks to Gray Bruner.

Ava Ayers

**The University of Texas at Austin
English–Liberal Arts Honors**

1 Peter 1:24

"Boot Scootin' Boogie"
—Brooks and Dunn

To Sofia Griffey, I leave my flag prowess.
I know you will shine on the field next year.

To Maggie Chisholm and Alex Doran,
I leave Dr. Rosheger and our wonderful memories from Greek.



Sam Armstrong

**Blinn College
Kinesiology**

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Often times we are like an arrow, we need to get dragged back to propel ourselves forward."

—Noel Deyzel

I, Sam Armstrong, hereby leave Gray Bruner all of my Advil, don't use too much though.



Ella Babic

**The University of Texas at Austin
Plan II Honors and Environmental Studies**

Romans 8: 38-39

"We meet no ordinary people in our lives."
—C.S. Lewis

To K.P. FitzGerald and Jake Plesko, I give Ben. To Cammy Curtis and Kenzie Cates, I give my volleyball picture cutout, it is somewhere in the locker room ceiling.



Mattie Sue Arnold

**Texas A&M University Blinn Team
General Studies**

Romans 8:38-39

"Growth is uncomfortable because you've never been here before."

—Kristin Lohr

To Sofia Griffey, Maggie Chisholm and Alex Doran, I leave Schlotzsky's reservations! And to Siena Svendsen, Kate Friesenhahn and Malyn Arnold, I leave Big Jack Horner.

Sophia Baldwin

**Baylor University
Studio Art with a Pre-Med track**

Psalms 23:1-3

"Mom, I am a rich man."
—Cher

To the remaining cheer team, I leave Coach Jonas. Please make sure she gets her Spotted Deer coffee at least once a week.

To Hailey Kirchner, I leave Mrs. Lester, guard her with your life.





Mari-Fer Ballí

Texas A&M University
Animal Science

John 14:1

"My mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'"

–Forrest Gump

I, Mari-Fer Ballí, hereby leave my tape rolling position to Mazzy Horn-O'Brien, do it tight and quickly.

Sloane Burkholder

University of Hartford
Dance

Psalms 30:11

"They bought it. Incredible! One of the worst performances of my career, and they never doubted it for a second."

–Ferris Bueller

I hear by leave the job of taking attendance in choir to Aubrey Granstaff, be kind to the seniors. I also leave the responsibility of taking care of Mr. Johnson to Kate Travis, please bring him snacks.



Abby Bower

Auburn University
Psychology and Advertising

2 Corinthians 12:9

"All is Grace"

–Francois Mauriac

I, Abby Bower, hereby leave Glenn Barton to the Botos, pick up all those balls, and I, as Bow Bow, leave staph to the volleyball family, infect everyone.



Sophia Dacy

Abilene Christian University
Political Science

1 Peter 4:8

"Hate makes you ugly."

–Hannah Montana

To Mary Simpson, I leave the tennis team, take care of it :)

To Lilly Kaiser and Olivia Morgan, I leave you my place of rarely coming to school.



Ethan Brunsvold

University of Arkansas
Business Management

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

–Vince Lombardi

To my brother Luke, I leave an alarm clock so that way you can never be late to anything ever again.

To whoever wants him, I leave my brother Noah. Make sure he never stops smiling.



Walker Deimund

University of Mississippi
Sports Administration
with a minor in General Business

Isaiah 6:8

"Let the good times roll."

To Grant Morgan, you can claim my locker from football.





A.J. Dube

Texas Tech University
Computer Engineering

Psalm 68:19-20

I leave my jokes to Will Muck because he's not that funny.

Avery Eggerss

Baylor University
*Entrepreneurship and
Corporation Innovation*

Galatians 2:20

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." –Ferris Bueller

To Kate Freeze, as libero, I leave you the honor of writing 942 before volleyball games. To Lindsay Lee, I leave Karl and Amy. Take good care of them.



Claire Erfurt

Samford University
Nutrition and Dietetics

Isaiah 12:2

"The more you do stuff, the better you get at dealing with how you still fail at it a lot of the time."

–John Mulaney

I, Claire Erfurt, leave my amazing mat rolling skills to the cheer team, use them well.



Kate Evans

University of Arkansas
Psychology

2 Corinthians 4:18

My passion for spikeball is left to John Kelley Chisholm.



Jake Flora

Texas State Technical College
Auto Tech

Psalm 18:1

"I work on cars not big words."

I give Jack Taylor the desk that I have in his closet. Use it well.



Juliana Flores

The University of Texas at Austin
Design

1 Peter 2:24

"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future."

–Galadriel

To Will Muck, Kate Travis, Alexandria Bussey and Keaton Shindler, I leave the masterful Mr. Johnson quotebook. "May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out." To Victoria Allen, I bequeath the role of scaring someone in yearbook even though I failed to keep up the tradition. Don't let it die.





Dominic Garcia
Texas A&M University Blinn Team
Agricultural Business
 James 1:19
 "Life is tough, it's even tougher if you're stupid." –John Wayne
 I leave my soccer jersey and number (18) to Jackson Mitchell. I leave both silver tubas to Colton Sehlke.



Karynn Garrow
Grand Canyon University
Forensic Science
 Isaiah 40:31
 "Every child sends a message that God is not yet discouraged with us." –One Tree Hill
 I, Karynn Garrow, leave the #5 jersey to Ella-Grace Owens, take good care of it.



Guy George
Hardin-Simmons University
Engineering
 Habakkuk 3:17-19
 "Scarred for life." –S.J. Dahlstrum
 To the baseball team I leave Shonto, keep his ego in check.



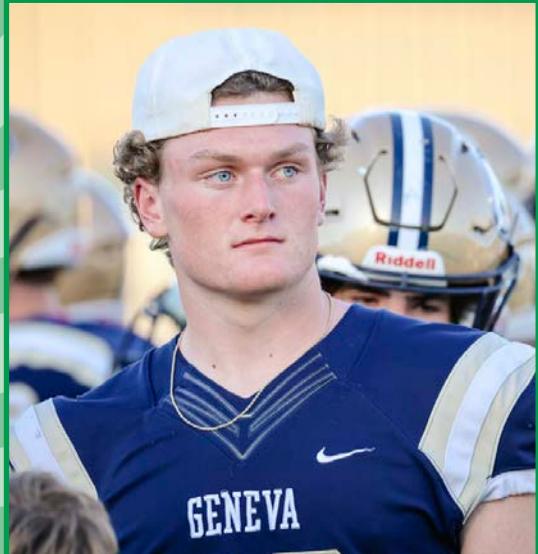
Bella Godoy
Davidson College
Pre-Med
 Romans 8:18
 "I'm 147 pounds of pale skin and fragile bone, Okay? Sarcasm is my only defense."
 –Teen Wolf
 I, Bella Godoy, leave to Alex Doran my sister make sure she stays alive. And to the soccer team, I leave the memories and all the future dirt patch kids.

Cole Hodo
Texas Tech University
Industrial Engineering
 Jeremiah 29:11
 "No comment."
 –Richard Nixon
 I, Cole Hodo, hereby leave my stinky pink cleats to Caleb Baggs.
 I also leave the permanent devil's advocate position to Austin Hodo.



Hailey Hubenak
Texas A&M University
Biomedical Engineering
 Psalms 119:9-11
 "Always have childlike wonder."
 –Mr. Dodd Naiser
 To Tay Tay, I leave Katelyn. Take good care of her, and make sure you enjoy every minute y'all have together. I love you both and will miss you so much.
 To Kate Travis, I leave Keaton Shindler, Will Muck and Mr. Vis. I'm sorry, and good luck.

Henry Jons
Blinn College
Construction Science
 Micah 6:8
 Without action, the best intentions in the world are nothing more than that: intentions."
 –Jordan Belfort





Luke Kaiser

**Texas A&M University
Construction Science**

Philippians 4:13

"Round up the usual suspects."
-Casablanca

I, Luke Kaiser, hereby leave the ability to be an academic weapon to my sister Lilly Kaiser.

Also, I leave my football number to Grey Bruner if he so chooses to wear it.

Ellie Ledoux

**Baylor University
Psychology**

John 16:33

A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

I, Ellie Ledoux, leave the back line to Kate Friesenhahn, use it well.

I, Ellie Ledoux, leave Rigball to Suzi Nilsson, please treat him with your utmost respect.



Guy Kohler

**Texas A&M University
Sports Management**

Romans 5:3-5

"Lift small and bunt the ball."

I, Guy Kohler, leave the infield and drippiest player on the baseball team to Cannon Menn.



Chaz Lutz

**Texas A&M University
Business**

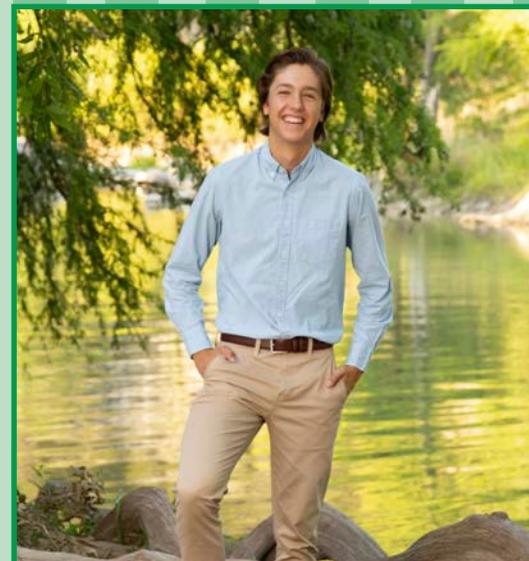
Philippians 4:13

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

-Wayne Gretzky

I hereby leave the basketball team my brother Colton and his posse.

I hereby leave my height to Wyatt Bruss. May you grow strong in stature.



Joshua Kupferschmid

**Belmont University
Sound Engineering**

Hebrews 13:8

"I'm pretty tired, I think I'll go home now."

-Forrest Gump

To Pablo Gonzalez, I leave you in charge of the lights.

To Aiden McDaniel, take care of Mr. Arizpe and the MPB sound board.

Austin Malkowski

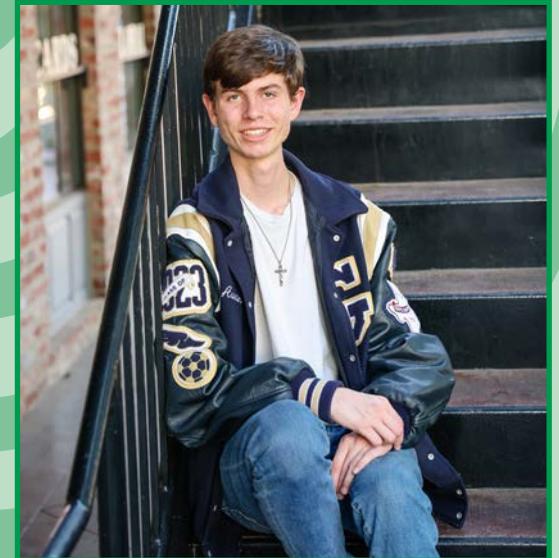
**Texas A&M University
Engineering**

Isaiah 43:1-4

"What about second breakfast?"

-Peregrin Took

I, Austin Malkowski, do hereby leave, in a sound state of mind, the door to my closet to my dear brother Quinn. Have at it, I suppose.





Jayden McCammon

Texas A&M University Blinn Team
Kinesiology

Hebrews 12:11

"I'll be back."

—Arnold Schwarzenegger

I, Jayden McCammon, leave Coach Morris to Nick Nowosiwsky. Someone's gotta look after him.

Noelle Moerdyk

Abilene Christian University
Finance

Job 11:13-16

"Love casts out fear,
and gratitude can conquer pride."

—Louisa May Alcott

I leave breaking out the huddle
before games to Alex Doran.



Amy Grace Miller

Texas State University
Nursing

Matthew 22:37-39

"Sometimes it is the people no one
can imagine anything of who do the
things no one can imagine."

—Alan Turing

I leave guitar to Kyra Petty and Maegan
Riebel. Keep the boys in line.



Parker Moffett

Tarleton State University
Political Science and History

2 Timothy 2:1

"Because I was inverted."

—Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell

I, Parker Moffett, do hereby leave my
wealth of completely useless facts to Will
Muck, use them however you please.



Mary Katherine Mitchell

The Master's University,
Santa Clarita CA
Media Production and Marketing

Philippians 1:21

Be the change you want to see in the
world, and do so humbly.

I, Mary Katherine Mitchell, hereby leave
my vintage dapper shades to Alyssa Rose.
Thx for always sharing my love of shades
b. Love u Alyssa:)

Elle Nicholson

The University of Texas at Austin
Environmental Science

Jeremiah 29:11

"It always seems impossible
until it's done."

—Nelson Mandela

To Keaton Shindler, I leave the fate of
the debate team, as well as my sarcastic
sense of humor. Good luck!

To Ben Nicholson, I leave the family
name and my laptop; you're still not
getting my room though sorry.





Alex Peet

**Abilene Christian University
Student Ministry**

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

"You'll have bad times, but it'll always wake you up to the good stuff you weren't paying attention to."

—Good Will Hunting

I, Alex Peet, hereby leave in a sound state of mind the entirety of younger Peeterholt siblings to the RS teachers.

Danie Quitadamo

**University of Oklahoma
Psychology**

Hosea 2:10

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

—Atticus Finch

I, Danie Quitadamo, leave to Caleb Quitadamo our car ride music jams, may music always lift your spirits. I also leave my cheer team and love of boba to Alyssa Rose and Mazzy Horn-O'Brien.



Zach Petty

**LeTourneau University
Aviation**

Luke 14:27

"My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

—Abraham Lincoln

I, Zach Petty, leave my crusty, sweat stained wife-beater t-shirt to Will Muck, in honor of Rex and the knights of Rex.



Brynn Riebel

**Texas A&M University
Business**

John 16:33

"I am speed."

—Lightning McQueen

I, Brynn, leave all the tape and pre-wrap to Bethany De Luna and Lindsay Lee. Tape those ankles well.



Luke Pratt

**Texas A&M University Blinn Team
Business Administration**

Psalms 37:13

"You have to sacrifice for what you want, if you don't, what you want becomes the sacrifice"

—Unknown

I Luke Pratt, hereby leave the files to all my unreleased cinema films to Philip Gordon. Protect them with your life.



Caeden Sandifer

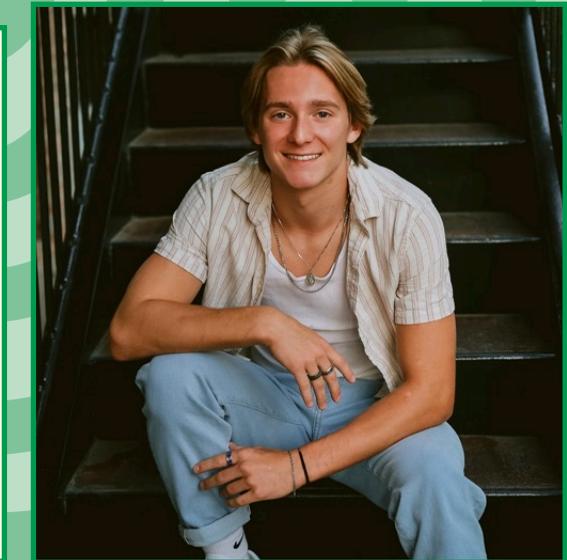
**The University of Texas at San Antonio CAP Program
Business Administration**

Isaiah 41:10

"Don't be no idiot."

—21 Savage

To Jon Michael Raimondo, I leave my spot at corner in football.





Gage Secor

**Texas A&M University
Business Administration**

Isaiah 41:10

"When something bad happens you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you."

To Shawn George I leave playing guitar in guitar.

To Keaton Shindler, I leave winning in poker.

Hailey Smith

**Baylor University
Psychology**

Proverbs 27:17

"You don't need Givenchy, you need Jesus."

—Jack Harlow

I, Hailey Smith, leave Reese Smith the Cinema calendar to make sure it stays in organized and crisp condition.



Ransom Smith

**Dallas Baptist University
Music Business**

Romans 8:28

"There are no mistakes, just happy accidents."

—Bob Ross

I, Ransom Smith, leave my chair, as well as the troubled children in the guitar ensemble to Aiden Bowser. Good luck.



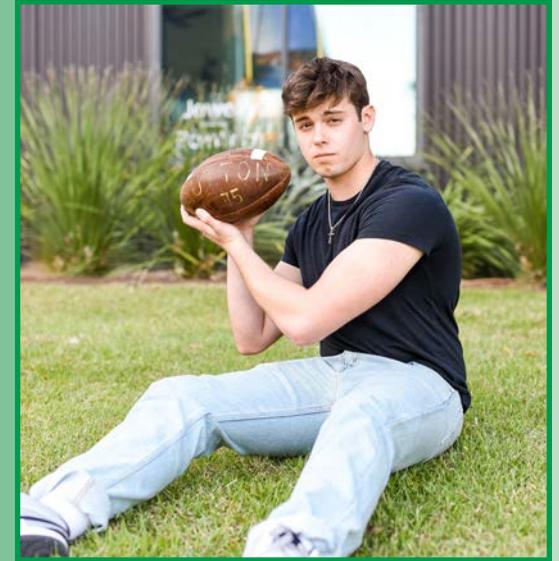
Collin Sutton

**Hardin-Simmons University
Business**

2 Timothy 1:7

To Josh Rabinowitz, I leave a spot in the back to park his big truck.

To Micah Briggs, my dog, and to Mason, I leave our sister, sorry.



Naiya Swientek

**Texas A&M University
Allied Health, Pre-Dental track**

Proverbs 4:5

"You must do the things you think you cannot do."

—Eleanor Roosevelt

To my sister Lauren, I leave my therapy trips to La Canterra... use them well!

Ally Turgon

**Texas A&M University Blinn Team
Kinesiology**

Hebrews 13:8

"This is the greatest school in America."

—Dr. Corbin

I leave my dearest dearest student section white board to Lilly Kaiser and Maggie Chisholm.

Don't disappoint Rob's Mob.

I also leave the Cinematography program in the hands of Philip Gordon. It was always yours.





Sydney Turnbow

Rhodes College
Health Science and Humanities

Isaiah 40:8

"I had the time of my life fighting dragons with you."

–Taylor Swift

I leave my country dancing skills to Keaton Shindler.

Spencer Yarbrough

Blinn College
Business Management

Matthew 19:26

"Scared money don't make money."

–George Viña

To Maegan Riebel, I leave Wyatt Bruss, take care of my son.

To Colton Lutz, I leave all of my ankle problems, keep the braces on.



George Viña

Texas A&M University
Construction Science

1 Peter 2:9

"You can't look at a glass half empty or full if it's overflowing."

–Kanye West

I George Vina, leave all my handsomeness to Jake Plesko and Jake Roberson.

To the baseball team, I leave Coach Rippee, keep an eye on him and make sure he stays out of trouble.



Skylar Yonehiro

Abilene Christian University
Computer Science

Philippians 4:8

"Just keep swimming."

–Dory in *Finding Nemo*

I, Skylar Yonehiro, previous Color Guard captain, will hereby pass on my flag to future Color Guard captains at Geneva.



Mia Wilson

Samford University
Nursing

John 16:33

"There's a special kind of sadness that seems to come with spring."

–Florence Welch

I, Mia Wilson, leave the House of Lewis responsibilities and theater portable to Reid Wilson, take good care of them for me and do them well. I also leave my beloved Anapest shirts to Kate Travis. (JK, I will never give those away.)

Callie Zuniga

University of Arkansas
Interior Design

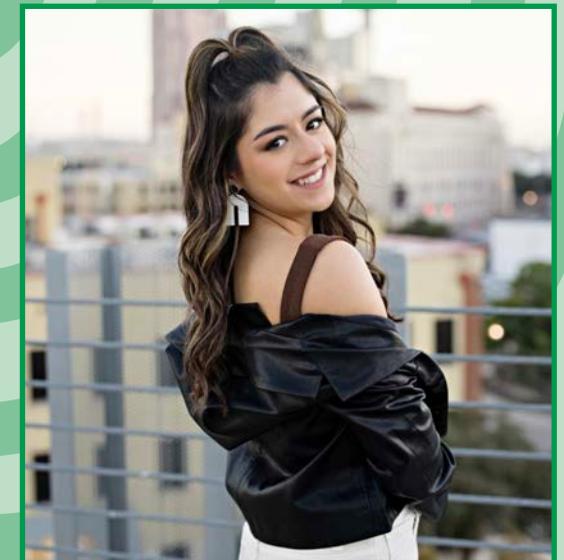
Jeremiah 29:11

"You can leave. I'll remember you, I remember everyone that leaves."

–Lilo, *Lilo and Stitch*

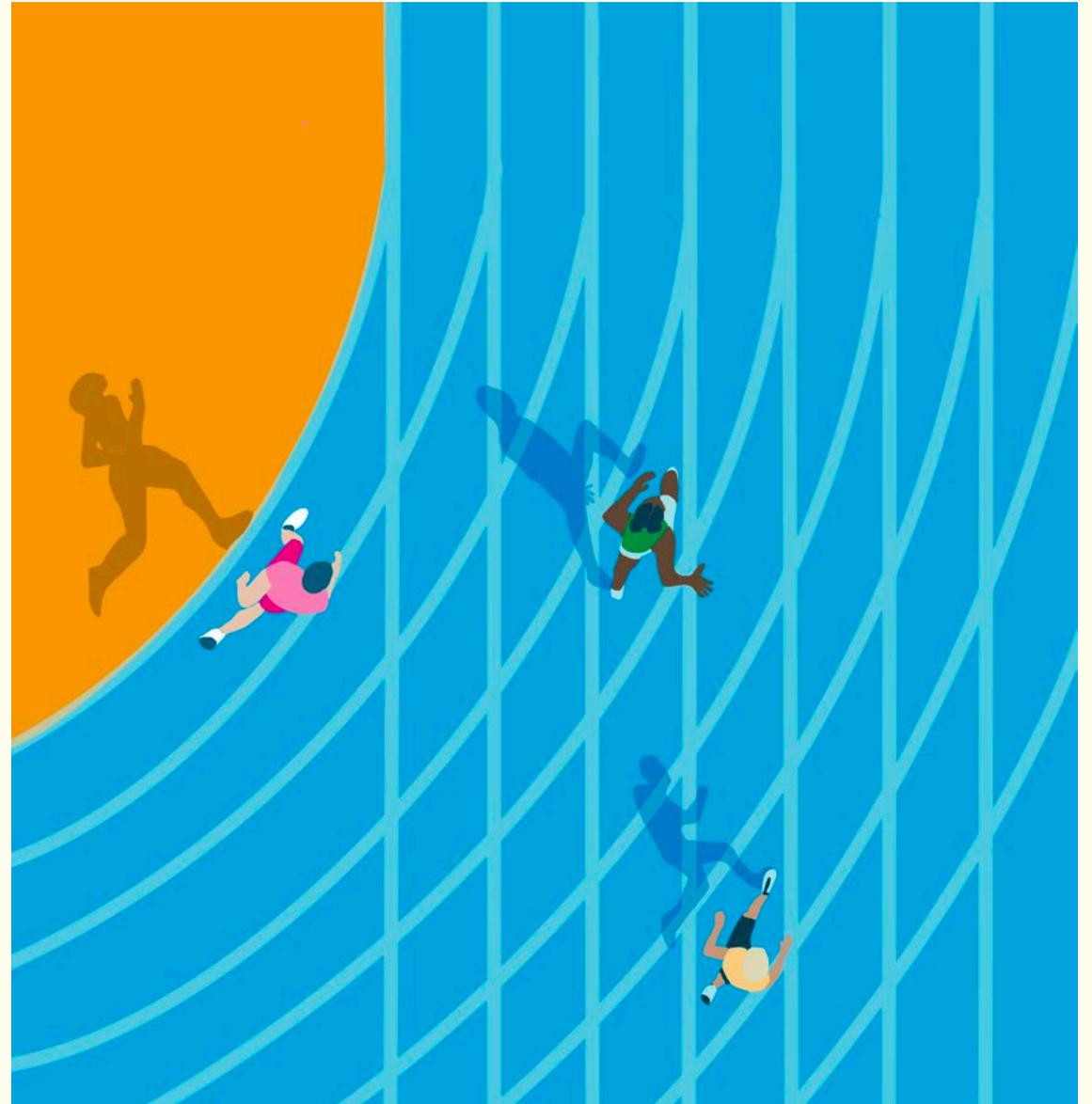
To Mazzy Horn-O'Brien, I leave my love for squish mallows. To Victoria Allen, I leave my seat in the J Room, may my computer work better than yours.

To Nadia Nowosiwsky, I leave my love for Taylor Swift.



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TACKLING THE TOPIC OF THE CURRENT STATE OF SPORTS



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SENIOR SUPERRELATIVES

Hayden Allen

Most likely to
be a P.E. coach

Walker Deimund

Most likely to come
back and coach
at Geneva

A.J. Dube

Most likely to
go pro in tennis

Avery Eggerss

Most likely to be on
Food Network

Claire Erfurt

Most likely to
start her own
athleisure brand

Jake Flora

Most likely to
work for Nascar

Bella Godoy

Most likely to
go to the Olympics

Chaz Lutz

Most likely to
buy a sports team

Jayden McCammon

Most likely to
be a personal trainer

Amy Grace Miller

Most likely to
form a band
with Mr. Arizpe

Elle Nicholson

Most likely to
be eaten by a tiger

Caeden Sandifer

Most likely to
break the world
record for backflips

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Read up on three more wacky sports

You've probably seen my previous articles about strange sports such as toe wrestling, extreme ironing, and of course, the sport that launched this series, the annual Cheese Roll in Gloucestershire. Well, I'm back, with three more oddities that will blow your mind. This article features a comical version of a common sport, the Summer Redneck Games (I did not make that up!) and even a national sport. Enjoy!

Unicycle Hockey

The name says it all. It is a team sport similar to hockey, but players must be atop unicycles to make a play on the ball. Five players on each team ride around the court, which has rounded corners and goals set off from the back walls just like hockey. Any hockey stick will do, other than a goalkeeper's stick.

In unicycle hockey, there is no such thing as a designated goalkeeper, although usually one of the players will act as such. Due to the players riding unicycles, contact is minimal, and contact that would be perfectly acceptable in hockey earns you a foul in this game.

There are three national leagues (Australia, Germany and Switzerland), not counting smaller clubs throughout the world. Every two years at the Unicon Unicycle World Championships, there is a unicycle hockey tournament. There is also unicycle basketball!

The Mud Pit Belly Flop

This oddity is one of the goofiest events in the Summer Redneck Games, which were held annually from 1996 to 2012 in East Dublin, Georgia. Sadly, the Redneck Games were canceled in 2013 as attendance declined and the administrators, whoever they were, could not afford to keep it going.

The Games kicked off every year with the lighting of a custom "torch." The winner of the mud pit belly flop (and the winner of each other event) would receive a trophy of a partly crushed empty can.

Other events included bobbing for pigs' feet, seed spitting, big-hair contests, bug zapping by spitball, dumpster diving, hubcap hurling and the armpit serenade. One winner of this last event was an eight-year-old boy who played "Mary Had a Little Lamb." He claimed that he had been practicing for two years. One winner of the pig's feet event arrived in the United States with his hometown of Ducklington, England, tattooed on his toes. After his victory (he successfully bobbed for seven pigs' feet), he advised to "get it by the toes."

Buzkashi

This is the national sport of Afghanistan. There are similar games throughout central Asia known as Kokpar, Kupkari and Ulak Tartys.

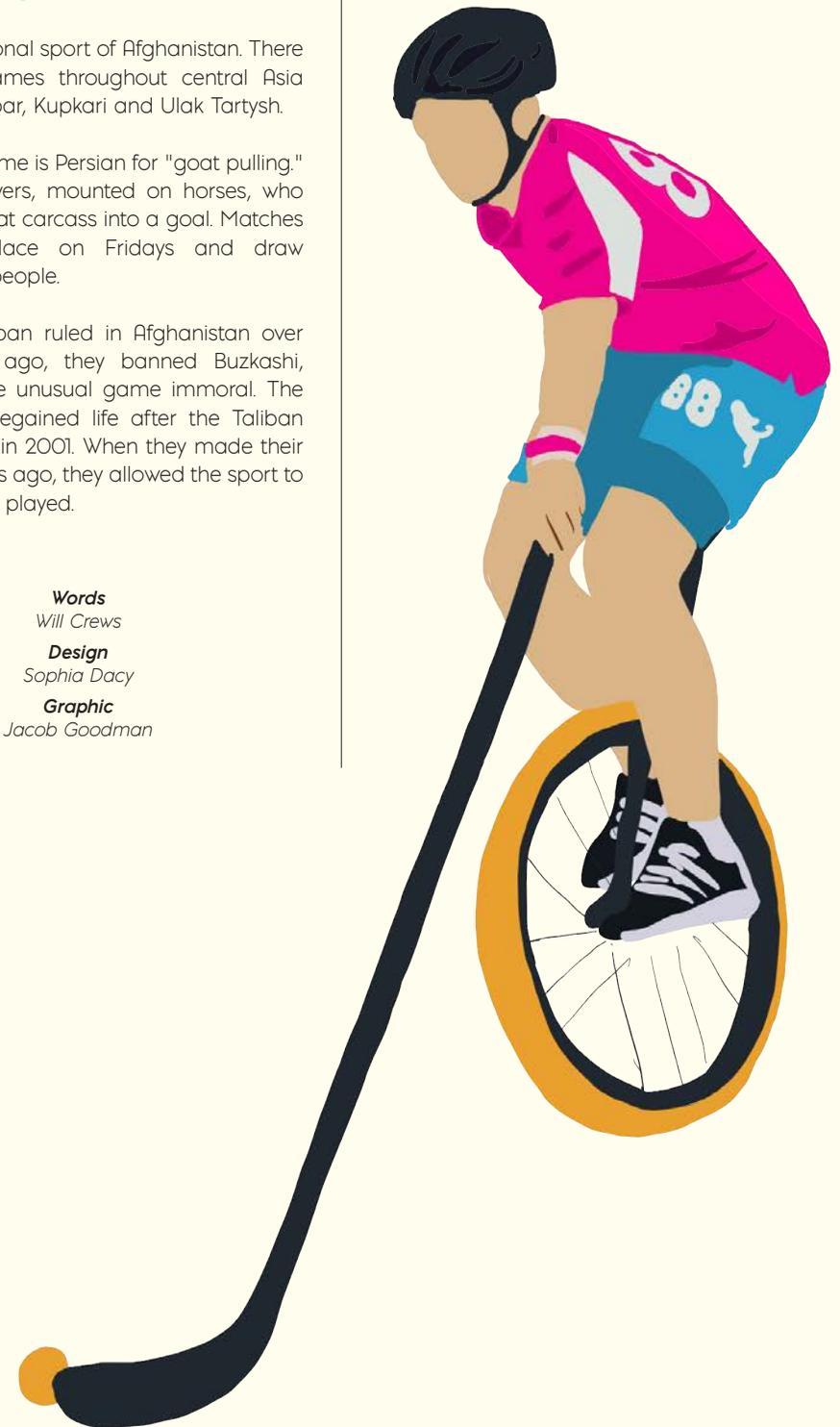
The Afghan name is Persian for "goat pulling." It involves players, mounted on horses, who try to pull a goat carcass into a goal. Matches often take place on Fridays and draw thousands of people.

When the Taliban ruled in Afghanistan over two decades ago, they banned Buzkashi, considering the unusual game immoral. The sport quickly regained life after the Taliban were defeated in 2001. When they made their return two years ago, they allowed the sport to continue being played.

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WHAT A CATCH

Getting to know baseball's coaching lineup

Most everyone here knows that the baseball team is coached primarily by head coach, Steven Rippee. However, there are three more coaches on staff that you might not know as much about; that changes now.

First up is a brand new coach to Geneva, Trent Nesmith. Coach Nesmith grew up the oldest of six kids. He played every sport imaginable growing up and was also a member of the local 4-H Club. After high school, coach Nesmith went on to play college baseball. When that was over, he began coaching at the college level, where he remained for 10 years. In 2003, he took a job at Wichita Collegiate School in Wichita, Kansas, where he was the Upper School Dean of Students as well as the Athletic Director until the end of the 2022 school year. Nesmith shares what brought him to Geneva in the first place.

"God had a plan for me to be at Geneva. My wife and I had unique signs and conversations with people we met over the last two years that convinced us to move to Boerne, Texas," Nesmith said.

Now, after being at Geneva for a couple of months, he can speak to his experience at the school.

"I look forward to every day I step on the campus of Geneva. I enjoy seeing the faculty and staff. Geneva has and will continue to make me grow and strengthen my relationship with God," Nesmith said. In his short time at Geneva so far, he has enjoyed being an assistant baseball coach and coaching with Coach Rippee.

"He is an outstanding baseball coach. More importantly, he is a great man and role model for young men," Nesmith said.

Coach Nesmith also enjoys his two PE classes and Grammar School lunch duty, as they remind him of how special and amazing Logic and Grammar School teachers are in leading their age groups of students. The most significant moment for him, he says, is being inducted into the "greatest house": the House of Chaucer.

Next is Coach Greg Galloway. Coach Galloway has been at Geneva for several years where he has been involved in coaching Logic and Rhetoric School baseball, as well as being an assistant football coach for a couple of years. Currently, he is an assistant Rhetoric baseball coach working with the catchers. Coach Galloway first heard about Geneva from a friend of his, Maurice Walton, who started coaching Logic school football and track at Geneva and asked if he would help him coach. Coach Galloway also works the overnight shift at the Bexar County Sheriff's Office so he has time to coach during the day. His favorite memory is winning the State Championship in 2019 with the football team. His favorite thing is getting to show up and coach a great group of young men this year. Coach Galloway sacrifices a lot to coach every year and is a great role model to everyone around him.

Last is Coach Jamal Hamilton. Coach Hamilton is the pitching coach and has been at Geneva since the 2019 season. He has recently offered some insight on how he first learned of Geneva.

"I knew about Geneva when I first moved to the San Antonio area back in 2013. I gave private baseball lessons to a couple of players from Geneva. In 2019, Reagan Stringfellow contacted me about being the pitching coach," Hamilton said.

"No matter if we win, lose or draw, we come together as a team and give prayers to God."

In addition to being Geneva's pitching coach, he also works at Forbes Elementary in SAISD as a PE teacher. I have been there for eight years. I also coach a 13U travel baseball team for Lobos Baseball.

"Baseball season is my busy time, long days. Leave my house at 6:45 A.M. and usually don't get home till 9 P.M. every night. It's hard, but I get to coach baseball so it makes it easy," Hamilton said.

He also speaks to how Geneva differs from other establishments.

"I love the atmosphere and environment that Geneva has. We pray after every practice and before and after games. No matter if we win, lose or draw, we come together as a team and give prayers to God," Hamilton said.

Coach Hamilton keeps the mood light always, and his favorite memories are not the wins, but joking around with the team. He loves that the team can work hard but have fun while doing it. We are blessed to have coaches who are all such great role models in every way. As you can see, they sacrifice a lot to be here.

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IN IT FOR THE LONG RUN

Luke Pratt shares his experience participating in marathons with his older sisters



Luke Pratt (senior) with sisters Haley and Hannah (Class of 2021)

In today's world, there are many physically and mentally challenging competitions one can enter: marathons, spartan races and triathlons, for example. It takes a lot of discipline and heart to train for these events. Here at Geneva, our very own student, Luke Pratt, took this challenge upon himself. Pratt has never been big into running; he ran some his freshman year, but that was strictly for football. His physical training has mostly been in the weight room, and he would dabble in cardio from time to time. His journey began in February of 2022 when one day, his sister Haley texted asking if he would run in the San Antonio Alamo half marathon. His other sister Hannah was in, and that prompted his response.

"I had no other choice but to accept that I would be running; I wasn't going to be the odd one out," Pratt said.

Luke had received this text two weeks before the race, so for those two weeks, he ran about five times, which he says was his worst mistake.

"The half marathon that day took every ounce of strength and heart out of me, and I wasn't able to walk for the rest of the day due to terrible cramps," Pratt said.

After that day, he swore to himself to never run again. Fast forward six months; his sister Haley once again texted him, but this time asking if he would run in the Austin full marathon. After thinking long and hard about it, he decided that he would run, as he felt it would be one of his biggest accomplishments to date.

Luke Pratt accepted this challenge in September of 2022, and because his sisters lived across Texas, he had the privilege of training on his own. When he first started his training, he could only run two miles at a time because it had been so long since he ran the half marathon. He ran at least three times a week, and over Thanksgiving break he hit

his first milestone, 10 miles. He hit his next milestone right before Christmas break, which was the length of a half marathon.

"All I could remember was the last time I ran that distance and how painful it was," Pratt said.

As he continued his training, he was able to run 16 miles consistently, but then he got a serious calf injury in January of 2023. Luke was not able to run for two weeks, which filled him with fear since the race was only a month away. After he recovered from his injury, he trained as hard as possible in the two weeks leading up to the race. In the end, he was able to run the race with his sisters, and he accomplished his goal of completing a marathon.

“The half marathon that day took every ounce of strength and heart out of me.”

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TAKING A SHOT AT STATE

Basketball and soccer girls relay highlights of their seasons leading to TAPPS State finals and semifinals

This winter, both our girls soccer and basketball teams were among the final four teams in the state, and the basketball girls made it all the way to the finals. To make it this far in their respective sports is truly an accomplishment and one that must be celebrated! These girls persevered through long weeks of practices, challenging games and out-of-town tournaments with extreme passion and dedication. I talked to a few basketball and soccer seniors to get their thoughts about this season and the road to State.

When asked about the past basketball season, Brynn Riebel said her favorite part was the Tyler Tournament.

"One night, all the girls on the team went into one hotel room and played games and laughed for hours," Riebel said.

After lots of hard work and an exciting win in their semifinals game, the basketball team secured their position in the TAPPS State Finals. The girls spared no effort but unfortunately were not able to come out on top.

"During the finals game, we fought as hard as we possibly could. Everyone gave it their all. After the other team started pulling ahead, I remember telling every girl who came off the bench to keep pushing. Don't give up. Finish the game strong. Don't let up. Get the ball back. We got this. Hugging my coach when he took me out at the end of the game and hugging my sister are moments I will remember forever," Riebel said.

All things considered, the basketball girls had an exceptional season and learned a lot from their sport.

"The most important lesson I learned was to never give up and to never stop trying. Put all your effort and everything you have into what you are doing, and it will pay off," Riebel said.

She will miss her coaches, teammates and how much everyone cared for each other on the team.

Our girls soccer team has four wonderful seniors this year. Mattie Sue Arnold, Noelle Moerdyk and Ellie Ledoux all agreed that their favorite memory from this season was the Austin Tournament.

"It was so much fun playing with the team three days back-to-back, and I feel like we all just clicked there," Arnold said.

After a long season of dedication, the girls made it all the way to the TAPPS Semifinals.

"The semifinal game was filled with so much perseverance and passion. Each of the girls fought so hard. At the end of the day, JP2 came out with a win, but we left everything out on that field," Ledoux said.

"We had a really good start and were really solid for the first half and half of the second. We had a goal that was called back, but we fought our hardest and played our best, so that is really all that mattered," senior Isabella Godoy said.

She also explained how even though they lost their game, Coach Doran made it her mission to have fun. The girls stopped at some exciting spots including laser tag, Krispy Kreme, Bahama Bucks and even Bucee's. When asked to reflect, all of the seniors identified important takeaways from this season.

"The most important lesson that I learned is how someone's sportsmanship and character will be remembered more than their skill," Moerdyk said.

All in all, both our girls basketball and soccer teams had amazing seasons. They have so much to be proud of, so if you see a team member walking down the boardwalk, make sure to congratulate them on their successful season.

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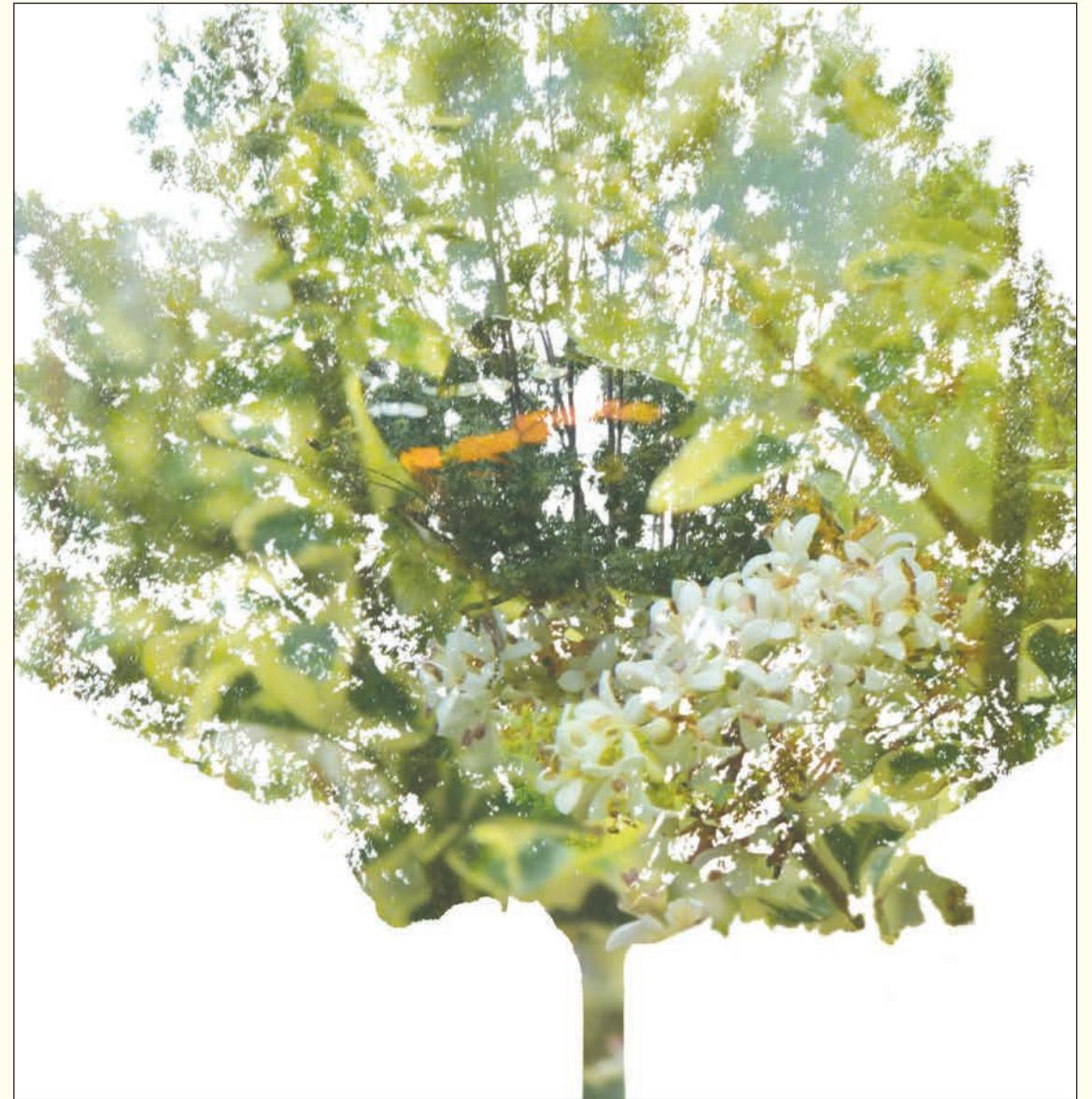


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SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Mattie Sue Arnold

Most likely to
be a movie star

Ava Ayers

Most likely to
write a memoir

Sophia Baldwin

Most likely to
start her own
design company

Mari-Fer Balli

Most likely to
be TikTok famous

Sophia Dacy

Most likely to
be the next
Anna Wintour

Juliana Flores

Most likely to
write her own
Broadway musical

Luke Kaiser

Most likely to
be the next Bachelor

Guy Kohler

Most likely to
become Ryan Reynolds

**Mary Katherine
Mitchell**

Most likely to
launch her own
makeup line

Brynn Riebel

Most likely to
live in Hawaii

Ransom Smith

Most likely to
be in a boy band

Collin Sutton

Most likely to
host a late night
TV show

Naiya Swientek

Most likely to
own a kids clothing line

Sydney Turnbow

Most likely to
meet Taylor Swift and
become her best friend

Skylar Yonehiro

Most likely to
create a new app

GENEVA AFTER DARK

Take 2

Seniors Abby Bower and Avery Eggers spend a full day on campus

There's someone here; no one is supposed to be here.

The mysterious black truck took another lap around campus until it settled into a parking spot. Panic was setting in.

The Geneva grapevine served us well tonight, as we soon found out that it was merely a parent waiting to pick up their athlete. We took turns letting out sighs of relief and then headed back to the Journalism Room. I thought back to our expectations for the night. While our brothers had experienced novelty and adventure, we spent our time in fear.

Four years ago, former Geneva Quarterly staffers, Luke Bower and Anson Eggers, completed and documented a 24 hour challenge on the Geneva campus. Being our very own senior year, Avery Eggers and I decided it was necessary that we defend our brothers' legacy. In a courageous act of familial loyalty, Avery and I volunteered for the same challenge: 24 hours on the Geneva campus.

Tuesday, December 6, at precisely 5:00 PM., we stepped through the gates. At 5:26 PM., Mrs. Ward handed over the key to the school. We both knew that the fun would begin when the sun set; so for now,

we just had to find something to keep us occupied. After four and a half hours of Geneva sports, we left the gym with a new sense of Eagle pride.

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we were determined not to waste it. Our resolve weakened as we ventured outside and had to wait several moments for our eyes to adjust to the unimaginable darkness that awaited us. We sought comfort in our teachers' classrooms, finding ourselves in each classroom, except one to be discussed later, and behind every desk, getting a taste of the intoxicating authority that our own faculty feel. The night took a drastic turn as I heard screams of, "Man down! Man down!" I stared at Avery as she layed on the floor in a fetal position, cradling her arm. I stopped screaming and dropped to the ground to aid my comrade. Avery had the resilience of a new rubber band, as she hopped up only minutes after the light saber accident. We were back in business.

We returned to the Journalism Room, which was home for the night, to retrieve our rations: a large bag of Great Value cheese balls. Once we digested some sustenance, we were ready to take on the night once again. Like our brothers, we met temptation in the admin. Ms. O's desk held the answers to all of our questions: Is the fire drill alarm recorded or original every time?



"Man down! Man down!"

What were Mr. Grover's political beliefs? Are they ever going to make a film about the fascinating life of Mr. Poole? Avery and I decided to preserve the bliss of ignorance.

As we made the trek to the football field, every gust of wind provoked a jump and each shadow conjured a "What was that?" Avery first attempted to summit the goal post with no luck. Then I attempted, also with no luck. Our egos slightly bruised, we headed to the gym. We each hit a new PR and then meandered back to the classrooms. While chatting about how Luke and Anson didn't mention being scared when that was our primary emotion, we halted. Conversation, footsteps, heartbeats, they all halted. Inside Mrs. Greenlees' room, her computer was aglow and there was rapid movement across the screen. Avery grabbed my arm and pulled me away from the window to seek refuge from the ghost of Susan Greenlees. This was the final straw, as we decided to call it a night.

"Goodnight, Avery."

"Goodnight, Abby."

The following morning, Avery and I both agreed that the Journalism Room floor provided rest like we had never known before. We sprung up and headed to Mrs. Greenlees' room to check on "the situation." As we peered through the window, we found the same flickering screen. However, an hour earlier when we made our way to the gym to shower, we had noticed Mr. Russell's car in the parking lot; this seemed to quiet all of our fears. We could now laugh and mock the screen that haunted us the night before.

"Maybe Mrs. Greenlees is coding her own virus to release as payback for the terror of RYUK."

"Haha that would be crazy."

contemplative silence

Avery and I went about our school day as normal, until we found ourselves in the parking lot at 3:53 P.M., counting down the minutes before freedom. We spent the next hour reminiscing on the highs and lows of the last 23 hours. As the clock struck 4:59 P.M., we sprinted to the gate and waited for our 1,440th minute on campus to be over.

Anson and Luke, we hope we made you proud.

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YOU'LL
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Cultivating Creativity on Campus

The Quarterly's pick for photo and poetry of the quarter

A poem by Mrs. Susan Greenlees for her golf girls.

The "Great 8" emerged when a few girls peeled off
After deciding they had had enough of drama and golf.
But a few hung true wanting to better their game
And others joined friends desiring the same.
Some golfers since Logic and others since tenth,
They all caught the bug and worked with intent.

High spirits, low scores is how we started the year
Coachable and fun, we had nothing to fear.
Emotions were soaring as each tested her game,
One shot was great, but the next shot was lame.

So, we chose Grit and Grace to fix in our mind
No matter the shot, determination we'd find.
Pancakes, bacon and eggs brought us to the table
Goals, laughs and scripture helped us feel able.
From beginners to veterans, we each got our start
Having one another's back, we were not pulled apart.

Hailey, the true beginner, started learning to swing
Never really convinced that golf was her thing.
But God had a plan to give this bright girl a treat
From topper to long drives, I'm glad I had a seat.

Sweet Mia, our dancer, who worked oh so hard
So teachable, encouraging and could hit the ball far.
Making it to Regionals, she gave it her best
Balancing dance, drama and speech which
were really her quest.

Our hype girl, Miss Hailey, who loved practice so
Fun, focused and committed, her improvement
did show.

Bracelets, signs and smiles at Regionals and State
Golf cart conversations and support made
us all feel great.

Sweet quiet Gracie took a chance transferring in
But her routine, skill, big drives came out again.
Balancing your band, orchestra and grades
at times could get rough

Two years at State, so proud you dug down
and hung tough.

Ella, sweet Ella, you've been with me a long while
Your consistency, skill and poise have
created your style.

Four birdies and an eagle were your moments
at State.
Great grades, and sub 90 with your family
to celebrate.

Suzi, since seventh, has sure improved her game,
Academics and athletics, she works hard, expecting
the same.

Her laughter, humor and focus, she is always all in
Two PR's at State showed she was there to win.

Sue came along in tenth and thought it would be fun.
She enjoyed making friends, her coach/dad,
and of course, the sun.

From Happy Gilmore and pink balls,
she brought us such laughs
Breaking 100, hitting ducks, tweeking thesis,
she soared off the graph.

Ellie, the last, but not least, of the great Ledoux clan
Of you, if I am honest, I have always been a fan.
I asked more of you to lead us each year
Personal bests at State showed all of no fear.

Watching the dads on the course for these two years
Has given me a gift that many know often brings
me to tears.

I tell the girls often how blessed they sure are
For a dad and a daughter is a bond you can't mar.

This Dore scramble full of big smiles, laughs
and pride
Has given me remembrances of my dad by my side.
Of course you moms are a gift to the girls and me
I appreciate your support and constant source of glee.

To my Queens of the Green, I will always
hold you high
You truly are the best, I'm not gonna lie.
So as we slay, pray and hype to bring this to a close
May God bless your journey as only He knows.



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TAPPS 4A 1st Place Black and
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-ING IT UP

A brief history of America's
only true art form

A smooth, swinging rhythm. The blare of a trumpet. An improvised, fluctuating melody. These are all attributes to describe a genre of music that's chords sound like its name: jazz.

Jazz is a musical art form that is completely subjective to the listener. As a musical genre, it includes improvisation, call and response vocals, and rhythm as the stem of the song. What truly sets it apart from other genres of music, is the improv threaded throughout. The musician is able to create something on his or her own while connecting to the instruments around.

The genre of jazz originated in New Orleans, Louisiana in the early 19th century. Congo Square, located in New Orleans, was a place where slaves would come together and play music. The square still exists today within the confines of Louis Armstrong Park. Because of the attention Congo Square brought, many people from different countries joined, bringing their own flair and diversity to the music. This brought a unique mix to the sound, and offered a blend of Caribbean, Cuban and African music. Over time, marching band instruments were introduced, and the melting pot of sound was given the title "ragtime," later to be renamed "jazz."

Some credit the invention of jazz to a man named Buddy Bolden. Although it is debatable if Bolden is the creator of jazz entirely, it is clear that he monumentally helped form the genre that it is now. Bolden grew up playing the cornet, and formed a band at the age of 20. The band consisted of one bassist, one drummer, two clarinetists and a guitarist. None of the members could read music, so the band would improv and learn to play alongside one another on the spot. The band became popular for its performance of "Home Sweet Home" for a sendoff of American troops during the Spanish American War.

“Jazz originated in New Orleans, Louisiana in the early 19th century.”

Over time, jazz was seen to come into its own in the 1920s. Jazz became immensely popular in the 'Roaring 20s' with the prohibition act, flappers and speakeasies. "Beale Street Blues" by Louis Armstrong brought soul to F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, as jazz did to the rest of the United States. Artists like Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra and Nina Simone brought the genre of jazz to life, each adding their own artistic touch.

To this day, jazz maintains a richness in diversity, as it grows throughout the 21st century.

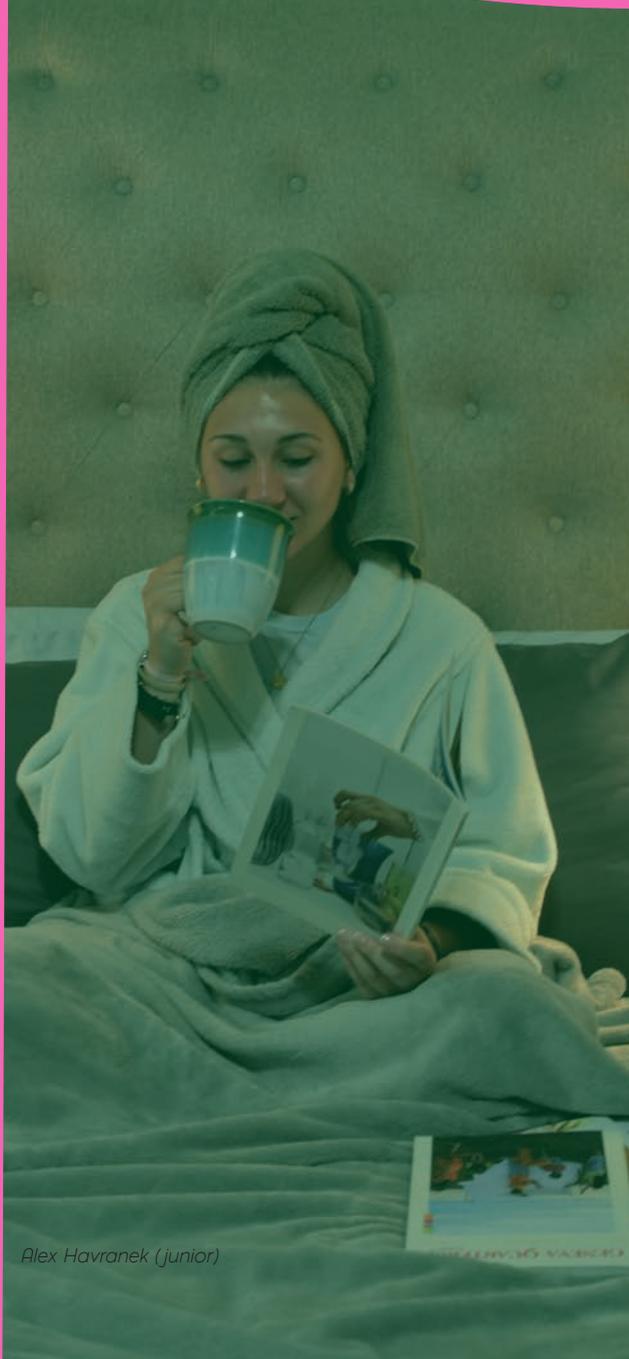
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STILL COUNT

Smart habits for the sleepless



Alex Havranek (junior)

Sleep is one of the few necessities in life. It helps us recharge and prepare for the day ahead. The average teenager needs 8-10 hours of sleep each night. This is hardly ever achieved, and most teens barely even reach that minimum mark of eight hours. Getting enough sleep helps us stay happy and healthy, so we need to make sure we are getting all those recommended hours.

There are many effective ways to improve sleep and maintain healthy sleep habits. The first, and probably most obvious, thing to do is avoid caffeine intake for several hours prior to your normal bedtime. Caffeine will increase the difficulty of falling asleep, so save your coffee and energy drinks for the next morning.

“This will help your body automatically get tired at or near that time daily...”

ING SHEEP?

We all are familiar with the type of person who refuses to even close their eyes to go to sleep without a calming noise of some sort sounding lightly in the background. Whether it is the sound of rain, a box fan, rain forest birds chirping, or even whale noises, these types of people most likely use an app that plays these sounds and more.

Over the past few years, new software has been developed to keep up with the cultural craze of listening to different frequencies of noise before bed. This trend all started with the most common frequency: white noise, also known as broadband noise. White noise contains all frequencies across the spectrum of audible sound in equal amounts. Beginning with its development in the 17th century by Gian Lorenzo Bernini as a cure for insomnia, white noise has been scientifically proven to improve users' sleep for decades.

Two of the most recent additions to the fleet of sounds proven to improve one's quality of sleep are pink and brown noises. Pink noise, also known as ambient noise, uses deeper sounds and lower sound wave frequencies, making its overall sound more gentle and calming. Pink noise creates a sound that is more dull in tone, like falling rain or wind rustling through leaves on a tree.

If pink or white noises simply aren't for you, brown noise is another option. Brown noise produces rumbling and bass-like tones which are much lower than the sounds created by white or pink noises. Brown noise can be compared to very heavy rainfall or a high pressure shower. Brown noise is most often linked to helping people who have symptoms of ear ringing, or it can be attributed to improving overall cognitive performance.

So, if you've listened to every form of background noise there is and still haven't found something that suits your sleeping style, I suggest settling down with a book and a warm cup of tea, and maybe try counting sheep just one more time.

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H₂O OUT OF 10

A critical take
on bottled water
brands

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this issue's review. Today we will be reviewing different brands of water. I know you're probably thinking this is really weird and there is no need to review water. But let's be real; water tastes different depending on where it's from. I'm sure we've all had to drink gross, dusty water before. It's not fun. So, we're here to help our readers never have to drink bad water again. We pulled together samples of six different waters to review, and we also used water from the Coultriss house to cleanse our palates in between samples. We will rate each water's taste out of 10, and then give a final ranking based on price and taste combined.

1. Fiji 7/10

First off, we tried Fiji. Overall, it is refreshing and definitely quality. However, the aftertaste of Fiji is like rocks. They're not bad rocks, but there are definitely strong notes of the minerals. It's not necessarily bad, but we don't really like it. It has a definite aftertaste, and it just tasted like bitter rock.

2. Core 10/10

Next we tried Core. It feels much clearer and less dense than Fiji. It's nice and crisp and has a really natural taste: not too sweet and no added rock flavor. Very good.

3. Smartwater 8/10

Smartwater was a little more bitter than Core, but it still had a nice smooth taste that was less rocky than Fiji. The consistency was slightly thicker, but we didn't mind. Also, we decided that Smartwater would be the best water bottle to have in an airport.

4. Dasani 0/10

Dasani has had a bad rap for some time now. After tasting the clean and natural waters of Core, Fiji and Smartwater, this water stood out as particularly bad. You can taste the plastic and chemicals. It tastes like it has been sitting in a hot garage in biodegradable plastic.

5. Kirkland 6/10

Next up was Kirkland. The absolute classic water bottle that fueled every kid's adventures. As soon as we tried it, it reminded us of childhood summers. The taste was pretty much what you would expect with standard water. However, there are prominent notes of micro plastics.

6. Geneva Water Fountain 3/10

Last, but (surprisingly) not least, from our very own nest, was the Geneva water fountain water. It does get the job done after a tough workout or run. However, after giving it a swirl, Geneva water immediately smells like chlorine. The taste of pool water is sharp to the palate. It also makes my mouth drier than before, and it reminds me of dying in sports. If you drink too much during practice, it will definitely make your tummy hurt and possibly make you throw up. We've heard the hose water is better.

Final Rankings

After thorough research, here are our final rankings:

1st: Core: refreshing, airy, doesn't taste like chemicals or rocks

2nd: Smartwater: had a taste, but wasn't too thick

3rd: Kirkland: best price, not bad tasting, so it's overall better than Fiji

4th: Fiji: rocky, good, expensive, not our fav

5th: Geneva: tastes like chlorine, but gets the job done

6th: Dasani: absolutely foul; we genuinely thought Geneva water would be the worst on this list, but after tasting Dasani...we would rather not drink water than drink Dasani

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Vinyl collections offer a unique way for teenagers to connect with music on a deeper level. With the resurgence of vinyl, teenagers can discover the joy of physically owning and collecting albums, and exploring the vast range of music available in this format.

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Restaurants We Wish Were in Boerne

- 1st Place: **Cava**, a restaurant known for their Mediterranean bowls and wraps
- 2nd Place: **Chick-fil-A**; I shouldn't have to explain what this is
- 3rd Place: **Chipotle**, which I think should be first, but...whatever

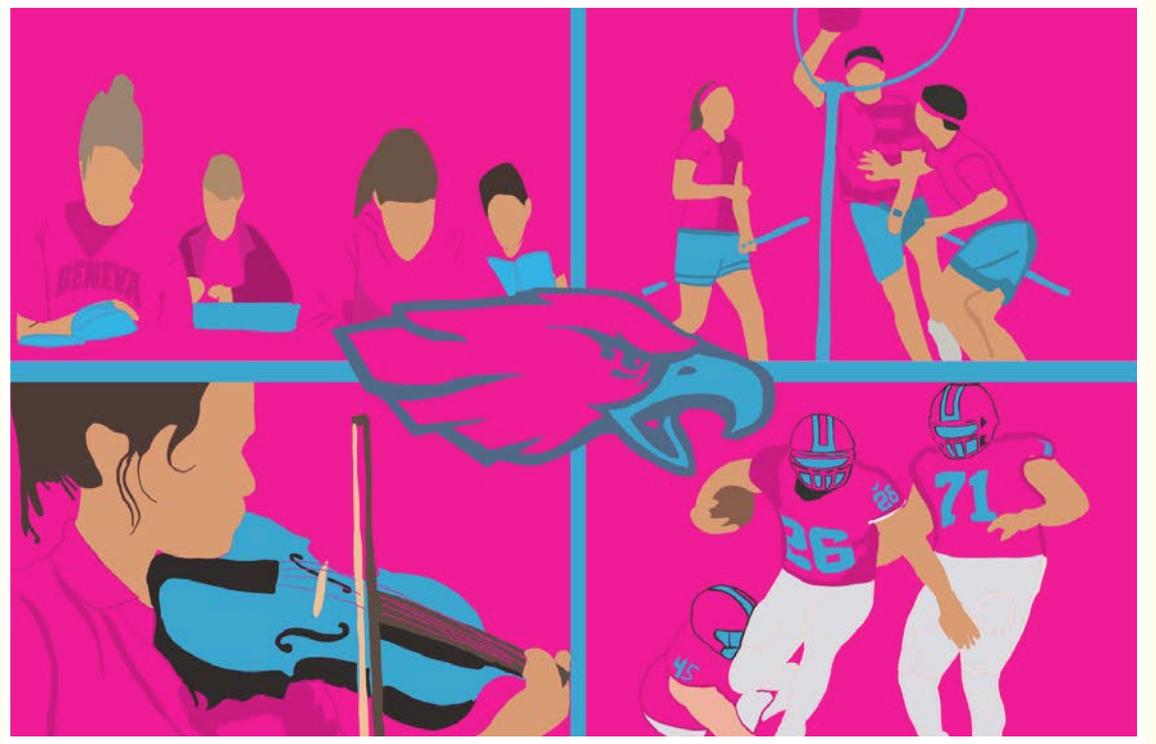
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That Should be a Word by former staff members Summer Stolle (Class of 2016) and Mary Layne Strieber (Class of 2014)

THECYST (*thEE-si-ST*)

A lump that may occur anywhere on the body after working on Senior Thesis too long

The GAZETTE



Anyone Can Cook

For anyone reading who hasn't watched this masterpiece, I highly recommend watching before reading this. When most people watch *Ratatouille* for the first time, they assume it's just a fun children's movie about a rat who wants to cook, and to an extent, they would not be wrong, but this movie is so much more than that.

As with most Pixar movies, on the surface it seems like a fun movie for kids to enjoy, but in each case the movie will always have a hidden deeper meaning. One of the main points made in the movie is that "anyone can cook."

While this is obviously not true as the main antagonist of the movie (the food critic) reminds the audience quite frequently, the movie concludes with the very same person saying that, yes, not everyone can cook, but a chef can come from anywhere and from any background. While this is clearly aimed towards the main character who is, after all, a rat, this does not just apply to cooking or the bounds of the movie. Someone from anywhere can do anything, and that is why *Ratatouille* is the magnum opus of Pixar.



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The musical inspo behind Issue 4



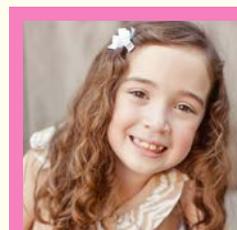
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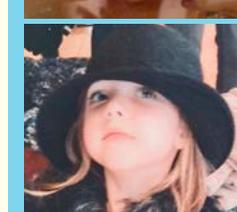
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