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Under the Sea

By Austin M. Oberhausen

Spring is the time of rebirth and warm weather, when birds sing and flowers bloom. It is also the season of prom. The girls buy overpriced colorful dresses and the guys go last minute tux shopping. It is an exciting and busy time, a time we will always remember.

This year's prom held in early April was especially exciting as it was held at the Newport Aquarium. The students and their dates were able to roam the entire aquarium. They could go and see the penguins, jellyfish, sharks, large

saltwater fish, and they were even allowed to pet the sharks. For dinner the Colonels had a buffet that was stocked with chicken, pasta, and salad. Upstairs the DJ kept the party going with good music and the dance floor was full all night. Outside the dance floor was an outdoor pavilion that overlooked the city where the students could cool off and look at the scenery.

The prom was a huge success and everyone who attended had a great time. "I couldn't have asked for a better a senior prom; tonight was amazing," said Alex Riedinger.



Above: Hank Hehman was crowned King of Prom with his date Katie Maurer.

Midnight Madness

By Nick Cheesman

Instead of the night coming to a close after the aquatic dance, the fun was just beginning.

Town and Country Sports Complex welcomed in students that attended the Covington Catholic Prom on April 12, 2014. Students look forward to the After Prom each year, sometimes even more than the dance. This year's After Prom did not disappoint and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants. Great food and fun activities were present and open for anyone who desires it. Popular delights such as Skyline, Buffalo Wild Wings, Panera, and Chipotle were available for students to munch on throughout the night and into the morning. Typically

the food brought to the After Prom is more looked forward to by the students than the activities present. There were many enjoyable activities too. These activities included soccer, Frisbee, basketball, volleyball, an obstacle course, indoor paintball, and even a hypnotist. The hypnotist's act was an entertaining event that baffled many of the After Prom goers. Around 20 students were brought to front of the show to be hypnotized by Pepē the Great. He played with the little minds of our students and manipulated them into doing humorous and entertaining acts. After Pepē the Great's performance, the students were free to leave and catch up on their sleep.

Overall the students felt the After Prom was a major success; a great way to end a spectacular night.



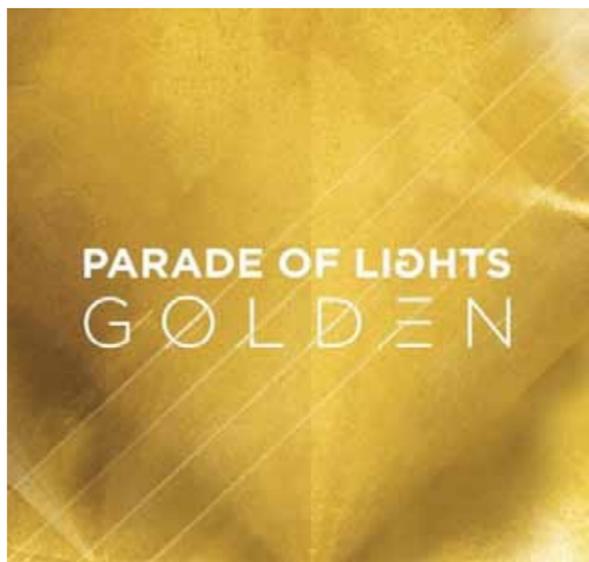
Left: Juniors and seniors alike enjoyed the special last dance of the year at the Aquarium.

Hootie and the Blowfish and Summer Nights

By Andrew Whitacre

As summer approaches, one band comes to mind when I think about firepits, the pool and spending time outdoors. Hootie and the Blowfish is a band from 1994 led by front man and current country musician, Darius Rucker. They are most well-known for their album *Cracked Rear View* which features hits such as “Only Wanna Be With You”, “Running from an Angel” and “Time”. Since *Cracked Rear View* receives most of the attention, not many people have come to listen to and appreciate not only how well Hootie writes songs, but how well they cover and rendition songs. *Scattered, Smothered and*

Covered is a compilation album where Hootie and the Blowfish add their southern, acoustic blend to older songs. “Scattered, Smothered and Covered” is a reference and tribute to Waffle House’s hash-browns with onions and cheese. Hootie and the Blowfish covered some of the songs on the album so well that many people thought they wrote them. The two staples of the album are “I Go Blind”, a song by 54-40 and “Hey Hey What Can I Do”, a Led Zeppelin cover. Darius Rucker’s country singing combined with the heavy acoustic guitar and the catchiness of every song makes Hootie and the Blowfish a must-listen to for those windows down, kind of summer nights.



Parade of Lights on the Rise

By Riley Kinsella

Parade of Lights, a new indie alternative rock band, is rising in popularity.

Bringing an electronic sound to the stage, Parade of Lights brings a sound to the stage which is said to be similar to Imagine Dragons and MGMT. The band enjoys the use of heavy bass with a pop-synth sound, bringing a nice beat to those who enjoy such a genre. Parade of Lights has recently released an EP titled *Golden* with their notable single “We’re the Kids” on the

soundtrack. The band is from Los Angeles, California, and consist of band members Ryan Daly, Anthony Improgo, Michelle Ashley & Randy Schulte. The band is currently is not signed to a record label, but has gained much popularity through internet radio including SiriusXM’s Alt Nation channel.

Parade of Lights is gaining popularity quickly. You can find their newly released EP, “Golden”, on iTunes. The small costs for such an EP is sure to bring a large amount of enjoyment.

In Technology Today: Suspended Animation (Medicine)

By Thomas Hiltz

Science fiction movies have often portrayed the future of medicine having the capability to preserve people for long periods of times, putting them into a deep sleep or freezing them. Well now, some of these futuristic techniques may become a reality in modern medicine.

At a hospital in Pittsburgh, surgeons are allowed to place patients into a state of suspended animation. If a patient arrives with a traumatic injury and attempts to restart their heart have failed they will have their blood replaced with a cold saline solution, which stops almost all cellular activity. At this point, the patient is clinically dead, but if the doctors can fix the injury within a few hours, they can be returned to life from suspended animation by replacing the saline with blood.

The technique of suspended animation officially called “emergency preservation and resuscitation” was first trialed on pigs in 2002. Hasan Alam, working with his colleagues at the University of Michigan Hospital, drugged up a pig, created a massive hemorrhage to simulate a gunshot wound, and

then replaced its blood with a cold saline solution, cooling the pig’s cells to just 50 degrees. After the injury was treated, the pig was gradually warmed back up by replacing the saline with blood. Usually the pig’s heart started beating on its own, and despite the pig being dead for a few hours, there was no physical or cognitive impairment. The next step in the advancement of this technique is human trials.

For now, this technique will only be used for cardiac arrests following traumatic injuries. In these cases blood will be replaced, just like it was in the pig, with a cold saline solution that will first replace blood in the brain and heart, while the patient awaits treatment in the “suspended state”. The future of this technology? Combining this suspended animation with cryonics, or the iconic freezing of people for long periods of time, could result in someone being “dead” for weeks or even months before being resuscitated. This could also be the beginnings of possibility for century long time travel for those brave enough to enter the state for that many years.



Girl Meets World to Debut on Television

By Neal Stansel

A popular theme in television is creating a spin off, mostly so creators and producers can milk the maximum amount of money possible in a series, but also so fans do not have to part with some of their favorite characters and storylines. Throughout the years in television there has been countless spin offs, some have succeed and some have flopped; *Girl Meets World* is the latest spin off to air on Disney Channel.

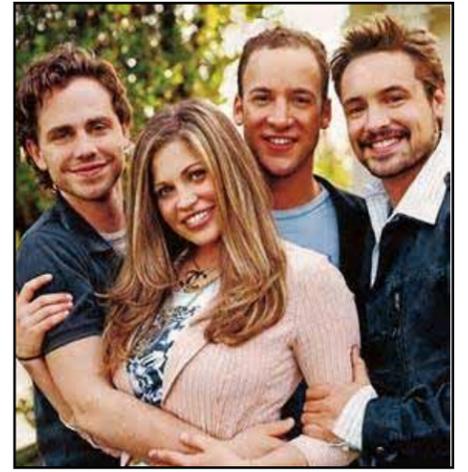
Arguably one of the most popular shows to ever air on ABC was the famous 1990s sitcom *Boy Meets World*. The show aired from 1993-2000 for 7 seasons and told the coming of age story of Cory Matthews and his friends as it followed them from grade school through college. When Disney Channel first announced their spin off *Girl Meets Worlds*, feelings of both excitement and speculation arose among fans of the popular 1990s sitcom; Fans

have always yearned for a reunion show of the original cast, but the thought of a spin off scared avid fans of the show. Disney Channel announced that *Girl Meets World* would bring back actors Ben Savage and Danielle Fischel, who played high school sweethearts Cory and Topanga in *Boy Meets World*, and fast forward 10 years after their marriage and focus on the life of their teenage daughter Riley.

A teaser trailer of *Girl Meets World* was released on April 10th to mixed reviews; some fans were happy to see their favorites characters back on screen again and called the teaser "heartwarming" while others were less than pleased with the preview. My reaction fell into the less than pleased category; for me the preview showed that the spin off had been to Disney Channelified, meaning the acting seemed fake and the characters did not seem real and honest. I remember watching *Boy Meets World* reruns and be-

ing able to relate; the characters and acting were honest and the stories and lesson applied to my own life. Disney Channel is no longer what it used to be. Disney Channel used to produce such great shows such as *Even Stevens*, *That's so Raven*, and *The Suite Life of Zach and Cody*, and now it seems like they are willing to put whatever crappy show they want to on air just to make money. Disney Channel has failed to produce any decent show since *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and I believe they really had a chance to redeem the Disney Channel name with *Girl Meets World*, but failed. Now I know people may say it is too soon to judge the new spin off, but even after 50 seconds of the teaser, I could tell the show would just be another Disney Channel let down.

Girl Meets World airs this summer on Disney Channel, and for me I probably will not tune in to watch.



Are Grades the Way to Go?

By Samuel Hatter

In a recent article read in my English class, we discussed the grading system in our schools. In today's generation many students are faced with the pressure of maintaining awesome grades while also participating in many other activities such as varsity sports, clubs, and community service. Everyone strives to have a well-rounded brag sheet including a high ACT score and a solid GPA so that colleges will admit them and grant them scholarships. Nobody cares about actually learning and retaining the information, they just want to receive the good grade on the test, move on to new information, and forget everything they learned. This is what is

wrong with our school system; the desire to obtain and learn new information in the classroom is dead.

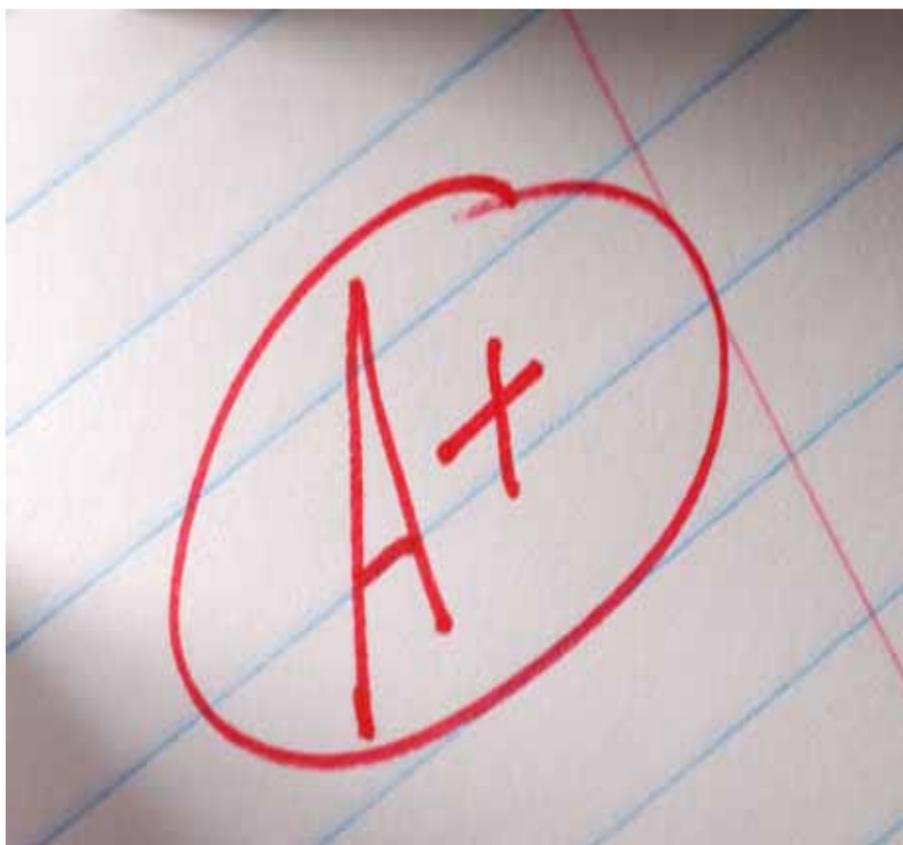
But why is this so? I believe it is because our schooling system is flawed. Teachers give letter grades on tests as a means of showing how well the students does, but how do we know how much the student has actually learned? What is the purpose of giving tests on curriculum when the students just study the night before and never retain the information, as most students do? Personally, I have always had above average grades, but I cannot remember three-fourths of the information I knew for the tests I took because I just memorized it and then moved on. I received the A or

B I needed to retain my GPA and I moved on. I learned virtually nothing. I was too worried about my GPA staying high so that I could get scholarship money for college that I did not focus on actually learning.

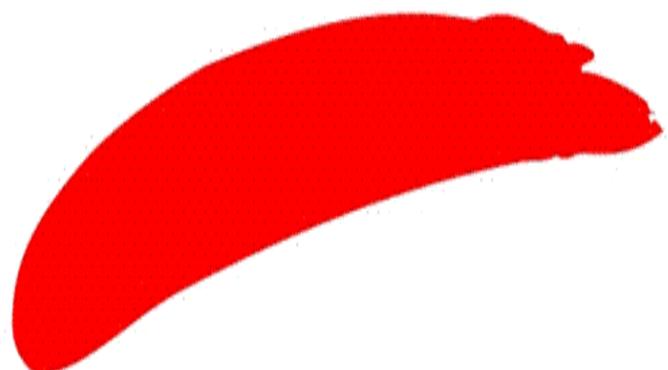
But how do we fix this? I am not entirely sure, but I personally think that it needs to start from the college level. That is what all of the high school student's stress about, is it not? Why do you want good grades? Because you want to learn? Because you want to get into a good college? Because you want a scholarship? Because you want a good ACT score? All of this could be avoided, and the desire to learn could be restored if colleges did not admit applicants based on

ACT score and GPA. I believe that each individual university needs to have its own admittance test and that academic scholarships should be awarded to those who perform the best. Learn the information you need to know for the college that YOU want to go to, not a general test accepted by all universities.

This may not be the only solution and it may not completely help, but I feel as if it is a step in the right direction. Until something changes, students will have a lackluster desire to learn and will skate by with good test grades and no real gain of knowledge, allowing our nation to be surpassed by our competitors in our technological and academic advances.



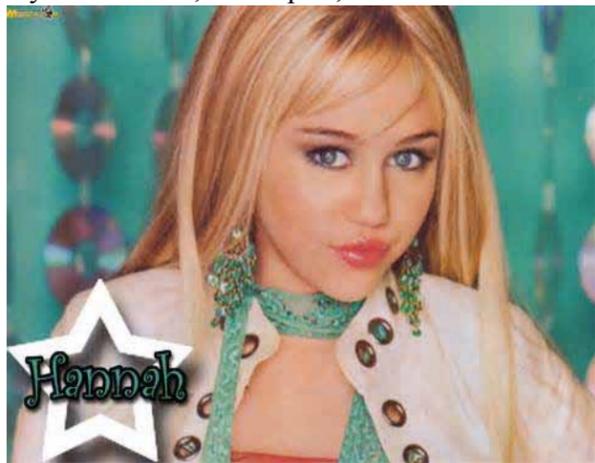
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Disney Stars, Where are They Now?

By Andrew Whitacre

When it comes to influential television stations for the youth of America, Disney Channel definitely tops the list for being one of the most popular channels. As a kid, I watched Disney Channel all the time and I looked up to the child stars on the shows. Stars such as Miley Cyrus, Demi Lovato, Selena Gomez, Dutch Elijah Whitlock, Orlando Brown, Mitchel Musso, Lindsey Lohan and Phil Lewis have found themselves in trouble since their Disney stardom. It is a shame that these stars have such an impact on kids around the country, yet they have gone on to become negative influences. Demi Lovato, *Camp Rock* star, struggled with cocaine abuse after her Disney debut. It's a shame to see such a huge star who I know kids, even my little sisters, look up to, addicted to cocaine.



Lindsey Lohan has also struggled with drugs, alcohol and failed rehabs. Many of the other stars have been recently arrested for DUIs such as Dutch Elijah Whitlock, Orlando Brown and Mitchel Musso. Phil Lewis was charged with manslaughter after killing a girl driving drunk. Last but not least, Miley Cyrus has gone from the sweet Hannah Montana that kids looked up to, to the staple of modern drug and sex culture.

It's a shame to see these huge role models turn into the bad influences that they said they would never be. Miley Cyrus has been quoted saying "drugs and alcohol are for losers" and now she sings about smoking marijuana. Who are the children of today supposed to look up to when all of the biggest names in children's television are sending negative messages after these kids looked up to them so long.



March Madness Recap

By Sam Dressman

The University of Kentucky Wildcats were a surprise underdog going into the tournament. They had the talent to be one of the top ranked teams. It was too bad they played like the 8 seed they received for the tournament. When it was actually tournament time, they showed up. UK ended the a number 1 seed Wichita State's undefeated record. After that it was a battle against rival UofL, but they pulled through. The best moment so far came in the Final Four game versus Wisconsin when they won on a game winning buzzer beater.

It was the championship game that no one realistically expected, but UK fans were rowdy. They had high hopes because the opponent was a 7 seed, University of Connecticut. UCONN had two tough games that came in the Elite Eight which was a tough win, and the Final Four which was a huge upset against overall number 1 seed Florida.

UCONN's strongest play came against UK in the championship. They had the lead all throughout the game, but only by a few points. Eventually UK cut it close and it was a back and forth lead battle winding down to the final minute. Connecticut Guard, Shabazz Napier, came through in clutch to hit a few very important shots. The Cats fell short to UCONN 60-54 in the 2014 NCAA Tournament Championship.

Shark Tank: Killing or Expanding the Entrepreneurial Dream?

By Keith Radcliff

Lately, there has been a lot of buzz circulating around whether *Shark Tank* is truly worth the hype, or whether it is simply just a marketing ploy. In my opinion, I thoroughly believe that this show actually helps to fuel the American Dream by offering a unique outlet for people to fund their ideas and businesses.

For those of you that do not know, *Shark Tank* is a television show on ABC network that involves wealthy investors hearing presentations, negotiating, and possibly investing with business owners and entrepreneurs. The six "1 percent investors" as they are sometimes called (referring to their wealth placing them in the top 1% of the American people according to income) are Mark Cuban (billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks and also highly involved in the technology business), Barbara Corcoran (wealthy and most influential real estate agent and owner in New York City), Lori Greiner (owner of QVC and

also of over 250 utility patents on extremely successful products), Robert Herjavec (millionaire technology mogul), Daymond John (millionaire owner of the national clothing line FUBU), and Kevin O'Leary (billionaire inventor of educational software and other technology products).

Throughout six seasons, these investors have helped to grow and save hundreds of businesses, ranging from start-ups to dormant, and thus radically changing the lives not only of the entrepreneurs they invest in, but also of millions of people by creating jobs in the United States.

In order to convince you that this show truly does foster the American Dream, here are a few of *Shark Tank's* most successful stories. One, in arguably the most successful deal in *Shark Tank's* history, Talbott Teas, a line of designer whole-leaf teas, made a deal with Kevin O'Leary that boosted their company from thousands of dollars in sales up to over a million dollars in just a few short months. Moreover, the

company was recently bought by Jamba Juice for a large, undisclosed amount. Second, Scrub Daddy, a unique smiley face shaped sponge that allows for easy cleaning of common household items, struck a deal with Lori Greiner and now their product is in thousands of stores nationwide, including Wal-Mart and Bed Bath and Beyond, and is grossing over 10 million dollars in sales. Thirdly, The Painted Pretzel, a decorated pretzel stick line, made a deal with Mark Cuban, which caused them to increase their sales by 366%. Also, their company was poorly planned and executed at the time of their presentation, but their undeniable passion for their product allowed them to get a deal— further proving that this show aids in the American Dream.

There is numerous other success stories just like the ones listed above and they were all made possible because of the television show *Shark Tank*, a show that truly fosters hard work, entrepreneurship, and passion for your product.



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Juniors Reflect on Chastity

By Thomas Hiltz

On April 11, Covington Catholic set aside a day for reflection for the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, each with topics and introspection targeted at the respective classes everyday life and decisions.

The junior's day was one focused on purity and chastity as the students near the end of their high school career and become independent adults. The talk by chastity speaker Courtney Brown empowered the students to say no when tempted with pre-marital sex and explored the dangers of doing so. Courtney Brown, who is originally from Louisiana, is described as being extraordinarily gifted when it comes to working with teens. He says he was inspired by faith-filled teachers in high school and he feels called to emulate them by guiding a new generation of teens "to a real encounter with the person of



Christ," as he described his methodology. A dynamic speaker with over 15 years of youth ministry, teaching and retreat experience, he challenges students to live lives of chastity and genuine love. Courtney says he enjoys spending time in prayer and reflection in Adoration, seeking new ways from the Lord on how to bring Christ to the culture. He is husband to his beautiful wife

Kelley, and is father to five wonderful children. Aside from work and home, Courtney trains for triathlons in hopes to compete in an Iron Man and qualify for the World Championship. Courtney has a B.A. in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville and his M.A. in Theology from Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

After Courtney, the day ended with some graduates who returned for a panel discussion about their college experience. These included Charlie Mader, Jacob Futscher, and a friend of theirs.

As they prepare to enter their final year of high school, the juniors have been equipped with important knowledge about mature relationships in their adult lives. Courtney hopes that the day will prove to have a lasting impression on the young men, allowing them to foster relationships based on authentic love and not just shallow attraction.

Sophomore Day of Reflection

By David Wessels

In the days preceding Spring Break, the sophomores embarked on a spiritual journey in the form of a day of reflection for the second time in their high school careers. The retreat is loosely based on the Christian Awakening the seniors take earlier in the year. The day for sophomores consists of short "talks" from seniors about life experiences and lessons learned. The talks are supplemented with self-evaluation exercises presented by senior leaders.

Senior Alec Kaelin kicked off the day with a speech regarding his family. How we need to appreciate the people that love us the most and never take the time we spend with them for granted. Next, Christian Stewart followed up on the subject of family, and talked about his experience

with the difficulty of trusting his family and loving them despite misfortune and adversity in their lives. Matt Ellison talked about social anxiety, both in his life and how it may apply to the sophomores in their lives. Austin Oberhausen addressed the issues in his life with social pressures and how he was able to overcome temptations from his peers and seize control of his bad habits. Ben Hepler, the senior leader of the entire retreat, closed the day with a speech he had prepared advocating the embracing of one's time at Covington Catholic and how the sophomores will remember it for the rest of their lives.

As the day began winding down, the sophomores came to the end of the day carrying some helpful insight that maybe they had not known before. They learned it in the best way possible, from peers that they respected and trusted.



Above: In an icebreaker activity, Justin Spillers, Teddy Bilott, and Ben Darpel scramble to find an empty chair.

A Wake-Up Call for the Freshmen

By Samuel Hatter

Friday, April 11, 2014, was the annual Covington Catholic Freshman Day of Reflection, a day in which the students in the freshman class take a deep look into their lives.

Led by the seniors, the freshmen entered the eerie gym finding several people in white hoods splashing them with "holy water" while Gregorian Chant filled the room. Curious and scared, the freshmen looked at their peers with no idea of what to do. Rector Matt Schmahl then took the microphone to tell them that their day would feature an opening mass, several decades of the rosary, and then another closing mass, resulting in many dropped jaws from the freshmen. Fr. McDole followed that by calling out the freshmen for being "the worst class he has ever seen and for making him want to leave CCH and even stop being Catholic." This scared the daylights out of the freshmen before I quickly turned



on techno music, and a dance party ensued.

The first talk of the day was Brian Menke who gave the "Who am I" talk. He was then followed by Max Boyle who gave the same talk before the freshmen participated in a group activity trying to find themselves. The "How Do I Fit In"

was next and Alex Matos led off speaking about his past before Adam Herrmann talked about his journey to CCH. Next was the "A Look Back" talk given by seniors Mark Schult and Connor Stein who spoke about times in their lives that they have looked back upon and regretted and encouraged the freshmen to "look back" every now and then. The final talk, "Goals for the Future," was given by rectors Matt Schmahl and Sam Burchell who both talked about persevering through times of adversity and not being complacent. After these activities the freshmen were encouraged to write themselves letters that they will receive later in life.

Overall the day was a major success. Many students learned more about themselves and each other, ultimately laying the foundation to flourish at CCH and build new friendships. All of the talks were fantastic and the seniors did a great job organizing the day. Both the seniors and freshmen had fun, making it a great day.

Covington Catholic Takes the Spotlight at Great American Ballpark



By Riley Kinsella and Jake Kleier

Wednesday, April 30 proved to be an eventful day at Great American Ballpark, home of the Major League Baseball Team the Cincinnati Reds. The Covington Catholic Chamber Choir was selected to sing the National Anthem, the 2014 Basketball State Championship Team was acknowledged, and two Covington Catho-

lic students were allowed access to view what goes on behind the scenes at Great American Ballpark.

Students Jake Kleier and Riley Kinsella received access to view batting practice prior to the game, along with a tour of the press conference room where they were able to talk to several staff regarding the release of news information and other media related topics. This opportunity to discuss such topics was made possible through the journalism class that is available to students at Covington Catho-

lic High School. Students within the class work on the yearbook and school newspaper, along with numerous smaller projects throughout the course of the year. Mr. Butcher is the director of media relations and talked us about what he looks for when hiring interns and his routine at the ballpark. Mr. Hawthorne is the Senior Man-

ager of Consumer Clubs and Player Relations. His main job is to promote the Reds to the youth of the area, with clubs such as Reds Rookies, the Reds Heads Kids Club, and the newest addition, Club Red. One of the main topics discussed at the "Reds Media Day" was the newly introduced "Club Red", a club open to teens between the ages of 13 and 18 that offers several perks that include Reds tickets, a Beach Waterpark day pass, and many other benefits. Batting practice prior to the game served to be the most eventful activity, as numerous foul balls were hit in the viewer's general direction and Third Baseman Todd Frazier stopped by to take pictures with students attending the Reds Media Day.

Although the Reds lost to the Cubs by an embarrassing score of 9 to 4, the night was most enjoyable. If you are interested in activities such as this, talk to Mrs. Ruth of the English Department regarding enrollment in the Journalism class at Covington Catholic High School next year.

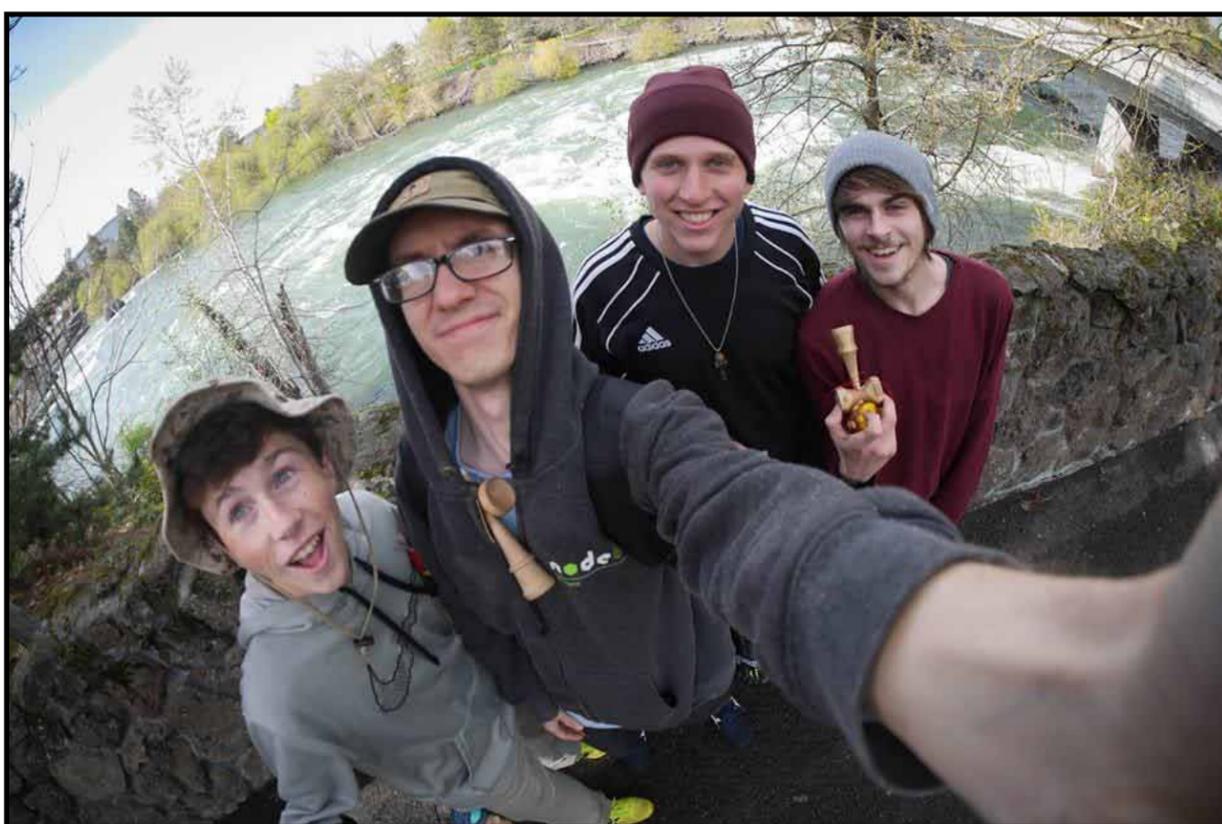
Fischer Makes His Mark in Kendama

By Mrs. Diane Ruth/Sam Uhlman

Kendama is a toy that has been popular in Japan. While it may appear simple at a first glance, kendama is much deeper with more than 1000 different techniques to master. Anyone can play the game with the benefits of developing concentration and perseverance. But in this era it is no longer just a child's toy; it has become a competitive sport with competitions all over the world.

Our own Colonel sophomore Jake Fischer took up the hobby before he entered the 8th grade. He saw some others playing with kendama and was hooked. So Jake has been busy mastering the techniques and showing everyone just how it is done. In fact, Jake is now a Jr. Pro at Kendama Co only because of his age. Once he turns 18 he will become a full-time member of the professional team that travels across the country to events and will be paid via Pro Model sales, event incentives, and various other avenues. "Jake is highly regarded as one of the best players in the country," said Sam Uhlman, Founder of Kendama Co. He confirmed the community's belief of his skill set when he performed at his first major event during the SpoTown Throwdown.

Spotown Throwdown is an annual event that two of our pros, Daniel Robinson and Kris Bosch, in collaboration with Kendama Co, began hosting in Spokane, Washington. Spokane has always been one of the largest markets for kendama (as well as the rest of the Northwest), so it is the perfect place for an event. At competitions there are various events and games that participants compete in. At this event there was a 4x4 competition that Jake's team won. During this competition "tricks" were pulled from a hat and a member of the team had to land the trick the first try or the team would get a point, and the other team must land the trick as well. The event is to 12 points. The tricks rotated throughout the members of the team so everyone must participate and not just one member of the team who may be the better player does it all. There was no judging on the skill or ability of the player only if they properly landed the trick.



At most battles there is an event called a "battle". During a battle the event is broken into groups from beginner to professional. In a battle there is a ladder of tricks, usually 6-7 tricks long that the contestants must land every trick in a row to advance. The top three from each division win an award. This event is also not judged for skill or ability but only to verify the trick was completed appropriately. The only judged event is when there are "freestyle" events at competitions. During these events each participant has the opportunity to showcase their best trick and combination and then they are judged on difficulty of trick, fluidity, and style. The judges are highly respected members of the community that do not have direct affiliations with the participants. The grading level at events is broken up into beginner, intermediate, advanced, and pro. Aside from professional, the participant chooses which division to compete in based on their skill level. Since kendama is a tight-knit community it is generally a fair competition. The professional division is reserved for players who are sponsored by one of the major competitions and is in

general a fun showcase event for the audience where fans can see their favorite player compete in front of them.

Jake has been to Elkton, KY, and Washington State for competitions. KendamaCo saw his talents displayed via internet and offered him a sponsorship which enables him to compete at these different battles. Jake hopes to travel to Sacramento at the end of this month.



Above: Jake Fischer, far left; John Akin from WA; Chad Covington from Guthrie, KY; and Zacary Benjamin from WA.

NEHS Hosts Coffeehouse Event

By Keith Radcliff

On the eve of April 24th our very own National English Honor Society sponsored the much anticipated Coffee House event.

The Coffee House event is a gathering in the Covington Catholic's multipurpose room where aspiring musicians, poets, artists, and everyday people present their artistic talents. In addition, NEHS provides countless free food and drink options that ranged from delicious desserts such as brownies and cookies to coffee, tea, and water; the refreshments were available to the performers as well as the audience. The night was filled with numerous performances ranging in all talent levels. Overall, the most popular act of the night was reading original or clique poetry and short stories; however, some people shined and stood out from the rest of the crowd. Blake Nelms read selections from his

personal diary, offering an inspirational outlook into life and the world beyond. The funniest act of the night was Christian VanDusen reading a selection from Romans 3 about the Jewish life in the Old Testament; it is rumored that he did it as a tribute to Coach Andolina, the Cov Cath religion teacher. Members from our very own Covington Catholic Chamber Choir performed selections from their upcoming concert, giving the audience a sneak peek of the magic to come at the spring choral concert. Also, Will Rietzes performed some of his original rap music. Moreover, several girls from Notre Dame Academy came over to enjoy the event as well as perform. Maria Schaefer played the Ukelele, while other NDA girls beautifully sang original songs.

The night was a complete success and set up a tradition that is sure to continue for many years to come.



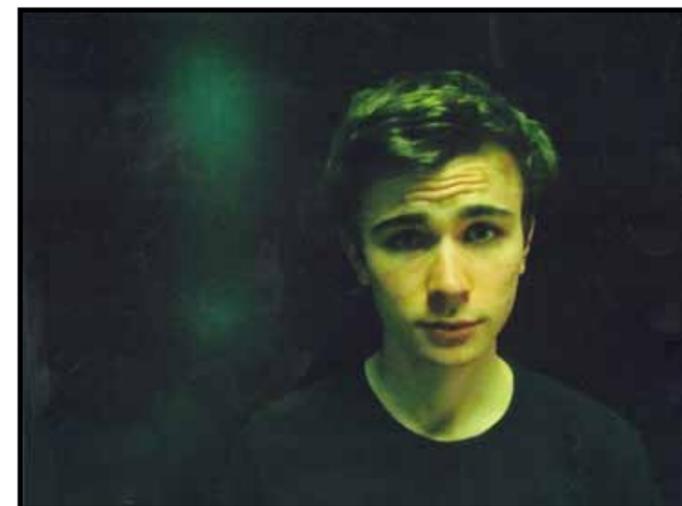
From Stand-Up Comics like Christian Stewart to Rap Artists Will Rietzes and Blake Nelms to Pianists Zach Meyers and Interpretative Dancer Max Schaefer, the NEHS Coffeehouse had something for everyone.



2nd Place: Kurt Stegman



3rd Place: Garrett Atchison



1st Place: CJ Voorhees



Honorable Mention: Sean Buckley

Picture Perfect

By Brian Menke

Recently, the Photo Club hosted their Annual Photo Contest. Numerous students and faculty submitted pictures to be judged by professionals in various literary fields. Over ten photos were submitted for the competition and in the end three were selected as winners along with an honorable mention.

The Honorable Mention this year was awarded to Junior Sean Buckley for his close-up picture of the cat of fellow Junior Kurt Stegman. Buckley received a prize of 35 dollars for his picture. In third place receiving 50 dollars was Senior Garrett Atchison for his vibrant nature photo entitled "Butterfly on Flower". The second place prize of 75 dollars was awarded to Junior Kurt Stegman for his close-up portrayal of a leaf encased in ice. Finally, in first place receiving the grand prize of 100 dollars was Junior C.J. Voorhees. His photo is a portrait of fellow Honorable Mention winner Sean Buckley. The picture was chosen for its stark contrast, originality, and intriguing emotional display of the subject.

This year's competition was one of the most competitive to date. Since many of the contestants were underclassmen, the competition looks to become even more competitive in the coming years.

Offensive Explosions

By Johnny Thiel

The Varsity Baseball Colonels are off to a red hot start with a record of nineteen wins and three losses due largely to their explosive offense.

The Baseball Colonels' offense is led by Seniors Grant Schreiver, Ben Heppler, Brian Radcliff, Adam Atkinson, Nick Pope, Juniors Nate Bailey, Noah Galvin, and Sophomore Sensation Will Heppler. Through twenty one games the Colonels are averaging nine and a half runs per game. Over their recently ended thirteen game winning streak the Colonels beat their opponents by an average of an outstanding ten runs per game which caused eight of the thirteen games to end before the seventh inning. The Colonels have hit six home runs so far two by Nick Pope and Noah Galvin, and then one by Grant Schreiver and Adam Atkinson



Above: Shortstop Tyler Langguth prepares to put one out there for the team.

The Colonels are led defensively by their captains Catcher Nick Pope and Left Fielder Brian Radcliff along with Third Basemen Ben Heppler, Center Fielder Adam Atkinson, and Right Fielder Grant Schreiver. While at times unsteady, the Colonels rely heavily on their pitching to keep their opponents off the score board. Junior Adam Ruwe has been the most outstanding Pitcher early in the season giving up only six earned runs through six starts, and when the Colonels are looking to end the game they bring in their side armed closer Senior Tommy Lawler.

The Colonels hope to continue to have huge offensive games and improve on their defense in hopes of defending their District Title and accomplish their goal of capturing the elusive Regional Title. Fan support is always welcomed by the Baseball Colonels.

Right: Coach Krumpelbeck works his magic on his players.



High Expectations for JV Baseballers

By Jake Kleier

The JV baseball team is off to a great start despite injuries thanks to the depth of the team. The team has a record of 9-1 as of April 14, putting them as one of the best teams in the region.

The JV baseball team, coached by John Michels and Roy Daines, has been excellent so far this season. Many of the starters are back for their second JV season since they played JV as freshmen last year. This is an advantage because they are already familiar with the coaching staff and the high expectations of the team, a luxury most other teams do not have. So far this season, despite all the injuries, the Colonels have outscored their opponents by a whopping score of 74-31 through 8 games. This is mostly because of a high powered offense led by Cameron Pitzer, Decker Schwartz and Tyler Langguth. But

every baseball fan knows a team cannot be effective without a good pitching staff and defense.

The JV baseball team has some of the best pitchers in the region including Robbie Young, Ryan McGinness, Cameron Pitzer, and freshmen Ryan Eckerle and Ben France. Along with a good pitching staff, the team also features top defenders. Led by shortstop Tyler Langguth and centerfielder Matthew Thiel, the Colonels do not give away runs by committing errors.

The team is looking to finish first in the region after a disappointing loss last year. While the team is already one of the best in the region, they will get better once injured players Matt Rose, Adam Piccirillo, Nick Stegman, and Cameron Pitzer recover. When they return, the other teams better watch out for the CovCath JV baseball team.

Freshman Lose Key Player

By Tommy Lawler

The Freshman Baseball Colonels, coached by Mark Bogenschutz, are off to a great start this year. Posting a stellar 8-3 record, the freshman Colonels have beaten perennial powerhouses such as Ryle, Conner, and McNicholas. Their only losses have come against Ryle, Beechwood, and Elder. Led by pitchers such as Jack Tenhundfeld and Gunnar Schuh, the Colonels have been able to keep most of their games to low scores. Catcher Max Schrand has also done a tremendous job behind the plate, keeping base steals to a low number.

Although the Colonels have had some

highs to their season, they have also had some lows; Hunter Ziegelmeyer, a key player for the freshman squad, injured his wrist recently. After breaking the growth plate in his wrist, Zeigelmeyer will be forced to sit out the remainder of the season. This is a significant blow to the Colonels, as Zeigelmeyer was a starter and was playing very well.

With games remaining against teams such as Highlands, Conner, and Moeller, the freshman baseball squad looks to finish out their season with a win. Good luck to the Colonels in the Freshman Regional Tournament! Bring home a championship for Covington Catholic!



Pitcher Gunnar Schuh shows the Dixie Colonels his pitching skills.

Great Expectations

By Brian Menke

Spring is here and after the long cold winter the CCH Track Colonels have finally taken to the pavement for the 2014 season.

Nearly all of the Varsity athletes from last season have returned including strong distance Seniors Sean Panoushek, Brian Menke, and Bradley Couch. Other returning athletes are Junior sprinter Logan McDowell, Sophomore hurdler Nick Jacobs and Senior Pole Vaulter AJ Skubak. Joining the returning athletes is a large group of new faces. One of the most influential additions to the track team so far this season has been Junior Jake Erpenbeck. Already this season, Jake has broken the 100m school record while closing in on others. In addition, several freshmen have made contributions to the varsity team including Henry Toebbe and Jordan Tumber, who add to the already talented sprint squad.

On the Junior Varsity side of the team, notables include 800m runner Ben Thieman, freshman distance runner Jason Krebs, and sophomore distance runner Thomas Ziegler.

The Track Colonels started off the season with a win at Boone Relays before going to Christian Academy of Louisville where they placed 3rd as a team amongst a highly talented field of schools. They Colonels then travelled to Ohio for several consecutive meets, where they placed well in each meet. The sprint team continued to dominate competition throughout, while distance runners racked in substantial points also. At the NKAC Conference Meet held at Scott High School, the Colonels faced large school competition and came in second by only one point to Ryle.

The Track Colonels have high hopes for the remainder of the season. Upcoming meets include Diocese, Regionals, and State. They look to be within striking distance of a win at all three of these meets as competition intensifies and the athletes peak for the end of the season.



Senior Colin Cummings looks strong in the Conference meet.



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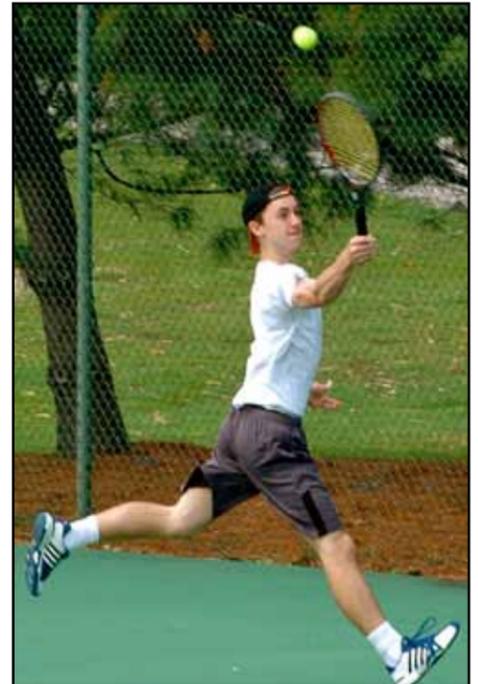
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Tennis Sweeps Through Season



Above: Senior Danny Schlachter practices his backhand.

By Evan Braun

The Tennis Colonels are something to look out for this season with many talented players and a staff group composed of many experienced coaches. With the season almost over, the Colonels are definitely proving themselves to everyone as they sweep through their schedule. The W/L ratio is one of the best we have ever seen compared to recent Tennis years, hopefully the colonels can keep up their speed and stay on the right direction.

JV Tennis, led by Head Coach Mr. Hertsenberg and Assistant Coach Ms. Lindy Blankenbuehler, have proved themselves so far with a 6-2 season. The season started low with a loss to Villa Madonna but eventually picked up to their winning season against many well-known teams like Holy Cross, Beechwood, and Campbell County. As of right now, the JV Colonels just finished up with the finals and have found impressive results. Evan Wall and Will Neltner won the doubles event in the semifinals and Blake Heimbrooke took singles; a very impressive accomplishment by the JV Colonels!

The Varsity Tennis Colonels are definitely something to watch! Led by Head Coach, Mr. Hertsenberg, the Colonels marched down their schedule with ease, beating impressive teams such as Elder, Highlands, Lexington Christian Academy, Ryle, Connor and even Lexington Catholic. With just a few games left the varsity Colonels prepare for their hardest challenges soon to come, the final events. The talent on this team is something not to miss in the upcoming regional tournament and soon after, the state championship event. Show some support for our Tennis Colonels and attend the events to help them take state! Good luck, Colonels.

Lacrosse

By Sam Dressman

The Varsity Lacrosse team is currently 4-2 right now. They will be going to the state tournament in Lexington in May. The team was expecting a great year coming into the season. Many returning starters came back, and people were looking forward to seeing Junior stand-out, Alex Beckes. Sadly, he tore his ACL just a few weeks before the season.

Something positive about the team is the new coaching staff.

The team lacked enthusiasm and team work. These new coaches have shown great leadership. Sam Burchell, a football player and returning starter, has also shown leadership. Unfortunately, he broke his foot just a few games into the season. Freshman Andrew Mullen shows a lot of skill and his potential to be something special by playing a big role for a little guy.

Week 1 was a victory against South Oldham. Their second win was week two against Northern Kentucky Warriors. The first loss

came in week 3 against Henry Clay, the defending state champs. It was a close game, but in week 4 they defeated Dixie on a last second shot. The last win was against Woodford County, followed by the last game, a loss to Sayre County.

With the season ending and state around the corner, we wish the Colonels Lax team the best of luck. Hopefully, they can pull through the loss of important players, and find a way to go all the way.

Frisbee League Ends Season

By Michael Brunot

The 2014 C.C.A.C.U.F.L. (Cov Cath Art Club Ultimate Frisbee League) season has come to an end. This year only had four teams in the league but they did not fail to entertain.

The four senior team captains this year were Daniel Chal, Adam Holstein-Seibert, Tyler O'Connell, and Matt Ellison. Because there were only four teams, the season only consisted of three games. Heading into the tournament, Holstein-Seibert was the favorite to win, ranked first in the bracket. Team Chal was ranked second while Team O'Connell was ranked third, and Team Ellison was

ranked fourth. The tournament was a two and out format, so in the first round Chal lost to Holstein while Ellison lost to O'Connell. In the second round Holstein advanced to the championship beating O'Connell while Chal also advanced to the championship beating Ellison.

Team Holstein-Seibert, like predictions, made it to the championship and faced off against Team Chal, who came back from the loser's bracket to make it into the championship. The game, being highly anticipated, lived up to expectations. The games consisted of three eight minute periods, but that was not enough for a team to come out victorious. As time expired, the

two teams were tied 2-2 and were forced to go to sudden death. Once in sudden death though, Team Chal stepped up their game and scored a point making them the 2014 Ultimate Frisbee League Champions. While Team Holstein-Seibert could not live up to expectations, Team Chal took advantage of their lack of play and won the championship.

The season was competitive all the way through and ended in exciting fashion. Team Chal will go down in Ultimate Frisbee history as the underdog that beat the best. Hopefully, next year will be just as exciting.

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