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Cub Broadcast Responds to the Vaping Epidemic

The Cub News Staff

“I am a nicotine addict.” With those words Logan Lopus ‘19 began his story of how he kicked his addiction and invited others to conquer theirs. Lopus used a school broadcast to let students know that there are people and organizations that can help them and others with the difficult journey of overcoming addiction and how committed the University of Detroit Jesuit was to helping the members of this community become nicotine free.

Lopus’ broadcast was the culmination of a joint effort of the Cub News and Cub Broadcast editors to report on a problem they saw at UDJ - vaping. They began their reporting with an article in the Cub News about the vaping posters taped to the doors of the rest rooms, major gathering spots for vaping in the school. The posters distributed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), give facts about vaping and what, exactly, is in the “juice” one is inhaling. Students were asked their impressions of the posters and most thought they were funny, but silly, definitely not something that would stop them from vaping.

Soon after the article appeared, students were caught vaping in one of the classrooms and several suspensions were given. After much discussion, the editors of the paper and leaders of the broadcasting team decided



more coverage was needed if students were going to make educated decisions about vaping. They asked Dr. Wolfe, the school’s health professional, to make a video giving some of the facts about vaping. These included:

- *Vaping is now epidemic.
- * 24% of sophomores and 28% of seniors vape, using information from the Monitoring the Future (MTF is an ongoing study by the University of Michigan of the behaviors, attitudes, and values of American high schoolers, college students, and young adults. The National Institute on Drug Abuse conducts the study.
- *Vaping is the most common way

of accessing nicotine in middle schools and high schools according to the FDA. Findings by The Center on Addiction show that the younger a person is when he/she tries nicotine, the greater the risk of becoming addicted. Nicotine can disrupt brain development and interfere with long-term cognitive functioning. Wolfe also shared how saddened she was that Cubs were choosing to vape.

The next segment in the vaping series was Logan’s video, describing his quest to become nicotine free. He told about his failed attempts to kick the habit when he tried to do it alone and how he successfully quit nicotine by letting his parents help

him develop a plan and follow it.

When asked about the impact of the entire series, students had various reactions: **Issac Sagan ‘21**

“I feel that the message was very serious and Dr. Wolfe’s seriousness made it hard to watch. I thought she was going to cry! It made it clear that people here are worried about you.”

Yuri Tomkiw ‘19

“I think the video set a very serious tone and caught the attention of many students. The end was a little odd, though. Filming the bathroom stall shifted the focus from funny to serious.”

Jack Lareau ‘19

“It seems like the emphasis is anti-addiction rather than anti-rebellion. No one cares about the medical part of vaping if they are still doing it.”

Sebastian Naman ‘21

“Honestly, I Thought the videos were very informative, but everyone didn’t take it as seriously as it should be.”

Help or more information about nicotine addiction can be found at:

ACCESS, a social services organization in Dearborn 313.842.7010

MTF -<https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future>

Adopt-A-Family Firsthand: Cub Generosity



Nick Valbuena
Reporter

The University of Detroit Jesuit community began this Advent season with the culmination of the Adopt-a-Family project, one of the most targeted and impactful showings of generosity on the school’s service calendar. On the heels of Pledge Detroit, the students’ major fundraiser where they collected over \$200,000 for the school, the Cub community once again demonstrated love and compassion by raising over \$14,000 for Detroit families.

This year, The Adopt-a-Family program, with the help of the Focus:HOPE organization, selected 44 families -166 individuals- to be adopted by the

UDJ community. Each homeroom and three clubs adopted/sponsored one of these families by buying presents and food with funds collected by students, faculty, and staff. The program is organized by the school’s Ignatian Service Corps, (ISC) with Nicolas Valbuena’19 and Micheal Latiff ‘19 at the helm. Throughout November, the ISC team helped find students to serve as homeroom coordinators, who then, in turn, found students who would be willing to collect money from their peers, shop for gifts using the family’s wish list, wrap the presents, and deliver the gifts to the different families. ISC leaders made weekly videos to inspire the students to help their adopted families. Last Friday, December 7, the entire school came together for a Prayer Service that focused on generosity



that does not “count the cost.” John Thorne ‘96, accompanied by members of his choir, led students in song and prayer. After being commissioned by UDJ President, Ted Munz, SJ, 132 students and 44 volunteers from the Dads’ clubs went to deliver the presents and food. In addition to items purchased by the UDJ community, families also received hams donated by Piston star Andre Drummond, and a ½ lb of a special UDJ coffee blend made by Mr. Robert O’Donnell, owner of No.Vi Coffee and Tea in Novi. After the deliveries, students and adult volunteers were treated to a lunch sponsored by the Mothers’ Club. Upon returning to the school after seeing the families, students were moved by what they saw and

the reactions from the families. Here are some of the reactions from students who participated in deliveries:

Zack Hooper ‘19

“The mother couldn’t stop smiling. She shared with us that her children would be very happy.”

Marcus Irwin ‘22

“It felt really good to deliver. The look on the kid’s face was very happy. His mom allowed her son to open one of the gifts while we were there. He loved having visitors.”

Nehemiah Burton ‘22

“I collected money every day. Most of the people in my class waited to donate but liked being able to help the family.”



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Midterms and What’s Next? *The Situation Room* with Chris Jelinek



Chris Jelinek ‘19
Columnist

The results are in and next year’s House and Senate is set. The Democrats did have a blue wave in the house gaining 40 seats. However, the Republicans held onto the Senate, while gaining several seats. What does this mean for President Trump’s future and the future of America? This change in seats, plus a brief glimpse into the approaching caravan of over 10,000 people who are making their way from Mexico, are on today’s agenda. Welcome back to the Situation Room.

With the Democrats winning over the house, what’s in store for the next year? I think a lot will have to do with the Mueller investigation, but at this point in time, I don’t see any impeachment talks being serious. That would be extremely risky because not only do Republicans control the Senate, but a House seat has only a two -year term so voting to impeach could be costly to members for the next election. Instead, the move will most likely be to try and create new legislation in order to make it seem like the Republicans aren’t cooperative when they don’t vote it through the Senate. This tactic could be used in order to try and win over the public.

As for the Senate, President Donald Trump has got to be happy because Republicans gained seats that resulted in having 53 senators. I can’t imagine this Senate finding Trump guilty of anything unless the outside counsel comes out with a report that totally points to President Trump and says he is guilty of collusion. However, with the recent murder of the journalist and Senators being briefed on the Saudi prince’s involvement, the President’s loyalty from the Senate might soon change. I think there will be lots of inactivity with very little being passed with a

blue House and a red Senate. I could be totally wrong about that, but I will be shocked if major legislation gets introduced and then passed. I believe Mueller has reached the end and is very close to releasing his findings which will heavily influence what will happen in the Senate and especially what President Trump’s reactions will be.

The United States’ process for legal immigration needs to be changed. The process needs to be much easier and take far less time than what it is right now. That does not mean just opening the border and letting

anyone come in like the 10,000 people in the caravan. There is a reason we have border patrol and that is to protect the nation.

I definitely feel like there needs to be major change to the process, but I don’t think the answer is letting them in and giving them the ability to go wherever they want. Obviously, this is a very sensitive and troubling issue with lots of opinions to which I am more than willing to hear. You are breaking the law if you enter illegally, so we need a better solution to helping people get in legally and put them on the path to becoming a citizen.

Once again, thanks for reading. Until then, I’m Chris Jelinek and this is The Situation Room.



Members of migrant caravan on the road
Photo Credit: NBC News

Updates on October Concerns



Jackson Vyletel ‘19
Co Editor-in-Chief



Sean Richard ‘19
Contributor

The October issue of the Cub News voiced students’ concerns regarding the lack of spaces in the parking lots and the lack of choice in food offerings during lunch. In the last six weeks, changes have been made to address both of these concerns. This school year at UD Jesu- it began with a serious park-

were issued and students were forced to park in the streets surrounding the school. Since then, there has been real improvements regarding the parking situation. The biggest being that students cannot easily park without a pass anymore, as cars are being checked more often for passes by security personnel. In the cafeteria Quest, the catering company used by the UD Jesuit this year for lunch, promised tons of new deals in the cafe. The most prominent and exciting deal that came out of the discussion was the meal deal. Drink, chicken tenders, and fries all for \$5. Eddie Mikula ‘19 says, ”The meal deal really stuffs me up,

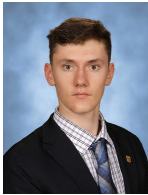


Lunch line Photo Creds: Daniel Hawn ‘21

ing issue. As pointed out in the lead article of the October edition, there were many students using the UDJ parking lots without a designated pass. Coupled that with the fact that too many passes

I’m glad the Senate did such a great job working with Quest to make changes in the cafeteria. With these deals students are saving money without sacrificing their hunger.” Quest offers other choices to further customer satisfaction.

Sports/Clubs - Balance Possible?



George Bubenko ‘19
Reporter

The average Cub faces a large dilemma: the choice between playing a sport or participating in clubs. To many young Cubs, the choice is clear and this is to do both. However, as Cubs get older and become more passionate for the varsity sports they play and the clubs that interest them, the Cub must make a decision of whether to pursue athletics or their interests in extracurriculars. While some Cubs can avoid this dilemma by participating in clubs that are not after school, a majority of the clubs meet directly after school, when mandatory lifts and practices begin. Some sports, such as swimming, hockey, bowling, golf, have practice locations away from school premises, which makes attending a club afterschool practically impossible. The other issue with sports, besides the long, daily practice times and the increasing number of sports implementing Saturday practices, is the fact that sports are now holding longer out of season mandatory

workouts and conditioning. For example, the lacrosse team has had mandatory lifts since the beginning of the school year. Student Senate Vice President Timo Lenhard ‘19 remarks that, ”being involved with sports and clubs would be a great thing for everyone to be involved in and I know I would want to be involved in both, too. Playing sports is already so time intensive with the many practices, games, and homework we get each night, joining a club is virtually impossible.”

The voice of the Cub is clear. Clubs are being unfairly ignored, as non-negotiable and absolute priorities are being set for sports. If all of these problems are present, then what are the best solutions to this issue? A good solution to this issue is a forgiveness for those who want to attend one after school club a week with a potential transportation system if the sports practice takes place outside of school grounds. Other solutions include limiting conditioning by a few weeks and encouraging athletes to become more well-rounded student-athletes by attending clubs that peak their interest.



Daniel Babcock , HS English teacher, facilitating Quiz Bowl (Photo Credit: Cub Annual Staff)



Cross Country Meet vs OLSM. Photo Credit: Max Gouin ‘19

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Cub Highlights

Will *The Benders* Push Through The Adversity?



Tyler Padilla '19
Writer

Walking into guitar-ist Reed Michelini's basement, you are guaranteed to hear the sounds of *The Benders* at work. The hum of electric and acoustic guitars, the piano finding its rhythm, and of course the lead singers at work combine to create organized chaos that leads to creative works. In describing *The Benders* "jam-sessions" it is clear that this band has a purpose, a vision, and most importantly, a sound. The lineup is truly an all-star squad of University of Detroit Jesuit musicians. Stephen Hawn '19 provides excellent talent and technique on keyboard and guitar. David Hale '19 is a songwriter and on drums, Kameron Bloye '19 channels a Frank Ocean-esque like voice as backup singer. Lead guitarist and songwriter Reed Michelini '19 is the face of the band. So much personality, so much charisma, so much talent. *The Benders* contains a unique collection of musical talent that hasn't been seen in years here at UDJ. However, with no albums or singles to date, what can we expect from this up and coming band?



Stephen Hawn '19 and Kam Bloye '19 during practice Picture Credit: Instagram @stephenhawn

In an exclusive one-on-one interview with band-member Hawn, the keyboard-ist was asked what goals are the band working towards. "We are just trying to make some chill (redacted) tunes, you dig?" Hawn responded. Obviously that is the hope of any upstart group. Although the band has obvious talent, conflict may keep the group from success.

Rumors of inner turmoil in the band have circulated. Reports of the musicians missing sessions, band members threatening to go solo, and even failure to set an official release date for their debut EP has caused concern among critics. One journalist even noted that "if this band can't release a song by the end of the year it will be over before it even started." He also added, "There might be too much personality and too much ego for one band to hold. They have the talent, but their chemistry is still unknown." Harsh words indeed, but they are food for thought until more is seen out of *The Benders*. Reports are that the first EP will be out by the end of the year, yet no singles have been set to release. Rumor has it the first song could be coming soon. With any band comes the critics, but *The Benders* are on the rise, and only time will tell what is in store for this young band.

Musical Begins



Henry Ghawi '20
Reporter

As the curtain closed on the final performance of "*Children of Eden*,"

everyone was asking "what's next?" This is because Nancy Valentini and her staff retired, making that musical her final performance. This year, Deborah Tedrick took over the role of director. She came from the Marian/Brother Rice Musical productions Now at the High, she is starting her tenure off with "*High School Musical*."

The show is about high schoolers competing for roles on the school musical, the apex of the show is the song "We're All in This Together," this song breaks all of the traditional high school paradigms. All of the different elements that make up a typical high school are dissolved in this song.

The cast includes Matt Flynn '19, Rhasean Scales '19 as Ryan, Michael Argenta '20 as Chad, Chris Rivers '20 as Troy, Will Fanelli '20 as Coach Bolton, Max Orosz '20 as Allen, Robert Stevens '21 as Ripper, Ashton Handorf '21 as James, and Andrew Hall '22 as Mongo. This cast list is spangled with rookies to the UDJ spring musical program.

Many, however, are skeptical of how this will work out. With only two seniors on the cast, there isn't much veteran leadership in the program at the moment. Scales is confident in his team, though, saying, "the cast is great and fit the roles really well, so the show will be great." It will be interesting to see how this cast performs this spring. When asked about the musical, Sam DeVoght '19 said, "I can't say. I didn't enjoy the movies, so I'm looking forward to see how our Cubs pull it off." We must keep an eye on this great program and support them through the rehearsal process and into show week.

The High Gets Competitive



Matt Englehart '19
Page Editor

In the month of November, there were two after school tourna-

my students to Seniors, where as the Euchre games only had 36 participants including teachers. Each of the tournaments had a \$5 entry fee, and the winners received a prize.

but we made the most of it and made it run as smoothly as possible." After five hours of intense gaming, Academy student Aidan Faunt '23 won it all. He received a

came to a close, Gabriel Barker '21 and Michael Barker '22 were crowned champions. They received \$10, a "get out of jug free" card, and a Dress Down day. The faculty team



Cubs enjoy the Madden Tournament festivities Picture Credit: Cub News Staff

ments that drew a lot of attention. These were the Madden Tournament, organized by the Student Senate that took place on Friday the 16th, and the Euchre Tournament, sponsored by the National Honors Society that took place on Thursday the 29th. The Madden Tournament had 53 participants ranging from Acade-

The Madden Tournament was single elimination, with six possible rounds. The tournament lasted more than five hours. This was because there were only 4 Xbox's instead of 6. Roman Bruno '19 said, "It's not what Ms. Ong and I wanted or expected,

\$100 gift card as his prize.

The Euchre Tournament took on a different style as every team played four rounds, and the team with the most points at the end of the four rounds won the prize. Each round was 25 minutes long. When the four rounds

that placed the highest was Dave Gumbel and Heidi Hudson. Their team finished tied for second. The money raised from the tournament went towards the Gesu presentation "Immigration: A Personal Story" that took place on Wednesday, December 5th at the parish school.

Who is Decorating The High?

Cub News Staff Traditional-ly, Christmas time at the High was magical. There were trees, wreaths, garland, and lights throughout the school. Parents, Development personnel, and the Maintenance crew worked for a week transforming UDJ into a Christmas wonderland. Unfortunately, last summer,

the basement of the Jesuit residence flooded and all the holiday materials, along with many other treasures, were ruined. Therefore, all the decorations are new.

This year there are fewer decorations and even fewer volunteers. In fact, it is through the efforts of the Maintenance and Development departments

that there are decorations throughout the school at all. Kevin Short from Maintenance assembled the trees. Development dressed the school with wreaths and poinsettias for the President's Mass and Breakfast. Christmas is definitely at The High; you just have to look a little harder to find it.



Short decorates a tree in the Science Wing Picture Credit: Matt Englehart

Happenings at the High

Esports Club Begins



Noah Mullins '21
Contributer

With dozens of clubs for students to join it would be hard to call after school hours at University of Detroit Jesuit boring. However, new clubs with new themes continue to be added every year to keep the variety strong and to give UDJ students plenty of options after that final bell rings

by large groups of people online or in person from all along the world.

The new club meets on Mondays and Fridays every week. The meetings start at 3 pm and go until 4:00 pm both days. The club meets in the Language Lab which is Room 142 in the “New Wing.” Additional, weekend practice is offered to increase players’ skill development. Cubs are encouraged to bring a device with videos of pro or personal gameplay for review and be open to



Esports Competition Photo Credit: Wired

at 2:45 pm. A new addition to the largeroster of beforeand afterschool clubs this year is the Esports club.

For those readers who are not familiar with the new club, Esports is a widely popular form of gaming in which teams or individuals compete against each other for praise and prizes. These events are usually large competitions that are viewed

suggestions for growth. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to participate and join the club. Perspective students can show up any day and join the Fortnite, Overwatch, Rocket League, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Teams. The long term goal of the club is to per-

form in Esports tournaments regionally and nationally and to become one of the largest premier high school Esports programs in the state. The club’s leaders want to represent the school in the best way possible. For any further questions, contact club heads Noah Mullins ‘21, Connor Hicks ‘21, Daniel Hawn ‘21, Ibo Karim ‘19, and Will DeReyna ‘21.

No Shave November



Will Hicks '19
Editor

No Shave November is a huge deal and tradition at The High. Cubs, and teachers alike grow out facial hair all month to raise awareness and money for men’s health issues. This year, the school offered to donate \$5 per photographed Cub beard to cancer research. All together there where 25 Cubs that were photographed at the end of November with beards and the school donated \$125 to the Prevent Cancer Foundation. The best of those beards are shown below.

Before



Matthew
Dery
Faculty



Roman
Bruno
'19



Rhasean
Scales
'19



Max
Gouin
'19



Henry
Sznewajs
'19



Cole
Luken
'19



Julius
Spognardi
'19

After



U of D Jesuit Presents

The Annual Christmas Eve Mass

COME JOIN FR TED MUNZ
FOR A GREAT AND
HEARTFELT MASS

December 24 | U of D Jesuit
Main Gym | From 4:30-5:30 pm

Happenings at The High

Finals: Do's and Dont's



Jake Kuredjan '20
Writer

The week many are most fearing is coming up at the High, finals week. This year, finals take place on the following dates:

December 14:
Academy World Language
December 18:
English and Math
December 19:
World Language Arts and Science
December 20:
Theology and Social Studies

While finals can seem daunting to people who have never taken them at the High before, they can be less challenging if you approach them as prepared as you possibly can. The Cub News staff would like to share their “pearls of wisdom” about finals.

Do's:

•**KNOW WHAT IS ON THE FINAL:** In many classes, not all units you covered will be on the final. For example, in some English classes, summer reading books will not be on the final. Make sure to discuss with your teacher, in advance, what material will/ will not be on the final.

•**BE ORGANIZED:** Organization is one of the biggest keys to finals. For all classes, make sure you have all of your materials and papers organized by unit/chapter. This organization will help you when completing study guides, making quizlets, etc.

•**BRING A CALCULATOR TO MATH/SCI-**

ENCE FINALS: This might sound silly, but every year during finals week, students are running around the hallways 10 minutes before their math/science exam asking every teacher they see if they have any calculators to borrow. If your teacher allows a calculator, make sure to bring it.

Don'ts:

•**ONLY STUDY AT THE LAST MINUTE:** It never ends well when you only study for each of your finals the night before. Make sure to have your papers organized and study guides made before the day before the exam.

•**NOT SCHEDULE CONFLICT EXAMS:** For juniors and seniors, if you have two classes in the same subject, make sure to schedule a conflict exam with Mrs. Blake in the AAO. This is your responsibility, not your teacher's

TRY TO USE YOUR PHONE AS A CALCULATOR: Despite the numerous attempts by said frantic students running around the halls before their final, there are no phone calculators allowed in the final. The don't here is to ask to use your phone as a calculator. You are being saved from being laughed at. You're welcome.

TRY TO CHEAT ON YOUR FINAL: If you don't know the iconic phrase, you're not a Cub. Cubs, remember, Academic Integrity is paramount to your character.

STUDY SO MUCH THAT YOU HAVE A PANIC ATTACK: At the end of the day, Cubs, your grades do not mean the world. If you are stressing too much and having a hard time, go see a counselor or talk to your teacher. It is really not worth over stressing about.

Fine Arts Festival



David Hale '19
Writer

Each advent season, University of Detroit Jesuit gets in the spirit of Christmas in many ways. Cubs walking around the halls may notice the Christmas decorations that accentuate the building's beauty.

One great tradition this time each year is the Winter Fine Arts Festival. To showcase the hard work and demonstrate talents of some of the students from UDJ, different fine arts perfor-



Cub Choir performs at the Festival. Photo Credits: Anthony Siewert '19

mances take place. Throughout the day artwork from our students is displayed in Curley Lobby while family members and friends can enjoy delightful tunes from the Jazz band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band conducted by Christopher Charboneau. Also, prior to those performances Michelle Linkous' choirs and string orchestra performed in the chapel. These students put in time daily for the entirety of the semester, perfecting their respective instruments whether that be a trumpet, a voice, a camera, or a paintbrush. Like previous years, this



Symphonic Band Photo creds: Anthony Siewert '19

fine arts festival was a success. Sunday, December 9 hundreds of people in and out of the UofD Jesuit community came to appreciate the work of the fine arts students and performers. This year, UDJ was lucky to have guest conductor Dr. Cody



Photo creds: Jackson Vyletel '19

Birdwell from the University of Kentucky conduct two of the symphonic band pieces: March Diabolique and Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo. Dr. Birdwell is a long-time friend of Charboneau's, and a former mentor/band director for him at Northern Michigan University. Like the rest of the morning, the guest-conducted pieces were grand and really was the icing on the cake for an enjoyable morning at The High.

Contempelatives in Action



Nicholas Rennpage
Faculty Columnist

Last year under the direction of school President, Fr. Munz, and Nick Rennpage, Director of Adult Formation, University of Detroit Jesuit began the Contemplatives in Action program. With this program, students and adults of UDJ are periodically given the opportunity to reflect how the Holy Spirit has guided them over time.

In this year's first Contemplatives In Action exercise, the Cub community was asked to think about their daydreams and hopes for the future. Reflecting on daydreams is fundamental to being 'Open to Growth.' And, reflecting on own's desires - what it is that



you want most - is essential to Jesuit education. It was through reflecting on his daydreams that St. Ignatius' desires came into focus and his life's mission began to take shape.

By sharing students' reflections, it is hoped that other members of the UDJ community will become inspired by their peers' experiences.

“The future is a complicated thing that I am constantly thinking about. I want to achieve success that makes a difference to the world. My goal is to graduate from here

at the top of my class and hopefully get into the University of Michigan or Purdue University. Form there, I want to go into biomedical engineering in aspiration of helping someone change their life. I want to travel

“I want to raise them with Catholic education so that they never feel alone...”

around the world to help people solve their problems, [especially] the disabled... I also want to get married and raise my kids to be the best people they can be. I want to teach them the value of being good people that put God at the center. I want to raise them with Catholic education so that they never feel alone... ” -Anonymous Freshman

“I'm blessed to have my talents and abilities to be a huge part of my journey to happiness and success”

“In the next 10 or 20 years, I can see myself being a broadcaster / commentator for the NBA or NFL. One of my favorite things is to play football and basketball. I also like to talk about sports. This dream is a blessing from God because I love to do it. I'm blessed to have my talents and abilities to be a huge part of my journey to happiness and success. But as an African-American, I also want to be someone the world can see as a role model. It's important that black kids see someone of their own skin who 'made it.' That's why a lot of African-Americans want to play professional sports. They say 'If he can do it, I can too.'” -Anonymous Sophomore

Old and Young Join Together



Sidney Randolph '20
Reporter

Retirement homes exist in order for the elderly to be cared for after they're unable to care for themselves, but the homes often invoke loneliness for the retirees who live there. People joke about the elderly being dumped into retirement homes without a second thought. The joke, unfortunately, leads to the reality and loneliness is a real problem for those in retirement facilities.

Thankfully, a group of University of Detroit Jesuit students, in conjunction with students from Brother Rice High School, decided to tackle this loneliness by creating a volunteer group that allows for teenagers to befriend retirees who have little or no visitors. The

their Bloomfield Hills community. By chance, Delaney's own grandfather was sent to a local retirement community around this time, and the Cub's idea took shape. Delaney began to visit him frequently, and thought it would be a wonderful idea for him and his friends to do the same thing for other elderly people who didn't have the privilege of receiving many visitors.

CompanYoung is meant to be a two-way street. The volunteers enjoy the company of the retirees just as much as they appreciate the company of the volunteers. Delaney hopes that both the students and the senior citizens strengthen the bond between one another through CompanYoung and also believes that the volunteers are profoundly affected by the service that they pro-



Picture credit: <https://www.facebook.com/CompanYoung3/>

volunteer organization, CompanYoung, aims to bridge the gap between generations and provide a friend for these retirees. "CompanYoung provides the service of friendship," says Shane Delaney, '19, one of the group's organizers. "We aim to help people by simply giving them someone to talk to and tell their stories during a time when life can get lonely."

Of course, Delaney and his friends needed inspiration in order to create such an original program. In their junior year of high school, Delaney and company spent hours trying to find new and exciting ways to give back to

vide. Volunteers for CompanYoung are surprised to find that the residents have lives that they can relate to, and often receive newfound perspectives on how people from different generations dealt with some of the same issues that they encounter in their lives now. "I think that my favorite part of it all is that every visit forces you to critically think and engage with someone of completely different circumstances than your own."

If you are interested in volunteering with CompanYoung, contact Shane Delaney '19 or Billy Zimmer '19 for more information.

Update from the Senate



Drew Basile '19
Reporter

It's December. Hoarfrost films the Cherrylawn windshields and the front-lawn grass. Temperatures dip beneath freezing point, a flurry of snowflakes grace the limestone steps. Twilight flits over Outer Drive just after five-thirty, and University of Detroit Jesuit orients toward an inescapable way point: semester finals.

We, the Senate, understand the academic pressures of finals. These include long exams

focused on innovation. We understand that innovation is required to ignite student interest, to forge new traditions, and revive student involvement. It's a new route, a riskier approach than previous Senate administrations. We organized the Murder Mystery Dinner, a night at UDJ complete with catered food and an improv troupe. The dinner was attended by upwards of 60 students, a resounding success for such an unprecedented idea. We're following this event up with a bowling night, another movie, and a stream of other events.

student body, we are actively pursuing many of these ideas. A pancake-eating contest is currently being planned, and we've already moved to write and present a proposal for boot season. We're also always gathering ideas through Town Halls, and we strongly encourage all students to attend and participate in these forums.

December signifies not just winter, but another season: basketball season. With an all-star squad, the Cubs are slated for a deep run this season. We've planned an exciting line-up of student section



Left to right: Steven Murphy '19 Sam Comerford '19 Justin Lesinski '19 Picture credit: Daniel Chekal '19

that require hours of study, and the fixture of student body stress in the weeks leading up to Christmas Break. Treasurer Tyler Padilla '19 is drafting a valuable FAQ to guide new students through this exam process. President Eddie Black '19 and the Student Activities Committee have planned a Christmas movie-night to help ease stress during finals season.

In a broader sense, we're

Innovation is a grassroots process. It's a cycle of feedback, a pooling of ideas. At our most recent Senate meeting, we polled the student body on what they would like to see. We heard numerous ideas, from proposals for boot season to a pancake-eating competition. As a Senate, our foremost value is representation. In line with our commitment to representing the

themes to cheer on our basketball team. However, basketball is not the only winter sport at UD Jesuit. Both hockey and skiing dominate their seasons, and we're not planning on forgetting these crucial sports. We will be fielding numerous hockey sections, and for the first time, a ski-meet student section as well. Join us, the Senate officers, as we cheer on our teams.

November: Cubs Remember



Matt Englehart '19
Page Editor

In the Mexican culture, October 31 through November 2 is set aside for the celebration of the Dia de los Muertos. This

year, University of Detroit Jesuit decided to do their own take on this holiday by setting up remembrance altars in the chapel. Following the example of the traditional Mexican celebration, the altars were decorated with colorful skulls and a Mexican tablecloth.

The main focus of the display, though, were the pictures that members of the UDJ community brought in to remember their dead.

During the month of November, religion classes had a prayer service that included sharing stories of their



A Dia de los Muertos Altar Picture credit: Cub News Staff

loved ones and placing the photo on one of the decorated altars. Julian Moore '21 felt that "it was a really good experience, and I liked reflecting on relatives who passed." Not only did Cubs share information about their person, they also included why the person made a difference in their lives. After hearing about fellow Cubs lost loved ones, Moore said that he wants to

"aspire to be as good as them."

This new experience was initiated by Mary Catherine Costello, the new Assistant Director of Campus Ministry.

Another new initiative this November was the Remembrance Wall. Cubs were invited to add the name of a deceased loved one on the wall so that when people passed the display, they would say a quick prayer for the person.



Prayer Wall in the New Wing Picture Credit: Cub News Staff

Sports

UDJ Winter Sports Preview



James O'Leary '20
Page Editor

Skiing

The Ski Team looks to capitalize this year after an impressive finish last year, ranking in the top five in the Brighton League and Catholic League. Although the team lost three very good senior skiers in Jack Condit, Connor Plagens, and Evan Anschuetz, TJ Donnelly '20 is excited for what he believes could be a very promising season. He expects a very good varsity lineup all around, especially expecting great things out of seniors Charles Paroly and Josh Ilkka and sophomore Palmer Nittis.

Wrestling

Coming off a strong 2017-2018 season, the UDJ Wrestling team is going to try to replicate that success this year. Led by seniors Nathan Drewek, Otis Holt, and Sam Bailiff, the Cubs look formidable this season. Star wrestler Walter Baughman '20 is also another key wrestler on the team to keep an eye on as the season carries on.

Swimming

The High should expect great things out of the swim team this year. According to Tyler Padilla '19, the team has "all the pieces to be very successful." The team has a very good group of freshmen this year, as well. This season, the Cubs expect another phenomenal season out of Junior Rudy Stonisch, who set many records at UDJ last year. Also, Cooper Drouillard '20 looks to have great season, too. This year, Padilla truly believes that "this is the best team we have had since [he's] been swimming," which says a lot.

Bowling

After finishing second last year in the Catholic League, the bowling team hopes to make its way to the top this year. Although the team lost four seniors out of a seven person team, including Ryan Reid, a top five bowler in the state, Nate Comerford '20 thinks the team may be even better this year because of greater team chemistry. As the season progresses, keep an eye out for Bryson Hopson '19, Adam Mundy '19, and Nate Comerford '20.

Hockey

The UDJ Varsity Hockey Team looks very strong this year. Despite losing all three of last year's captains -- Brendan Neary, Brendan Gumbel, and Chris Meininger -- the Cubs hope to compete against some of the top teams in the state. The Cubs have already beaten Brighton High School, the defending state champions, 3-0. Senior Jackson Vyletel believes that "Ben Charboneau will be huge" for the team this year. Another player to watch for is Jake Gumbel '20, who left AAA hockey this year to help lead the Cubs. It's fair to say that the High should have high expectations for this year's hockey team.

Basketball

After a strong season last year, finishing 22-4 and capturing their sixth straight Catholic League Championship, the Varsity Basketball team's future looks bright. Despite losing valuable seniors, including Zach Winston and James Moss, the team still looks very promising. Led by an extremely talented senior class, the Cubs hope to battle their way to the Breslin and another state championship.

College Basketball in Michigan



John Eads '19
Reporter

The 2018 NCAA Basketball season is upon us once again. With the commencement of the season comes high expectations once again for both the Michigan Wolverines and the Michigan State Spartans. The Wolverines came into the year ranked 19th in the country while the Spartans came in as 10th. After 6 weeks of play it seems that not only are both



Jordan Poole and Isaiah Livers
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squads exceeding expectations but are getting better each week. Thus far the Wolverines have played a hard schedule and have found themselves shoot up the rankings all the way to their current spot at 5th in the nation. Michigan boasts a 10-0 record and have been a stalemate on both ends of the court. Freshman guard Ignas Brazdeikis, former top 100 recruit, has been a star for the team averaging 17 points and game and quickly adjusting to Michigan's defensive style of playing. Xavier Simpson is much improved from last season and has grasped the strings of the starting point guard position with his defensive grit and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar-esque skyhooks. The 7 foot behemoth Jon Teske is doing what he can to fill the void from Moe Wagner's departure to the LA Lakers. Jordan Poole has been coming into his own lately and is a major offensive threat not only from the perimeter but in the lane as well. Charles Matthews has come on strong after a tough offensive start to year after testing NBA waters in the offseason and has much improved upon his shooting from beyond the arc as well as his mid-range game. While the Wolverines were ranked behind the Spartans to begin the year it seems they have exceeded expectations. John Beilein's squad started off the year with a rematch of the National Championship game on the road at Villanova and embarrassed them on their own floor beating, at the time, the 8th ranked team in the nation by 23. The Wolverines then came home and took care of No. 11 North Carolina 84-67 and high flying Purdue 76-57. The Wolverines are hot right now will look to go into the new year 13-0 as they have three non conference opponents upcoming in Western Michigan, Air Force, and Binghamton.

The Michigan State Spartans, led by Cassius Winston, are off to an excellent start themselves. Tom Izzo's squad is 8-2 and ranked 10th in the nation after winning the Las Vegas Invitational. The Spartans have had some impressive wins taking down UCLA, Texas, and Iowa with the losses to an incredible Kansas Jayhawks team and Louisville on the road. The Spartans have received increased production from Cassius Winston averaging 7.7 assists per game as well as Joshua Langford averaging 17.7 points per game. The keys to the Spartans hot start have been the contributions of the young, talented freshman as well as the increased production of the returning players from last season in Matt McQuaid, Kyle Ahrens, and Kenny Goins. Aaron Henry, former top 150 recruit, and Foster Loyer, former top 100 recruit, have been huge for the Spartans as early contributors on both ends of the floor. While Henry and Loyer don't put up big numbers offensively, they are able to give Langford and Winston some time to rest during the game without much turnover. Henry is going to be a stud as he is getting significant minutes as a freshman. Loyer is raw but is learning quickly and has all the keys to take over the ship once Winston is gone. Look for Michigan State to compete once again for the regular season Big Ten title and defend their crown.



Cassius Winston and Joshua Langford
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December Hot Takes With Loch



Peter Loch '19
Analyst

Red Wings Finish Last, Fire Front Office

The years of perennial powerhouse and banner raising have left Hockeytown. And by the looks of it, those years may not be back for quite some time. This year has been a trying one for the young Wings. They are sitting at 12th in the East and aren't showing many signs of making a big jump. The Wings are very young and still have awhile to go before they are real contenders. They will have to wait a couple more drafts with high draft picks to really be taken seriously. Some draft picks have been very good but maybe will run out of time in Detroit. The first that comes to mind is Dylan Larkin. Larkin is a phenomenal talent who the Red Wings drafted in 2014. But by the time this team is ready to win in three or four years, he might not be around or his best years will be behind him. I know that the Wings are in the middle of their rebuild and they are just playing for draft picks, but maybe they need to rebuild in more ways than one.



Tyler Bertuzzi-part of team's future
(Photo Credit: Detroit Free Press)

It all starts with GM Ken Holland. Holland has had a stranglehold on the Red Wings organization for the last 20 years. Holland was gifted a winner in 1997 and hasn't done anything else except sustain young players he didn't draft and make awful trades that has only worsened this rebuild. With this new rebuild of the roster, we also need to rebuild the front office.



General Manager Ken Holland may be on the hot seat (Photo Credit: Detroit News)

Chicago Bears Win NFC

The Chicago Bears are surprising a lot of people around the NFL. They are 8-4 and are sitting at third in their conference with a strong grip on the NFC North. The Bears are led by their defense and summer pick up Khalil Mack. Mack is just a ridiculous specimen. He just takes over games in so many ways. Quarterbacks are never comfortable when he's rushing the passer. The QB is forced to rush his decision making and the solid Bears secondary takes advantage. The Monsters of the Midway lead the NFL in interceptions and are fifth in sacks. Their defense always finds a way to take over offenses. That will be huge as they have to go through two great offensive teams in the Rams and Saints.

What I really think will be the difference maker is when Mitch Trubisky comes back from injury and can Quarterback this team again. Before his injury he was having a terrific year. Allen Robinson and him had been an unstoppable duo. Once defenses started keying in on the pass, they'd let Tarik Cohen chunk out yards on the ground. They have one of the most versatile offenses in the game and this will be on full display when the Bears win the NFC.



Quarterback Mitch Trubisky will attempt to continue his team's good season (Photo Credit: USA Today)

Cub News Photo Contest

Please continue to submit photos to Cub News Staff, rosemarie.gonzales@uof-djesuit.org



1st Place-Mrs. Rockwell



2nd Place- Alexander Kelly '21



3rd Place (Tie)- Andrew Stenson '22 (gazebo) & LeMar Price '20 (mask)

December Pop Culture Grid

Questions provided by: Stephen Hawn '19	Would you rather be a Ninja or a Pirate?	Best Christmas gift you have received?	Which teacher has the best shoe game?	What is your guilty pleasure Christmas song?	Did O.J. do it?
David Hale '19	Pirate. Being a ninja is a top 5 cop-out all time	Star Wars: The Complete Saga on the Nitendo DS	Mr. Lauchlan	"The Cupid Shuffle"	Is Harvard easy to get into?
Roman Bruno '19	Ninja for sure. I'm good at doing karate to people.	A Wii, why else am I so good at Madden?	Mr. Maddox, and Mr. Mularoni is dead last	Can't go wrong with "Mistletoe" by the Biebs	I'm more of an apple juice person
Ryan Duffy '19	Pirate, because Pirates of the Pancreas	Rainwater letting us use study guides on that test	Mr. Teasdale	"Last Christmas"	No, Mr. Rizik told me so
Ben Williamson '19	Pirate for the booty	Unlimited likes on Tinder	Mrs. Rockwell	"Mo Bamba"	Does the glove fit?
Mr. Kyle Chandler '99 A.P. Student Affairs	Ninja all day and all night	He Man sword and shield	Mr. Lou Offer	Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas"	If the glove don't fit...

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