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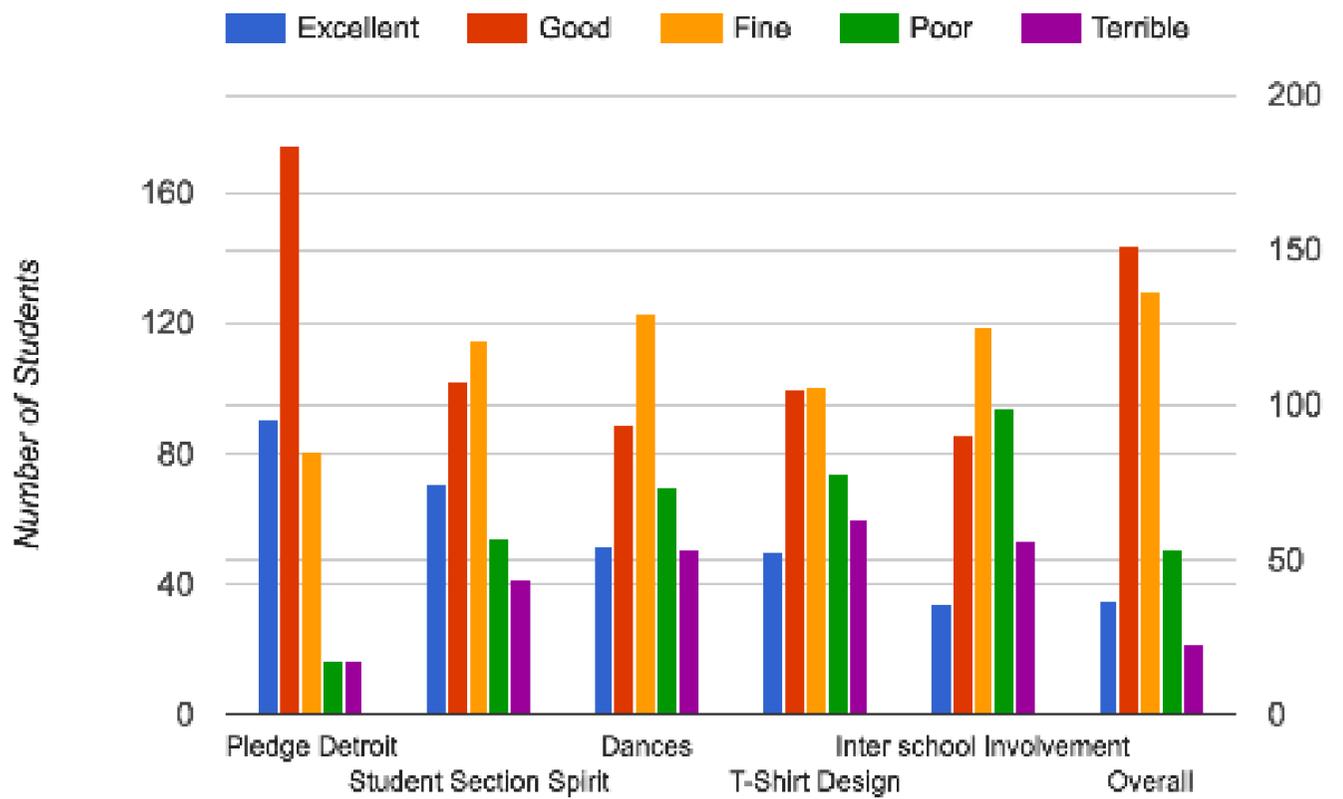
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Survey offers Senate feedback



Sean Butler '18
Writer

As the process for selecting next year's officers of the Student Senate begins, *The Cub News* asked the student body to respond to questions about this year's Senate and its accomplishments. The survey asked students about their overall satisfaction in the following areas: the Senate itself, Pledge Detroit™, student section spirit, school dances, spirit shirt design, and involvement with other schools. The survey also asked about approachability, campaign promises, advertising, and about reaching out to underclassmen. Upon analyzing the data, it is clear that the student body feels that the Senate has performed well throughout the school year. While students see room for improvement in many areas, overall, the student body is satisfied with the Senate.

An important point of note when drawing conclusions on this year's Student Senate is realizing the challenge of running the group without a permanent faculty moderator. Operating without a consistent "go to" person proved not to be a major stumbling block, though, as the Senate officers have successfully organized and executed events. Matt Lowe '17, Vice-President of the Senate, expressed the difficulty in helping run the Senate without a moderator: "It can lead to an array of problems from late advertising for sporting events or not being able to sell tee shirts anytime other than 6th period lunch."

To compensate, the leadership of the Senate, especially the officers, have taken on larger responsibilities and have had an increased role in the overall organization of the group. Most Cubs ranked the overall performance of the Student Senate as favorable. Out of the 390 surveyed, 282 students ranked the Senate's overall performance as either 'good' or 'fine.' In terms of students' feedback on specific events and ideas, feedback was again generally positive. The highest achievement of the Senate based on student

feedback was PledgeDetroit!, as 275 of those surveyed believed the Senate did an "excellent" or "good" job. The lowest scoring question, involvement with other schools, is quite interesting due to increased activities with schools like Mercy, including the joint homecoming game and an upcoming dodgeball tournament. Clearly, Cubs feel that even more activities with other schools would help make the experience for students here at The High that much better.

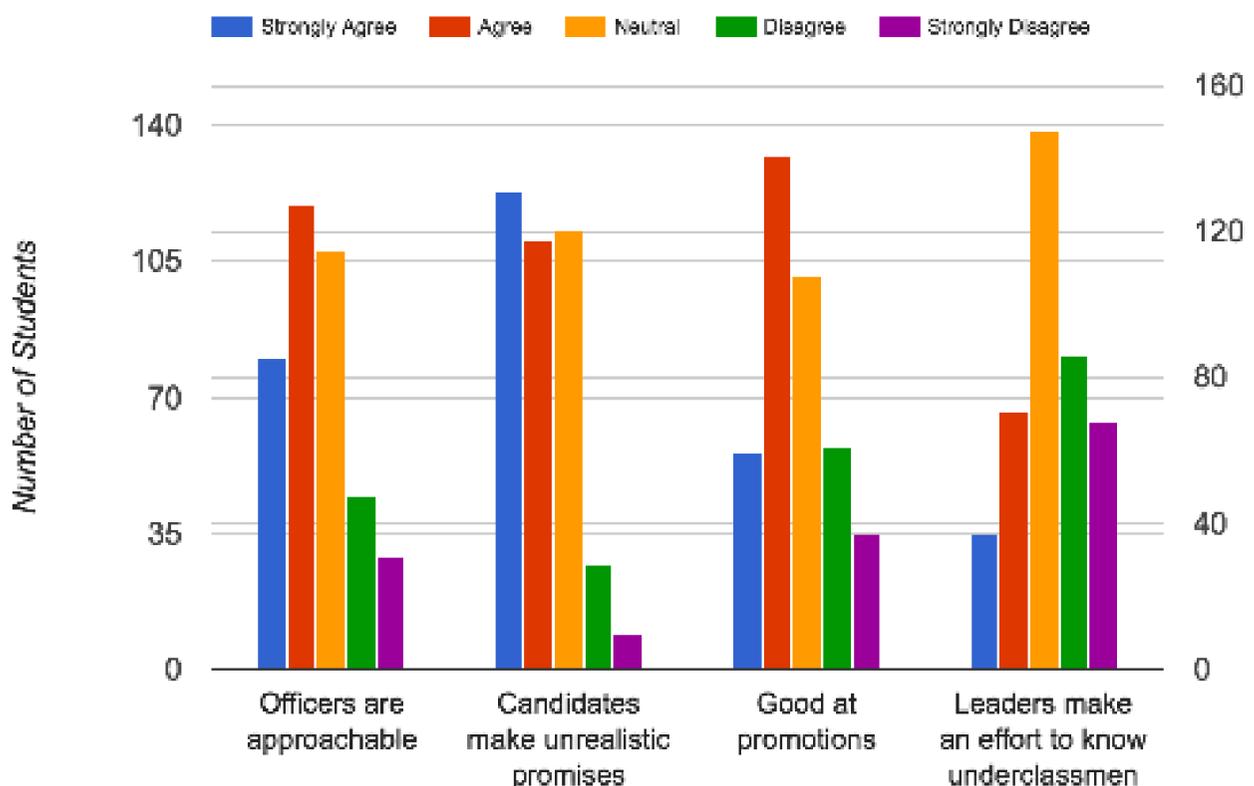
Students took note of the accessibility of the Senate office as well as the Senate's promotion of events. Over 200 "strongly" or "agreed" that the Senate has done a good job in the promotion of events. One important area in which the student body agreed is that during campaign season, potential officers make too many promises that seem unrealistic or undeliverable.

241 students either "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that the promises made by candidates seem difficult to achieve, and many called on future officers to focus on smaller ideas and projects. This should serve as a warning for potential candidates this year.

Overall, it is clear that this year's Student Senate has worked extremely hard to help make the U of D Jesuit experience positive for all students. Although there are areas where the students feel improvement is needed, the positive trends illustrate confidence that the Student Senate is helping to be the voice for the Cub student community.



The Homecoming Game -- Photo by: Donovan Ervin



What's Happening at The High

Students' suggestions to Senate

What has been the single greatest achievement of the Student Senate this year?

"They've been able to operate effectively despite not having a set moderator which is pretty impressive. They are also much more diverse and representative of the student body as a whole as opposed to some of the past Senates who were very caucasian."

"The Senate did an excellent job with PD! and I think the prizes were much better."

"From my experiences, Homecoming Spirit Week was a very exciting, fluid week. It was very fun"

"I would definitely say the Icebreaker was the single greatest achievement along with homecoming."

"The election bit for Pledge Detroit was pretty funny."

"Reforming the Cub Companion system"

What should the Senate be doing that it is not?

"The Senate officers should try to make more realistic promises that they can deliver on."

"Ask the students what they want to see, not just assume they'll go to scheduled events."

"More organized student sections. Most just descend into chaos due to a lack of leadership and student involvement."

"The Senate needs to communicate events better. Half the time I don't hear about things till they are already happening. The Senate needs to promote and support non-athletic events."

"They should vastly improve their dances, including bringing back the February Dance, and possibly adding more, and re-energizing the student sections at sporting events, which have been smaller and less enthusiastic in past years."

BASE embodies spirit of Black History Month



Luciano Marcon '17
Writer

The point of Black History Month, established in 1926, is to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans. For many years, African American achievements were neglected, which resulted in a lack of awareness of what African Americans have contributed to the national and global success throughout the country's history. The celebration of Black History Month has heightened this awareness within all cultures.

In recent years, the celebration of Black History Month has been watered down to a few names, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X, to the point where most people cannot recall the facts about these prominent figures or any other historical black figure.

Black history and the awareness of the Black community's contributions to society are extremely important to the overall culture at U of D Jesuit. These contributions were the basis and back drop for the creation of the Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE). On Wednesday, July 25, 1990 Rob Bryant, Damon Harvey, Ron Robinson '75 (the Michigan Assistant Attorney General at the time) and Robinson's parents created the blueprint for BASE, taking a leadership role rarely seen in the early 1990's. Former faculty member Mr. John Tenbusch served as the group's advisor. During the 1990-91 school year the group submitted a proposal for BASE to become an officially recognized group at U of D Jesuit. BASE held its first conference on February 8, 1992, inviting students from Mumford, Renaissance, Mercy, Cranbrook, and University Liggett high schools.

BASE has continued to grow at The High with the February Con-



BASE leaders discuss the upcoming Convention

vention being the organization's major annual event. During the convention local high school students are invited to discuss different topics pertaining to the African American community. This year's BASE Convention is celebrating 25 years of student activism. BASE will host two events on February 25th to commemorate the anniversary. The Convention is scheduled from 9:00am to 1:00pm with student forums hosted by U of D Jesuit,

Mercy, Regina, and Grosse Pointe South high schools. The theme for the gathering is "The Power to Unite" with Robert Simmons III, PhD delivering the keynote address. Admission to the event includes lunch and a BASE spirit shirt. This day will conclude with the 25th Anniversary Black Alumni Dinner. Founding members of BASE Robert Bryant, Herman Jenkins, Paul Carr, and other notable contributors will be in attendance.

The primary objective of the Black Awareness Society for Education is to create unity within the school while sharing a commitment to a positive educational experience for all African Americans. BASE offers an ongoing invitation to all members of the U of D Jesuit community to this year's convention. Matt Lowe '17 said, "I consider BASE important because it gives students an opportunity to learn about history. One of the things I like most about BASE is

that it focuses on brotherhood....If more students participated in BASE, the organization and the brotherhood within the student body would improve tenfold."

The best way to implement a constructive change within any institution is through ongoing dialogue, and BASE offers such a forum because of how inclusive it is. Ian Mulhern '17 said, "I feel when white kids come to this school they feel like BASE isn't for them; that it's just for black students. I wish more white students participated in BASE because it's very important to the school. BASE is incredibly important to how I view social issues."

Over the last few years, Moderators Kyle Chandler '99 and Malcolm J. Teasdale have implemented a series of educational/cultural field experiences, including trips to Cincinnati, Chicago, and, this year, Washington D.C.. These experiences have provided an opportunity for participating BASE members to visit universities, colleges, museums, and forums with alumni.

New faces here at The High



Brendan Hogan '17
Writer

Walking down the halls these past few weeks, one might have noticed a few new faces in the building. This semester, University of Detroit Jesuit added three new teachers to its staff: a freshmen Social Studies teacher, a student teacher from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a Jesuit novice.

Joining the social studies program, Elisabeth Wood is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned two degrees—one in Japanese and the other in education. In fact, it was during her time at U of M when she met Mr. Trudel, who introduced her to The High.

Settling into her new position, Ms. Wood has already felt quite impressed by the students, whom she describes as being incredibly polite. "I've never had to open a door here while walking in the hall," she commented. "It's such a blessing."

Ms. Wood currently splits her time between working for the Faith and Service Office in the mornings and teaching freshmen World History in the afternoons.

Outside of school, Ms. Wood does just about everything—or as she puts it, "I'm pretty high energy." She cooks, bakes, sews, runs, hikes, and will do just about anything involving animals. Ms. Wood says that she would love to talk to anybody who wants to stop by. "Especially if you have a good animal story," she added.

Also in the Social Studies program, Paul Bitetti is joining classes at the High as a student teacher in Mr. Monck's U.S. History, Economics, and Civil Rights courses. Mr. Bitetti, who visited The High in the past for college classes, is now spending a semester at the school as a requirement to earn his degree in education from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Coming to The High, Mr. Bitetti was very impressed by the high-performing attitude of students. "The levels of intelligence, achievement, and success are really impressive," Mr. Bitetti said.

Outside of student teaching

at U of D Jesuit, Mr. Bitetti plays a lot of lacrosse. He is currently an assistant coach at the University of Detroit Mercy, and he may help out with lacrosse teams at The High come spring.

Mr. Bitetti ended the interview with a comment reminiscent of Ms. Wood's parting words. "I was in your shoes five years ago," he said, and emphasized that, just like Ms. Wood, he is here and excited to talk to anyone about school, sports, or life.

Finally, Liam Brown, nSJ is spending his semester here as part of the novitiate, the first step in Jesuit formation. For Mr. Brown, becoming a Jesuit has been something he has felt called to do since he was a sophomore in high school after he read a book by James Martin, S.J., and "reading it, all I could think was yes." Straight out of high school, Mr. Brown applied and was accepted to the Jesuits.

New to Detroit, Mr. Brown is very impressed by the school's commitment to the city and the vast array of social groups represented at the school. "I think that [diversity] is such a gift to have here," Mr. Brown said. "It makes U of D Jesuit

unique from a lot of other Jesuit schools."

He currently helps out Father Lehane, SJ in seventh grade theology, works in the Faith and Service Office, and does some work in MAGIS as well. He hopes to work more with retreats and other campus ministry activities as he continues his time here.

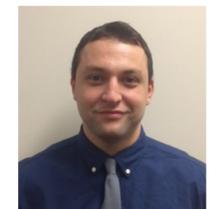
As with every other faculty member interviewed, Mr. Brown emphatically offered his time to any U of D Jesuit student who wants to talk. "If anybody has any questions or doubts or wants to talk about faith or vocation, I'm here—let's talk."

This final statement came to be the common thread among all three new teachers. Without prompting, each one emphasized that they would love to talk to any student about school or life. They also all expressed an appreciation for the high quality of students here and an undeniable excitement about the coming semester.

And University of Detroit Jesuit is excited to have them this coming semester. From *The Cub News* staff and all of the students: "Welcome to The High."



Ms. Wood



Mr. Bitetti



Mr. Brown, nSJ

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Cubs' Impact Produces Difference

Cub alumnus produces Scorsese's film, *Silence*



Ryan Cullen '17
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Individuals who have the most success in their careers are often the ones who possess a passion for what they are doing and a deep understanding of what they hope to accomplish through their work. For many movie producers, bringing a story to life on the big screen that entertains the audience is their main goal. Yet others seek to not only entertain but also give an audience the opportunity to think critically about important matters and find meaning for themselves in their own life. Matthew J. Malek '96, recently fulfilled this role as an executive producer in the Martin Scorsese film *Silence*. The movie tells the story of Jesuit priests in Japan who strive to spread the word of God, but who face immensely difficult obstacles that threaten their faith and their lives.

For Malek, the story is a reminder of his own family. His father, Sal, journeyed with his parents to the United States to escape religious persecution as a Christian in Iraq. "My father and grandparents were forced to leave Iraq because of the lack of religious freedom and tolerance in Iraq... and my grandmother's courage coupled with the Jesuit Fathers' assistance were instrumental in getting him out of Iraq in 1964. As fate would have it Sal Malek ended up in Detroit and graduated in the class of '67 at U of D."

Matthew Malek's time at U of D Jesuit was marked by a deeper understanding of his faith. "A.M.D.G. is, without question, the thing that stuck with me the most... it made me cognizant of the need to serve God and look outside of myself in doing so by serving others". While at U of D Jesuit, Malek notes that he never had an interest in pursuing a career in film. Instead, Malek pursued sports and was not only the Catholic League's MVP in Soccer his senior session but now sits in the Catholic League Hall of Fame for Athletics. After The High he focused on an athletic career and was on full scholarship at Villanova University in the Big East as their starting goaltender on the soccer team. Soon after graduation from college, though, Malek made a sharp

turn and joined Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He would go on to study in Rome at the first Jesuit university, the Gregorianum. His studies were cut short in what can only be described as another sharp turn. He ended up spending time in Los Angeles to recover from one of seven spinal surgeries that came as a result of his soccer career. Malek became drawn to the film industry during his time in L.A.. "In hindsight it seems clear that God had something to do with me being in the film business...I've had to work incredibly hard, make wise decisions, and after 10 years of learning, I can say that the last three years have been the most work I've done since being at U of D."

This hard work eventually led to his involvement in Mr. Scorsese's 28 year long passion project, *Silence*, based off the novel written by Shusaku Endo in 1966. Malek first discovered *Silence* at the behest of the now Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron who suggested the novel to him when he was in the seminary. As the lead executive producer he was responsible for orchestrating and putting together a large majority of the financing for the \$50 million film. Malek also worked the entire shooting of the film on set in Taiwan to help Director Martin Scorsese create his masterpiece. Clearly Malek's role was critical to the production of the film, but why should people see it?

"Without question this is one of the most, if not the top, Catholic films ever made. It's the first film that is truly a spiritual exercise and it highlights themes that no other film has attempted to touch while entertaining. It forces people to come to terms with, and understand, their own faith...understand the importance of religious freedom, and come to understand the meaning of mercy."

Malek also made the point that, "In a world where my family was persecuted because of their faith, my father throughout his childhood and my family that still lives in Iraq, there is a need to see the relation this film has to the increasing modern persecution of not only Christians but religious minorities of

all types. This connection makes the film more relevant today than it may have been if it would have been made 10-15 years ago."

Furthermore, Malek noted that *Silence* allows the audience to witness the incredible people of Japan and the struggle that they endured to practice their faith. Malek believes that the Jesuits are not necessarily the central point of the film, but instead, "they are the lens through which we see the power of the poor Japanese people of the 1600's and their true and powerful faith."

The film has received tremendous critical-acclaim and recognition and has been strongly championed by those who have seen the film. But aside from all this, Malek feels that there is an important lesson to take away from this film.

"You are never certain of how God is working in your life and what seemingly difficult and painful things will lead you to your true plan. No matter the obstacles you face, if you are doing it to the best of your ability and in a selfless manner, then God may use you to do something beyond your wildest dreams."

Overall, Matthew Malek's success centers around a dedication to his work and a passion for telling important stories through the medium of film. He thanks the valuable insight he gained here at The High and even sees a strong link from then until now, saying there is likely "little to no chance *Silence* would have gotten made without U of D Jesuit being what it is."



Matthew Malek '96 in Taiwan on the set of *Silence*

Cubs as Cupid



Paul Cataldi '17
Managing Editor

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, Cubs at University of Detroit Jesuit may be scrambling for last minute date ideas that are likely to impress their significant other. Luckily, The High is home to several date experts and connoisseurs who were willing to share some advice on just how to impress that special someone with some great date ideas. Noah Tylutki, '17, provided a good basis for forming any sort of relationship and impressing a significant other. He said, "With the ladies, man, you just gotta be yourself. You can't be a faker." With this advice in mind, there are several places to take that lucky someone on a cold winter day that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Some common suggestions for dates were activities such as ice skating down at Campus Martius. Todd Wilson, Service Director, suggests skating in front of the new Polk Family Penguin Conservation Center and perhaps taking a stroll through the Detroit Zoo. If a date night in downtown Detroit sounds fun, perhaps a visit to the DIA could be a wonderful way to end a night of skating at Campus Martius, as suggested by Carlos Pages, '17. Rosemarie Gonzales, Faith & Service Coordinator, suggests picking your date up early for a sunset walk along the Detroit Riverwalk and then going to Eastern Market or Corktown for something to eat. If this still doesn't seem exciting enough, perhaps a night out at a local theater or at a music venue downtown could be the perfect addition to a sunset stroll through Detroit, Gonzales says. Donovan Ervin, '17, suggests going to a sushi restaurant because, "Sushi

always leads to a second date," and what better way to end a night in Detroit than with a delicious sushi dinner?

If downtown Detroit does not sound appealing, perhaps a visit to downtown Rochester as suggested by Michael Cuschieri, '17. Or, "a stroll through Greenfield Village, sipping hot cider, staring into each other's eyes and watching the fire-works," as suggested by Joseph Gall, Director of Campus Ministry, could be the perfect setting for a romantic evening that's sure to impress. For the more adventurous Cubs, perhaps "going snowboarding or skiing at night and lying on the snow and counting the number of stars" could provide a fun and exciting evening, as suggested by Dawson Meyers, '17. Armand Saavedra, '17, suggested going tobogganing while JP Bauer, '17, suggested getting out of the cold and going to the movies because "it's warm in there". Bauer also suggested going fowling (a combination of football and bowling where participants throw footballs at bowling pins) while Jack Condit, '18, suggested staying in and cooking a Blue Apron meal for that special someone. When asked about his ideal winter date, Jack Glover, '17, suggested, "You can build a snowman, have a snowball fight, drink hot cocoa, build a gingerbread house, eat unbaked Tollhouse cookie dough, and hold hands." With such a plethora of excellent dating ideas from students and teachers here at The High, every student should be able to find something special to do this Valentine's Day that will, hopefully, lead to that coveted second date.



Love expert Paul Cataldi '17 is anxious to help students find their special someone.

40 more years of commitment?



Nicholas Pez '17
Senior Editor

As we celebrate University of Detroit Jesuit's commitment to mission and Detroit, one must look ahead. What will the next 40 years be like? What can the school and community do to continue upholding the school's mission in this accelerating world? Alumnus Dan Malone '71, who served on the school's Board of Directors in the 1990's, was asked about his vision for the ways University of Detroit Jesuit can approach the next 40 years.

There are two key elements to

track as The High approach 2057: community and curriculum. As the school has successfully done in the past, Malone suggests that the school must continue to reach out to the community in Detroit. He says that "people in the community have wondered, 'Do I belong there too?'" as they witness the growth of U of D Jesuit. While the changes in Detroit's urban structure are hard to predict, the community must prepare itself to adopt new methodologies to uphold U of D Jesuit's mission to be a beacon of leadership in Detroit. After all, we are, and always will be, more than a limestone building on Seven Mile. "Its core mission is remarkably similar to what it was when it opened its doors 140 years ago," Malone states. This year, U of D Jesuit is organizing summer programs that encourage kids from the community to

learn during the summer in the new Science and Engineering Center. To embrace a more encompassing worldview, the school has to "build bridges of understanding" with the neighboring community in the coming years. "To some extent," he says, "it is their school too."

One does not need to look so far ahead to notice the acceleration of the world. U of D Jesuit is going to have to continue adapting to rapid changes in technology - for students and for global industries. Just as The High reaffirmed the commitment to the city, in recent years the Cub community has played an active role in updating the school's technological capabilities. Malone points out that upholding this attitude will be even more crucial in the future, as the frontier of automation and artificial intelligence becomes increasingly prevalent in the business

world. Even with such changes in U of D Jesuit's curriculum, "We have a timeless tradition that shall prevail: providing learning of the head

and of the heart." This is what makes U of D Jesuit's education unique. The school cannot avoid thinking about the moral issues that may come with changes in the urban and corporate spheres. It comes down to a fundamental question all students learn to ask: "How do we maintain the dignity of the human person?"

Malone proposes to start nurturing a global community with

other Jesuit schools. With more virtual classrooms, "you interact with them, not just learning the subject matter, but also knowing the other person." Engaging in projects with Jesuit schools worldwide will help "make the world a smaller, more manageable village."

The future is unpredictable, yet people must remember that they have control over their attitude as they approach the future.



The U of D Jesuit tradition is centered on community and curriculum. Will that continue?



Cub Voices Tackle Inauguration

Strong words for America



Jack Glover '17
Senior Editor

The inauguration of a president celebrates a peaceful transition of power engineered by the American voters. This is a process that all Americans should respect and hold as a special event, even if one does not like the incoming president. In the past, the inauguration has always been a special day for Americans, whether they voted for that candidate or not. This year, things were different. The nation did not come together to celebrate this exciting time in history but rather flooded it with nonstop acrimony.

The controversy sparked by the election of Donald Trump reminded me of the election in 2000 between George W. Bush and Al Gore. That was the closest presidential election in the nation's history, with a .009% margin, 537 votes separating the two candidates in the decisive state of Florida. The narrow margin triggered a mandatory machine recount the next day after which Gore requested recounts in four counties, including populous South Florida, as permitted by law. Litigation ensued in numerous counties in both state and federal courts, ultimately reaching the Florida Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. The high court's contentious 5-4 decision in *Bush v. Gore*,

announced on December 12, 2000, ended a statewide recount, effectively awarding Florida's votes to Bush and granting him the victory.

Even though there was a great amount of bitterness over this race, the nation came together at inauguration time and looked to the future with an optimistic eye. Unfortunately, this year that cohesive spirit and optimism seems to have changed.

When the camera found Donald Trump walking down the stairs to step out onto the terrace for his inauguration, he seemed tense; after all, it was the biggest public moment of his life. It marked the beginning of something new, something never done before, and something that could hold the key to a great road lying ahead.

Mr. Trump's address was a militant-like speech lasting about 16 minutes. It was very political and somewhat a departure from the tradition of past presidents. He initially complimented President Obama for being cooperative and accommodating in the transition, but then went on to hammer Mr. Obama's policies. "Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities. Rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation. And an education system flushed with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of all knowledge. And the crime, and the gangs, and the drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential. This American carnage

stops right here, and right now." Mr. Trump aimed to awaken American citizens and light the same fire under them that he has had within himself for the past 14 plus months.

His speech was not only an anti-Democrat oration; Mr. Trump hammered both parties. He added, "We've defended other nation's borders while refusing to defend our own. We've spent trillions and trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay. We've made other countries rich while the wealth, strength and confidence of our country has dissipated over the horizon." These references made by Mr. Trump were targeted at the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, begun by George W. Bush - who was only seated a few feet away, along with Mr. Obama, from President Trump. This made it clear that Donald Trump has no sensitivity to the policies of the past, no matter who was in office.

Mr. Trump directed his main message to his supporters, who are fed up with a political process they believe is not helping them: "Today's ceremony, however, has a very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington D.C and giving it back to you, the people." Mr. Trump went on to tell the American people that there is a new power structure in place; one that is going to break down the entrenched political process. Mr. Trump laid it all on the line: "From

this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this day forward, it's going to be only America first!" Whether he can accomplish that is im-

possible to predict. He has to work through Congress and convince powerful people all over the world to cooperate with him. No president can institute vast change alone.

Whether Mr. Trump's speech was good or bad is up to you. This is what I think: Even though this was not the status quo of inauguration speeches, it was President Trump's way of reiterating to Americans his strong message and strict plan to get America back on track. Donald Trump won the election. Give him a chance, respect the process, and stop the nonsense. The great sense of division that spreads across our country today, like it has never



The Trumps and Obamas share a smile before a large crowd on Inauguration Day

before, is only digging us into a deeper hole. When America is united, America is unstoppable. In the words of our 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, "It's time to remember the old wisdom our soldiers will never forget. Whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots. And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the wind-swept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty creator."

An inauguration of fear



Michael Cushieri '17
Writer

On Friday, January 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. before a relatively small crowd, Donald J. Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States of America. For some, it was a day of celebration, but for others, it was a day of anxiety and fear. Fear of the unknown. Fear that their rights as citizens of the free world will not be safe under a Trump Administration.

After a morning church service, the Trumps joined President and Mrs. Obama for morning tea at 9:30 a.m. Upon their arrival at the White House, I noticed something extremely peculiar. When exiting the vehicle to walk up the steps and greet the Obamas, Trump failed to wait for his wife, Melania, to walk up the steps together. Instead, she followed directly behind him, and walked up herself, carrying a present for Mrs. Obama. He then proceeded to greet both of the Obamas alone, without even turning around to acknowledge his wife. After a brief photo opportunity between the Trumps and the Obamas, Trump proceeded into the White House alone, leaving Melania to be escorted by the Obamas. This act showed the American people that this must not only be his attitude toward Melania, but toward all women. I cannot say that this surprised me after witnessing his campaign. However, he isn't just Donald Trump anymore; he is the President of the United States - the leader of our country. Is this the kind of man we want our children to look up to? Is this the new example of how we treat women in our country? It was only 9:30 a.m. and Trump was already off to a rough start on what was to be a very long day.

At around 10:30 a.m., the Trumps and the Obamas headed to the Capitol for the moment of truth. Both President George W. Bush and Laura Bush were in attendance, but his father, President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, remained in Texas due to illness and could not be in attendance. Next to the Bush family was former Presi-

dent Bill Clinton, and the one most were paying attention to during the ceremony, former Secretary of State and 2016 Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton. "I'm here today to honor our democracy & its enduring values. I will never stop believing in our country & its future," she tweeted out earlier that day. Although it had been an incredibly tough loss for her, Secretary Clinton made her support for the peaceful transfer of power very clear.

Soon, it came time for the swearing-in ceremony to begin. It was a heart-wrenching moment when Barack Obama and Joe Biden made their final appearances as President and Vice President of the United States. Over the past eight years, America was able to witness a remarkable friendship that grew between the two, a friendship that captured the hearts of many Americans. For me, both President Obama and Vice President Biden represented so much hope and progress within our country.

When it came time for President Trump to make his entrance, he greeted the crowd not with a simple wave, but a giant, cheesy "thumbs-up!" He greeted his family, as well as the Obamas and Joe Biden. The ceremony continued as usual with the Honorable Roy Blunt giving his opening statements, followed by the opening prayers. Mike Pence was sworn in as Vice President at 11:54 a.m., placing his hand on his own personal Bible as well as the Bible of Ronald Reagan. Donald Trump was sworn in as President at noon by Chief Justice John Roberts, followed by "Hail to the Chief" and the 21-gun salute.

Next, it came time for President Trump's inaugural address, and I can say it was anything but impressive. Once again, he started with his obnoxious go-to thumbs-up, and thanked the American people. He began his address by stating his new effort to "rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people." This very first statement perplexed me. Is Donald Trump really going to fight for the rights of all American citizens, or only those *he* considers to be citizens? He expresses his gratitude for the Obamas and their "gracious aid" in the peaceful transition of power. This is coming from the man who, at the third Presidential debate, said

he would not accept the results of the election if he should lose. As long as everything is going his way, Donald Trump will comply. To me, this is a grossly arrogant, egotistic, and hypocritical way of thinking for someone who was promptly sworn in as the President of the United States.

The most terrifying moment of this address came within the next few lines. President Trump told the people, "Today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another or from one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C., and giving it back to you, the people." When I heard him say this, I knew it sounded similar to me, but I couldn't quite figure out where I heard it from. "The oppressors of generations who have kept you down with myths of opportunity, and we give it back to you... the people. Gotham is yours." Sound familiar? This line is said by the super villain Bane (played by Tom Hardy) in *The Dark Knight Rises* (2012). Congratulations, America! We have just elected a President who steals quotes from Batman villains. The fact that the two sound remotely similar is horrifying to me.

Anyway, President Trump continued on his rant of criticizing the Obama Administration and how "their victories have not been [our] victories." The people have su-



ferred? Is he referring to the 30 million people who have health insurance because of the Affordable Care Act? The 15.5 million new jobs added since 2010? The assassination of Osama bin Laden in 2011? Bringing home nearly 162,000 troops due to the end of the U.S. combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan? The saving of 2.5 million jobs by turning around the U.S. Auto Industry? Repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" which allowed gays and lesbians to now serve openly in the military for the first time? Supporting federal recognition of same-sex marriages, which was legalized in June 2013? Strengthening foreign relations? Give or take a few. I guess these accomplishments are not good enough in the eyes of our new President.

The rest of his speech was very aggressive and somewhat empty, repeating over and over how the people will now have control of the U.S. Government. No policies, promises, or anything that could be considered as hopeful were mentioned. Instead, it was full of broad

facts; facts that seemed to want to scare the viewers into clinging to Trump's side. Well it was scary, but not in the way he hoped. It astonished me how this man was saying empty words and useless facts, yet still was getting applause and cheers from the audience. Extreme nationalism is what I saw at the Capitol on this day. Nationalism which was not pride in our country, but arrogance. Dangerous arrogance. If we are to only think of our country, how can we keep alliance with others? If we, a nation of immigrants, slam our doors on refugees and those in need of our help, how can we make America "great" as President Trump has promised us? I challenge you, President Trump, to live up to the final words in your address: "whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots." Show the same mercy and compassion you show to those you consider to be American citizens to all citizens, including those who long to be one.



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Cub Voices and the Constitution

Women March for Rights



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In Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2017, one million people, approximately 75% of them women, came together to protest the election of President Donald Trump. Several groups were represented, including diverse communities such as LGBT activists, several U.S. Senators, and the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA). The official title of the march was "The Women's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." Initially, only 200,000 people were expected to show up for the main march, but that number was far exceeded, as eyewitnesses describe a mass Hajj to Washington en route, roads clogged with protesters.

Regardless of one's feelings about President Donald Trump, the man has been confirmed to have made some rather coarse comments about the manner with which he greets women. And in light of the recent scandals about possible Russian election tampering, his popularity rating has sunk to a historic low, surpassing even Nixon's dismal rating during the Watergate scandal. Trump's rating was at 43%, according to the most recent Gallup poll at press time. Five million people on seven continents marched, donning pink hats intended to look like cat ears, symbolizing their solidarity. The march in Washington was the main event, with activists, politicians, and celebrities alike speaking. The speaker's list included Michael Moore, Gloria Steinem, and America Ferrera.



Over 1 million people gathered for the march

On the ground, the march was many times larger than had been expected. Eyewitness reports described very claustrophobic conditions, a sea of people under a forest of signs. Signs were often indecent (and unprintable). At the march in Ann Arbor, closer to home, some described "grotesquely inappropriate and revealing signs" and wondered "why can't they keep their anatomy to themselves?" Others described "thronging of ecstatic people, seemingly deriving pleasure from merely being 'provocative.'"

Notably, multiple anti-abortion feminist groups, most prominently New Wave Feminists, were denied partnership status with the official march. "You can't be against abortion and for women's rights," said one marcher.

If the protest has accomplished one thing, it has demonstrated to the world and to President Trump that the eyes of the entire globe are on him. Donald Trump is the most powerful man on the planet and his every decision will reflect on Americans, for better or worse. As the President struggles to pull a divided nation together and this new presidential term begins, people are reminded that the United States' position on the world stage is tenuous.



The Land of the Free?



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Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.
Matthew 25:45

On January 27, the same day that President Trump signed his executive order banning Syrian refugees from entering the US, people around the world observed Holocaust Remembrance Day. What is often forgotten in the history of that atrocity is that many Americans did not care until it was too late. Politicians pledging to keep "America First" instituted quotas that sharply limited the number of Jewish refugees allowed into the country. Public figures such as Rev. Charles Coughlin, the former pastor of Royal Oak's Shrine of the Little Flower, spread anti-Semitic rhetoric that Judaism was incompatible with American values via his popular radio show in the 30's. In the most shameful episode of all, 900 Jews aboard the *MS St. Louis* were denied entry into the US while the ship sat off the coast of Miami. 254 of those passengers died in Nazi death camps.

The annual reminder to "never forget" the Holocaust rings incredibly hollow after President Trump's executive order banning Syrian refugees from entering the US. Thousands of people will remain stuck in a war zone, not too different from 1940's Europe, where over 400,000 people have already been killed. The ban is not surprising considering the lack of respect for human dignity that has invaded this

land of the free. We have become the stiff-necked people St. Stephen describes in Acts of the Apostles, "uncircumcised in heart and ears." We are so blinded by fear and hate that we ignore the lessons of history and our obligation to all of humankind, not just Americans. There are many practical reasons to criticize President Trump's ridiculous ban, but those can be forgotten for now. Forget that no citizen of the seven countries listed in the ban has been responsible for a terrorist attack in the US. Forget that countries where President Trump has business ties such as Saudi Arabia, home of the 9/11 attackers, Turkey, and Egypt, are not on the list. Forget that Syrian refugees have already survived for two years in a war zone while they wait for background checks by the FBI, Homeland Security, and

the State Department. Forget that translators who helped our troops in Iraq now are forbidden from entering the country that they risked their lives for. President Trump certainly has.

Even if all these things were not true, the new ban would still be wrong and immoral. Jesus's message in Matthew 25 is clear: all people and governments will be judged on how they care for the poor and vulnerable. Even though President Trump has suggested that Christian refugees will be allowed into the US, his order is contrary to the gospel message. Some Republicans will suggest that the ban is necessary to eliminate the risk of terrorist attacks. However, the only society where everybody is perfectly safe from terrorism is a totalitarian one. True freedom

requires the acceptance of some risk so that democracy and inclusion can be preserved. That same freedom allowed a group of our Cub brothers to make their voices heard at the March for Life on January 27. It is a chilling coincidence that as Vice President Mike Pence told them that "Life is winning," President Trump signed an extremely anti-life order that leaves thousands to die in a war zone. While Homeland Security has suspended enforcement of the ban after a federal judge halted the implementation of it, President Trump has doubled down and attacked the "so-called judge" who made the ruling. He has made clear that America will not stand for life and justice throughout the world anymore. Will Americans do what our president will not and stand up for American values? The world is watching.



Syrian refugees are another group who have been restricted from coming to the US after Trump's travel ban.

Free speech not so free anymore



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Donald Trump has been in office just over three weeks and many Americans have been plagued with a sense of anxiety and fearfulness. Countless protests have erupted across the country for a number of different reasons but most with the same intent, to show contempt for Donald Trump. Just over a week ago, the same old fanfare was no different when a large, violent protest broke out at the University of California Berkeley's campus on February 1 around 8:30 pm. The man who sparked this great controversy was surprisingly not Donald Trump, but none other than Milo Yiannopoulos, a gay, Jewish immigrant who has become an outspoken and colorful conservative comedian/commentator. Over the past year, Milo has traveled around the country speaking to Republican groups on college campuses about topics like feminism and the extreme liberalism apparent on these college campuses. As one of the senior editors of Breitbart news, Milo does not associate with, but promotes much of the ideology of the conservative movement embraced by the middle class "deplorables" that is occasionally referred to as the "alt-right."

Causing just over \$100,000 in total damage, mobs of masked agitators broke windows,

started fires, threw molotov cocktails, and even shot fireworks at the venue Milo was set to speak at. In addition to on-campus damage, protestors moved downtown after Milo's evacuation to break storefront windows and set more fires. A number of Milo and Trump supporters who planned on attending the event were beaten by a small group of protestors with fists and flags while others were sprayed with mace. These anarchist protestors claimed to be "anti-facist" and "anti-hate" while only espousing a great deal of hate and violence themselves. Just over 53 years ago from the night of the protests, students at U.C. Berkeley formed The Free Speech Movement, a college campus phenomenon inspired by the struggle for civil rights. Although race relations have improved since 1964, there is still a ways to go. Unfortunately, these relations were not helped by the Obama administration's policies over the last eight years.

It is obvious today that between the mainstream media and the majority of professors across college campuses, the free speech of young conservative students is

extremely frowned upon. Students who try to challenge the college liberal norm are immediately shot down because their opinions go directly against the rhetoric of their professors.

As a high school senior about to enter college, what I find so striking about this is that it should not be a left, right debate. All Americans, as their birthright, have the right, enshrined in the Bill of Rights, to say what they think is true...period. Another ironic thing about this is that after extensive research, only one liberal was found that defended the ever so non-apparent free speech of Milo Yiannopoulos. That one person is Peter Beinart from the Atlantic, a sincere and principled liberal who had the courage to stand up to his majority. The rest of the liberal party did not condemn any of the violence that occurred and some, in fact, seemed to endorse the violence against Milo that squelched his speech. In fact, Mayor Tom Bates, of Berkeley, California, was caught with his foot in his mouth the day after the riots as he had to apologize for almost gleefully egging on this name calling and protest-

ing, violent or not. This action, or non-action, shows the great predicament the left is in. If you come out against the violence and condemn it, you're sort of saying that there's something wrong with your own side and that 'something we have done has created an environment in which it's ok to physically and verbally attack others who don't agree with us.'

As the Constitution states in the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This amendment promotes free speech for all people, not just the ones who agree with you. Knowing that, I ask these questions: Why is it ok for Hollywood and all of the mainstream media to continually attack anybody who disagrees with them? Why is it ok to destroy public property, wreak havoc in cities, and physically assault anybody who challenges your ideology? The simple answer:

it's not. Just because you do not agree with someone does not in any way make your view morally superior. Ideas should be shared, not constantly shot down, debated against, and stretched from the truth. Make an effort to promote this diversity of ideology, even if you don't agree with it. Shaming the other side's view does not get us anywhere.



Protests erupted on the UC Berkeley Campus on the night of February 1 in response to a planned speech from Milo Yiannopoulos

Student Life

NHS Euchre champs crowned



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As of last year, Euchre has become the backbone of how students spend their free time at University of Detroit Jesuit. A day doesn't go by without seeing a group of four guys playing at lunch, in their off period, or after school. Many students have a deck of cards in their backpacks, ready to meet the next group of challengers. To answer the question, "Who is the best Euchre team?" tournaments have been organized so bragging rights are validated. Although the origin of the tournament at U of D Jesuit is unknown, the school's Nation-

al Honor Society (NHS) decided to continue the event they started last year, and host the school-wide Euchre tournament this year. The event went well last year. The students had a lot of fun with Joe Mutone, '16, and Dana Blake, Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs, ending up on top with the win in the championship game. Hoping to receive the same positive feedback that they had received the year before, NHS decided to bring the event back this year on January 25, with proceeds going toward Mary's Mantle, a home for expectant mothers.

After it all went down, two seventh graders, Daniel Miller, '22, and Nathan "Stone Face" Nazareno, '22, took home the crown! When asked about their expe-

rience with this year's tournament, contestants had mixed reviews. Greg Golias, '17, who had played in both this year's and last year's tournament, compared the turnout



The Champs: Miller and Nazareno!

of each. He said that "It was an average turnout this year. Last year had a bigger and more excited crowd." Confused on what he meant about the difference in excitement that was present, he clarified that it "wasn't really advertised enough this year and there wasn't a big personality that did well like Dean Henderson, '16, last year to make it exciting." Dean Henderson was, by all accounts, a character on and off the intramural field or court. As Golias pointed out, no one seemed to step up to the plate to fill that role of an enthusiastic player. To combat the problem of attendance in a possible tournament next year, Golias mentioned that "a video of a group of friends playing a heated game of Euchre" would draw more people to Curley Hall and implant the excite-

ment that is much needed. Double Elimination was also mentioned as a replacement of the traditional 'Winner Goes On' setup. He thinks that more people would come because they wouldn't feel like they were wasting money in the event that they lost in the first round.

Reed Michelini, '18, Greg's partner, summarized his experience with the tournament. He said that he would love to answer some questions, however, it had to be quick because he needed to see Nick the trainer about the back pain he was experiencing as a result of "carrying the team on my back."

Despite the slightly lower attendance, the players at the NHS Euchre tournament had a great time. All Cubs are encouraged to learn how to play the game and get with a group of friends to practice - who will challenge the team of Nazareno and Miller next year?

Cub creates ping pong excitement



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Ping Pong has long been a tradition at University of Detroit Jesuit. It has been an activity that is heavily participated in during students' lunchtimes, as well as during their free periods. However, it doesn't stop there. Even after school, students belonging to the Ping Pong Club meet in the Commons to compete against one another in friendly, yet intense, matches. The Ping Pong Club meets Tuesdays

and Thursdays in the Commons and is led by history teacher Dr. William Elster, who takes great pride in the sport himself.

Ping Pong, however, is growing even larger here at The High. One junior who is a member of the Ping Pong Club, Joseph Pio '18, came up with the idea of creating a Ping Pong tournament to compete with other schools. This was a stretch, especially for a sports club that many schools don't have, but this wasn't a problem for Joe. He was determined to complete the goal he set for himself and was about to make his dream a reality. After contacting numerous schools, Joe was able to have three different high-schools represented: (Novi) Catholic Central, De La Salle, and Gabriel

Richard. The turnout for the event on December 8 was extraordinary for the first tournament, with U of D Jesuit winning the whole thing. Joe's response when asked about why he created this tournament and what his hopes for the future was, "I created this Ping Pong tournament because I believe that the club should expand into a more competitive field. Everyday I see students intensely playing ping-pong and it makes me wonder why we are only limited to a club." He continued by saying, "I started playing ping-pong in 7th grade and the club soon became more than just an after school activity. Everyone in the club became more like family to me. Throughout my years in the club, I always wondered if there were other

schools with as much potential as us." He concluded by saying "So, with the help of Mr. Trudel, Mr. Simmons, and Dr. Elster, I contacted all the schools in the Catholic League in hopes of making this little club into a Catholic league and maybe even a school sport." This event was a huge step forward for the club and opened the door to many more possibilities of growth for the club.



Junior Joey Pio returns a shot during an after-school match

Saturday JUGs: An inconvenient lesson



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It was a late night. You just couldn't get everything done. To add insult to injury, you have a huge test tomorrow. Maybe you should have started studying earlier. Maybe you should have paid more attention in class. It's the day of the test, and you realize that you have made a crucial mistake. You become confused on #7, and your eyes start to wander over to your classmate next to you. You look up, only to see your teacher looking directly at you in disgust. Then, you hear the two most dreaded words at U of D Jesuit: Saturday JUG. Aww man!

The Saturday Justice Under God, also known as the Saturday JUG, was designed to be the most severe punishment that a student could receive other than suspension or expulsion at University of Detroit Jesuit. These penalties are administered when a student consistently breaks the rules or commits a higher offense, such as academic dishon-

esty.

Typically, a Saturday JUG consists of arriving at school promptly at 8:00 in the morning and performing acts of community service to improve the surrounding area of U of D Jesuit and the community in general. Some of this service may involve yard work, such as uprooting weeds or raking leaves. Some students may clean up school premises such as the chapel and various rooms throughout the school. In short, the community service can be anything that improves the interior or exterior of the school.

So the question is: has the Saturday JUG really been true to form? Does it really deter students from breaking school rules? It is amazing how some students were forthcoming about receiving a Saturday JUG, and how open they were with sharing their experience. One Saturday "Jugee" stated, "It was truly an inconvenience for both my weekend plans and for my parents. I will never spend another Saturday morning at UDJ again!" Another "Jugee" felt it was no big deal, and actually was glad to contribute to the betterment of the U of D Jesuit communi-

ty. Ironically, even though this was a punishment, it was surprising to discover that some students turned the situation around, and viewed the incident as a positive since they were helping to improve school grounds.

All in all, the general consensus is that Saturday JUG is tedious and very inconvenient. It can be embarrassing to the school violator, but mostly it's inconvenient for all involved: the student, the parents, and the teachers that run the program. What conclusion can be drawn? Follow the rules and keep your Saturdays to yourself!



Saturday Jug often involves cleaning the school and other odd jobs

Security Chief retires after 18 years of protecting Cubs



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University of Detroit Jesuit will be saying goodbye to a very well-known, hardworking staff member. After a long and successful career, Security Director Robert Swanson will be retiring. Over the course of his 18 years at U of D Jesuit, Mr. Swanson has kept students safe through his vigilance both in public view and behind the scenes. Some of his many responsibilities include managing the school's safety drills, keeping the bus schedules running, and working with the security staff to monitor the parking lot and building. Mr. Swanson can be seen at The High at all times and in all types of weather directing traffic or walking the campus.

After serving 20 years with the Detroit Police Department, Mr. Swanson received a

call from U of D Jesuit about the Security Director position opening. He took the job looking for a temporary change of pace, not expecting to stay for the next 18 years of his life. Mr. Swanson's favorite part of his job at The High has been the opportunity to meet and befriend many different people. He prides himself on keeping the campus safe and hospitable for all, and he is thankful for the staff members who have served with him and made his job special.

Although he will miss working at U of D Jesuit, Mr. Swanson is ready for retirement. After spending a total of 44 years working in law enforcement, he is looking forward to a well-deserved break. Mr. Swanson plans to vacation in Florida and spend more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren while looking into volunteer positions. "It has



Mr. Swanson is retiring after 18 years

been a great opportunity to work here," says Mr. Swanson about The High. Mr. Swanson's service is appreciated and the entire U of D Jesuit community joins together to wish Mr. Swanson a happy and healthy retirement.

The University of Dayton is a private, Roman Catholic college located in Dayton, Ohio. Established in 1850, it is the largest private university in Ohio. The university has about 8,000 undergraduate students. It offers over 80 academic programs in fields such as business, arts and sciences, education, health sciences, and engineering. In athletics, it

competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference of NCAA Division 1. They are known as the "Flyers". The University offers 16 varsity sports, including football, softball, tennis, track, golf, and most notably, basketball. Notable alumni include sportscaster Dan Patrick and Super Bowl winning coaches Jon Gruden and Chuck Noll.



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University Focus



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Central Michigan University is a public research university located in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Established in 1892, it is one of the nation's largest public colleges. There are more than 20,000 students enrolled. The university offers over 200 academic programs including music, journalism, business, teacher education and

psychology, among others. The Chippewas compete in the Mid American Conference (MAC) of NCAA Division 1. Varsity sports include football, basketball, baseball, and wrestling. In addition to its residence halls, CMU also has an extensive Greek Life. Fraternities include Sigma Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Cub Sports

Winter sports season draws to a close



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Writer

Can you believe it? The winter sports season is already halfway over. The teams have been making some major strides and accomplishments. Students need to continue to hit the floor, fill the stands, and show their support! So exactly how are the teams doing so far? Here is a synopsis:

Hockey

Despite a 7-10 record to open up the season, hopes are still bright for the Cub hockey squad. The team snapped their nine game losing streak with a convincing win against

Northville last week. A pensive Cole Luken, '19, made these remarks: "Practices have been much more intense and everyone has started to play a lot better. How you practice is how you play. Our future looks bright and we have a fantastic coaching staff." Cole further stated that the team plans to go as far as possible. The Cub hockey team plans to play their biggest rival, Catholic Central, in the semi-final game. On another note, shoutout to U of D Jesuit Hall of Fame Coach Bennetts for securing his 300th win this season.

Swimming

Wow! This current swim season has been ALL about records. Jack Bruce, '17, shattered the school's 50m freestyle record with an outstanding time of 21.46. The 200m medley team broke the school's long standing record with a time of 1:39.03. In 11 of the past 12 years, the swim team has produced the CHSL diving champion. Can Will Crader, '20, keep the trend going? The swim team is ranked in the top 10 in the state for Division 2. They look to



Sam Bailiff '19 prepares to snap down his opponent.
Photo by: Christopher Boesinger '19

build upon their 8th place finish at the state championship last year.

Wrestling

Led by an elite core consisting of Dmitri Krick, '17, Jackson Stachelek, '18, Alec Kipp, '17, and Brian Cleveland, '17, the sky's the limit for the Cub wrestling team. "We've become a much younger team, as there are a lot of new freshmen. A lot of sophomore wrestlers have contributed to the team's success, such as Otis Holt, '19 and Nathan Drewek, '19. We're definitely focused on this year's success, but also on building for next season," says team member, Stephen Stapleton, '19. The Cub wrestling team has some unfinished business from last year, and is set on key wins in both districts and regionals.

Bowling

With a promising 5-3 record to start the season, the Cub bowling team is off to a great start. The team has lost Keith Reid, '16 (Siena Heights University) and Cameron Keuning, '16 (University of Michigan), key contributors in the Cubs' state championship run in 2015. But these losses have not slowed down their success this year. "We're a young team, and there's only one senior on our roster," says team member, Ryan Reid, '18. Led by the skills of Ryan Reid and Ryan Koltinski, '18, the Cub bowling squad is confident and intends to capture their second state championship in three years.

Basketball

Everyone knows that the Cub



The hockey team looks to bounce back after a slow start to the season
Photo by: Ryan Reid '18

basketball squad was the best team in the state last season. Now that they are halfway through the season, the team is more than primed for another state championship title. The starting lineup is astounding. Julian Dozier, '19, is the #1 ranked point guard in Michigan's 2019 class. Zach Winston, '18, is one of the top long-range shooters in the state. Elijah Collins, '18, is uber athletic and a defensive nightmare. 6'10 Ike Eke, '17, has increased his shooting range all the way out to the 3-pt line, and is a threat from anywhere on the court. 6'10 Greg Eboigbodin, '17, dominates inside and controls the boards. Despite losing a major piece in Cassius Winston, '16, Dozier believes that this year's team is even more improved. "We're a more diverse team and play better as a unit. It's impossible to key in on one player," says Dozier. He says the team intends to make history by becoming 5x Catholic League champs and

winning back to back State titles.

Skiing

The Cub ski team has been historically known for their high academic achievements. This year's season has been somewhat of a challenge, mainly due to the youth and inexperience of the team. "We may not be the fastest kids on the hill, but we're definitely the smartest" is a saying that has been jokingly used to sum up this season. Led by top racers Steven Rigg '17, Jack Condit, '18, Evan Anschuetz, '18, and Connor Plagens, '18, the Cub ski team hopes to turn around their performance as the team continues to progress and gain more experience. "I'm feeling very confident for playoffs. Our team has really bonded over the past few months and we've developed strong chemistry," says Sophomore team member, Charley Paroly, '19.

Hot Takes to thaw the cold weather



John Cullen '19
Writer

Fire Blashill

Our hometown Detroit Red Wings have undergone a bumpy season, hovering around the .500 mark without being able to sustain any positive momentum. Following a disappointing three consecutive first round exits from the postseason, this season once again seems poised to leave fans in dismay, with a playoff appearance seeming unlikely. Going into next season, the first at a brand new Little Caesars Arena, the team needs to match the excitement level of the stadium around it. The only way to do that is to separate from the coach who simply has not produced enough to be kept.

Time to Rebuild for the Pistons

The Detroit Pistons have been considered a team on the rise ever since Stan Van Gundy took over control and was named head coach and president of basketball operations. Experts predicted that this could be the year the Pistons make it out of the first round of the playoffs. However, this season, the Pistons are right on the edge of even making it to the postseason. The issue this team is facing goes straight to the construct of the roster. The Pistons, built around a center who isn't a go-to offensive target and a point guard, Reggie Jackson, who isn't a great three point shooter, seem to be in the past of an ever evolving NBA. If the franchise is looking for championships, not

just scraping into the playoffs, it is time to rebuild.

Endangered Tiger

Tiger Woods, one of the most dominant athletes, let alone golfers, of all-time, is approaching a time when he should step away from the game. The level of success has never returned after his infamous affair, back in 2009. Now, he is a subpar player who seems to with-



Retirement looms for Tiger

draw from more rounds than he competes. After such a long absence after his last injury, and yet another problem with back spasms near the beginning of February, it is finally time for Tiger to call it quits. If he believes he will ever break the Jack Nicklaus record of major victories or ever return to his former glory, his mind is stuck far in the past. Tiger Woods needs to do himself, and all those who want to remember him as a dominant golfer, a favor and retire.

New England Patriots REPEAT as Champions

Sometimes, sports are as simple as the best players win. The New England Patriots are lucky in this way because they happen to have the best football player and quarterback of all time, Tom Brady. After throwing for over 400 yards



Touchdown Tom -- GOAT?

and leading a historic comeback in possibly the greatest Super Bowl of all time, the debate is all but over on Brady being the best to ever do it. However, even now that he has a ring for each finger on one hand, he and Bill Belichick aren't done yet. The reign of the Patriots dynasty is far from over, and no matter who the rest of the NFL trots out next season, the Pats will roll on to yet another title.

Scott Nelson commits to Big-10's Wisconsin



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The past four falls have been historic ones for Cub Football. Three trips to the playoffs, one district title, and over a dozen players moving on to the next level. But there has been one player that has stood out from all the others in the past: Scott Nelson.

Nelson came to University of Detroit Jesuit in the fall of 2013 as a freshman and a member of the Freshman Football team. Nelson quickly proved that he deserved a shot at Varsity by torching other teams in the regular season. So when the Cubs found out they received a playoff berth Coach Oscar Olejniczak decided to bring up the freshman from St. Clair Shores. Nel-

son made a huge impact in the district championship game by intercepting a pass in the fourth quarter and helping the Cubs to a victory. This was the start of a bright football career at U of D Jesuit for Nelson.

Nelson came back as sophomore and was thrown into the starting lineup. He became a full time starter in the secondary and became one of Ryan Brand's favorite targets as a wide receiver. The Cubs weren't as successful in 2014 but everyone knew the future was promising with Nelson holding down the back end of the defense. Going into his junior year, Nelson received an offer from Northwestern University. This put Nelson on the map; everyone wanted to know who Scott was and if he truly was a Division I talent. Nelson took on the challenge starting off his junior season with outstanding performances against Chandler Park Academy and Detroit Country Day. Nelson was also thrust into playing QB mid-way through the season. He shined as he was able to show

off his dual threat ability. His most impressive game of the season, though, was the playoff matchup against Donnie Corely and Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School. Nelson had an extraordinary game highlighted by a pick six. The Cubs lost in the end but took the soon-to-be State Champions into the final seconds of that game. After his junior season Nelson was flooded with colleges wanting his talents, most notably: Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan State, Michigan, Nebraska, and Penn State. Nelson came into his senior season with high hopes and a lot of expectations. Unfortunately, Nelson sustained a high ankle sprain on the opening kickoff against Mumford. He played on one leg and led the Cubs to a season opening victory. Nelson, then, had to miss the next three games of his senior season due to the injury. Nelson came back against St. Joseph and had a punt return and a touchdown pass. Nelson also had a stellar performance against Warren De La

Salle. The Cubs beat the Pilots and it was the team's first win against the Pilots in 10 years.

Nelson had a great career as a Cub, and it was time to decide where he'd be taking his talents. He chose to attend the University of Wisconsin. When the obvious question of why he chose the University of Wisconsin was asked, he said, "They have the type of people I want to be around, great people and atmosphere." He also talked about what he liked most about the recruitment process, adding, "Taking visits to all these great schools and getting to experience college a little bit." Nelson took visits to Wisconsin and Iowa and was able to witness some thrilling games like the Hawkeyes upsetting the Michigan Wolverines. Nelson shared that his least favorite part of the process was having to choose just one school. "All the schools that recruited me were

great places and I couldn't be more thankful that they gave me a shot." Nelson also spoke very highly of his future coach, Coach Geep Chryst: "He's a very genuine guy and he truly cares about the guys he coaches." Nelson is also looking forward to competing with the best of the best in the Big Ten and he can't wait to get up to Madison.

Nelson will always be a big part of Cub Football. His legacy of being a hardworker and doing anything it takes to win will be remembered at The High for many years to come.



Nelson after signing his NLI to Wisconsin

Sports and Culture

Cub athletes sign Letters of Intent



Peter Loch '19
Writer

As always, National Signing Day is filled with excitement across the nation. 8400 S. Cambridge was no exception this year. On Friday, February 3, ten Cub athletes joined high school seniors around the nation who committed to playing sports in college. Ryan Garchar has committed to hitting the links for Ave Maria University in Florida. Soti Michalos, also a golfer, agreed to wear the purple & gold for the Britons of Albion College. Jack Bruce will be swimming for the Grand Valley State Lakers. Cornerback

and Wide Receiver Arnold Thomas is going west to play football for the Western Michigan Broncos. Star Free Safety Scott Nelson is headed to the Big 10 to the University of Wisconsin to play for the fighting Badgers. Brian McNamara is going to be plugging up the middle as a Linebacker for the Northwood Timberwolves. Jeremiah Riordan will be snapping from a long distance for the Bulls of Buffalo.

The two basketball starters Greg Eboigbodin and Ikechukwu Eke signed earlier this year. Greg will be attending the University of Illinois Chicago and Ike will be following his Jesuit roots up to Marquette and the Golden Eagles. Standout catcher Matt Houle will be playing ball for the Davenport Wildcats. This has been another great class of

athletes here at the High and there will be plenty more to come.



Students sign their NLI's -- Photo by: Donovan Ervin

From *Cub News* Archives: Smoking Lounge a reality?



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“Anyone can quit smoking, but it takes a man to face lung cancer” admitted Marc Gallini, a U of D Jesuit student in 1964. Back in the old days of The High, students were interviewed regarding their thoughts on smoking, while smoking cigarettes in the “senior smoking lounge.” Today the idea of smoking at school is comical, but in the year 1964, it was just an everyday occurrence. Over the years, U of D Jesuit has evolved into the school we all know and love, but so much has changed. Our athletic programs have sprouted into collectively successful and prosperous teams, and without a doubt the school rules have changed. Some things have stayed the same at U of D Jesuit; basketball remains a winning team, our academics are still highly respected, and the occasional Ping-Pong tournament still sparks up in the Commons. In a *Cub News* article 15 years ago, upperclassmen were battling it out in a game of ping-pong at lunch. All in all, The High was, remains, and will always be a place where students can grow and become men for others.

Remaining unchanged overtime is the fact that students want to stay in touch with each other outside the walls of school. In 2002, this dream was more fully reached when students began to

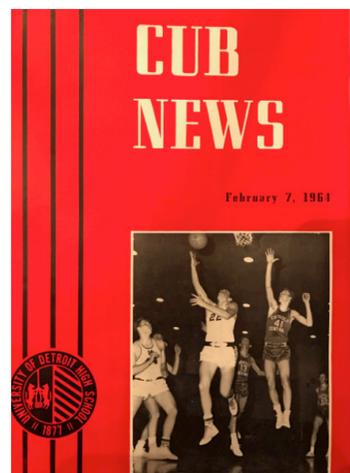
have their own portable cell phones. Nick Duda '03, describes cell phones as a way to be more mobilized. This allowed for students to make plans, call parents, and keep in touch while on the move. Nick says that in 2002, phones were a huge improvement for U of D Jesuit, and a big hit with teenagers from all schools. He also mentions the adoption of the MP3 player. Today in 2017, a Motorola Razr, and the Nomad Jukebox 3 seem primitive, but to students in 2002, they were the top-of-the-line gadgets.

Athletics at The High have always been an important part of the school. For example, our student section was ecstatic, and one of the best in the state back in '02. The basketball team was competitive, and featured slam dunks and buzzer-beaters. This has not changed, as the Cub hoops team tosses alley-oops in their sleep. After a rough start, the 2017 Varsity hockey team has battled back and regained success under the coaching of Rick Bennetts. The same could be said back in 2002, as the team had a clutch comeback win over Cranbrook, and were featured at the top of the Michigan Prep Hockey League. Back then the Cub hockey captain Mikel Facchini exemplified superior skill on and off the ice, as does the current captain Lorenzo D'Agostini, '17. Sports at U of D Jesuit have excelled in ways unimaginable, and have evolved from good to great.

Today, cars are equipped with touch-screen displays, and automatic airbags. This was not the case in the 60s, and students were shocked as the US reached its 1,000,000th car accident. This statistic goes to

show how young the country was, and how much the life of Americans has changed. As for U of D Jesuit, some crazy traditions have fallen through the cracks, for better or worse. For instance, in the year 1962, the school would post all of the students final grades and designated honors-roll placements in the school paper! This sort of thing would be heavily ruled against today, just not something the parents, students or staff would agree with.

Because U of D Jesuit is all about traditions, it would only seem fitting that we really should consider bringing back a tradition from 1961. In that year, there was a designated day off of school, or “holiday”, for the school president’s birthday. Honoring Father Munz would be a great opportunity, and we should receive a day off, Cubs!



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Cookie Bake Off Winner

Congratulations to Kimberlee Kotlinski, the winner of the 2017 Ignatian Service Corps Cookie Bake Off. The winning recipe was thoroughly enjoyed by students, and overall the event was extremely successful. In total, the bake off raised almost \$1000, which will be used to help fund immersion trips this year. Thank you to all who participated and again congratulations to Mrs. Kotlinski for her winning Caramel Apple Pie Cookies!



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Tuite or False?

Quotes compiled by: Drew Michelini '17

Tuite or False? Mr. Tuite actually said which quotes?

“Try playing with a soccer ball sized rock, it increases bone density but hurts like hell.”

“This one time in college during a soccer game this guy broke his femur, and the snap was so loud it sounded like a gunshot.”

“Most people don't know that the fighting in hockey was inspired from when it was legal to do that in soccer.”

Valentine's Pop Culture Grid

Questions provided by: John Paul Bauer '17	How would you ask out a date out on Valentine's Day?	What's your ideal Valentine's day gift?	Favorite Super Bowl Commercial?	How long did it take you to break your New Year's resolution?	Celebrity crush?
 Aidan McCourt '17	Shoot her a text that says "Ka-chow"	The plans to the Death Star	The 1 second Miller Light Commercial	You can't break what you never made	Emma Stone
Cam Denker '18	Tell her I made academy B team hoops two years in a row	Unconditional love	The Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Going strong	Black Chyna
Yusuf Lewis '17	Suit up we goin out	Something thoughtful and kind	The one with the lost dog and the horses	Didn't make one	Beyoncé
Kam Boyle '19	Easy, an original poem	An IM championship	Volkswagen, Darth Vader, 2011	That's why I don't make one	Emmy Rossum or Cara Delevigne
Mr. Daniel Babcock	I would ask if they would like to celebrate a fake holiday by going out to dinner	Red Wings tickets	I don't watch sports ball	What's a New Years resolution?	Jane Eyre