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Fall Teams Break School Records



Michael Logan '20
Page Editor

With fall sports finishing up their seasons, the teams had one of their most successful

seasons ever here at The High. Their accomplishments include:

Academy Cross Country
Undeafated Regular Season
CYO City Finalist

Academy Soccer
CYO City Champions

Varsity Tennis
MHSAA Regional Champion & State Finalist

Varsity Soccer
CHSL Division and League Champion

Varsity Football
CHSL Divisional Champions
CHSL Prep Bowl Champions
MHSAA District Champions

With this new found success, many people have wondered where did it come from. After an interview with Nicholas Kocsis, UDJ Athletic Director, stated “This was not overnight success - this was something that was in the making for a long time.” He also went on to say, “The culture here hasn’t changed, but rather evolved. We didn’t take another school’s plan to make our athletics better but made our own with the expectations on the field are just as high as they are in the classroom.” With all the success achieved in fall sports this season, this hard work on the field was clearly delivered on game day.

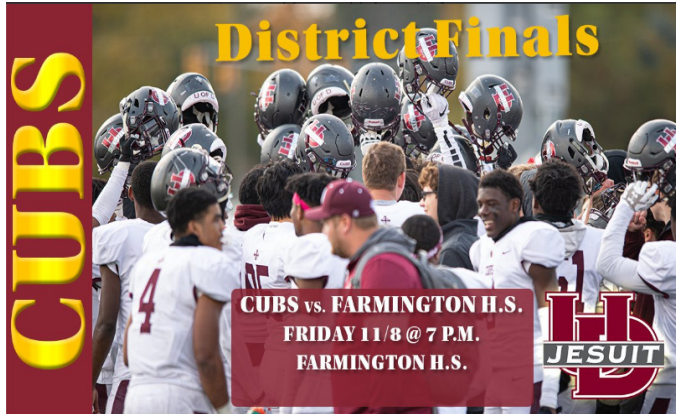


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Cub News Alert

In an effort to keep publication costs within budget and entertain the Student Senate’s suggestion to reduce the number of papers produced, *The Cub News* is changing its

distribution procedures. Thanks to the help of Robert Williams, Head of Facilities, editions of the Cub News can now be found at six distribution centers throughout

the school. Papers will be available in the Atrium, Media Center, Commons, three student lounges in the SEC, the SAO, and the Reception desk.

Cubs Shine in Perennial Favorite *Arsenic and Old Lace*



Henry Mansky '20
Reporter

For the third time in 20 years, UDJ’s Theater Company brought Joseph Kesselring’s 1939 play *Arsenic and Old Lace* to life on the Marygrove stage. A perennial favorite, *Arsenic and Old Lace* tells the story of the eccentric Brewster family. The two Brewster sisters, played by Mercy



Max Orosz '20, Ethan Hall '20, and
Mercy Junior Lindsey Walton
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seniors, Katie Mueller and Maeve Lopus, stole the show with their interpretations of the women who kill single men to "ease their loneliness". Brothers Ethan ‘20 and Andrew ‘22 Hall did a great job as Dr. Einstein and Mortimer Brewster, respectively. Ethan made his own by developing

an accent that was never used before by other actors who played the part.

Other Cubs involved with the play include Max Orosz '20, playing the evil Brewster brother, Jonathan, William Fanelli '20, the “crazy” brother Teddy Brewster who believed he was President Theodore Roosevelt, the police officers Steven Wall '20, Austin Lincoln '22, Ashton Handorf '21, and the dead body, Aiden London '23.

The cast members and stage crew under the direction of Justin Manwell '94 and Alexander Davidson '06 started preparing for the production in August with auditions and rehearsals five times a week up until October 21st. The week of October 23 was what the students call “hell week.” Fanelli ‘20 said, “Hell Week is both the most difficult and most fun part of the productions. It’s when everything comes together and it did for us this year.” “Although the times were stressful, the cast bonded and actually got closer. There was no drama, and the cast just became one, big, happy family,” said Orosz ‘20. Throughout the three days of production the play received multiple positive reviews. Jack Miller ‘20 said “It was actually really good, better than some of the past plays.” The very fact that the play sold out for Friday’s performance is further proof that it was a huge success.

Trip to "The Border Wall" Impacts Immersion Travelers



Ethan Mowatt '20
Reporter

Immersion Trips - one of the most important parts of a University of Detroit Jesuit experience. They provide the detailing that gives the student a complete Jesuit experience and truly makes it “more than an education.” In the middle of October, Kim Redigan, UDJ Theology teacher and social activist, and Barbara Koster

Rigg, Director of Service at UDJ, took eight UDJ students on an immersion trip to the US/Mexican border, near Nagoales and Tuscon, Arizona, to better understand how the people there were affected by the US immigration policies and the injustices that occur at the border.

Chris Rivers ‘20 remarked that it was an excellent trip that truly gave insight into what some of the immigrants go through as they approach the border. On the trip the students participated in activities ranging from walking the path that the immigrants take as they go north from the border, to speaking to detainees at Department of Homeland Security’s Florence Detention Center. After talking to one of the detainees, Jose Mauricio Lopez, David Lewis ‘20 said, “I realized that the biggest difference between Mauricio and me was not our backgrounds but, rather, the location of our birth. Being born in the U.S. allows me to follow the American Dream and to take advantage of all the opportunities this country provides, but Mauricio’s foreign birth stands as an obstacle rather than an asset.”

On the trip in the desert, the group walked to some of the points where people leave food and water for the migrants. “Since the migrants can be out there anywhere from 3-10 days, out in rough and scary conditions, they usually run out of food and water. So we took food and water to leave at these points. We walked for 3.5 miles on pretty hard terrain to leave food for them and pick up garbage along the way. It is in the hottest part of the desert and the trail is somewhat “rigged” to prevent families from traveling along the treacherous valley where death from heat awaits,” explained Emilo Avina-Sanchez, ‘22. He went on to say that the people who try to cross the border do so because they do not have the option to stay in Mexico or other Central America countries due to certain economic or social conditions.

The trip overall was a very powerful experience to all the students who went on it and they strongly recommend it to Cubs who are interested in learning more about the plight of immigrants to the United States and the injustices they suffer in their journey. In the words of John Garrett ‘20, “I believe as one of the most developed nations of the world, it is our responsibility to accept the rejected, broken, and lost people of the world.” The border trip gives participants ideas and experiences that will help them address these problems.



Cubs at the Border
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Pullis v. Lewis

Topic: Impeachment

Question: Does Trump deserve to be impeached and removed from office right now?



Patrick Pullis'20
Columnist

It is great to be back writing alongside my good friend and fellow scholar David Lewis. I thoroughly enjoyed our previous debate over gun control, and am excited to take on the topic of Trump’s impeachment. It is important to first acknowledge that the impeachment of President Trump has been a goal of the Democrats in the House of Representatives since he took office in 2017. However, the first legitimate impeachment push began after rumors spread about possible Russian interference in the 2016 election. Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller was hired to investigate the claims about election tampering and Trump’s involvement in it. After Mueller found no conclusive evidence that implicated Trump, the Democrats were forced to move on to something new.

Next, it was Trump’s involvement with Ukraine that led Democrats to open up an impeachment inquiry. President Trump voluntarily released a summary of conversations that he had with Ukrainian President Zelensky where he urged the Ukranian government to investigate Joe Biden and his son Hunter. Around the same time, the Trump administration withheld \$400 million in aid to the Ukraine (Fox News). While Trump denies that the two events are related, almost all of his opponents seem sure that he withheld the money specifically to force President Zelensky to investigate the Bidens. So this begs the question: Is this enough evidence to impeach Donald Trump and remove him from office?

Personally, I do not think there is enough evidence, as of yet, to say with certainty that President Trump used Ukraine’s aid package as leverage to get President Zelensky to investigate the Bidens. However, I think there is definitely enough information to justify the Democrats’ impeachment inquiry. Once the impeachment inquiry is completely finished, and (hopefully) all the evidence from it has been made public, I will be able to conclude whether I believe impeachment is justified.

Currently, there are no grounds for impeachment against President Trump. And there is certainly no justification that Trump should be removed from office. I am glad that Democrats in Congress have opened up the impeachment inquiry to learn more about Trump’s dealings with Ukraine, but it is much too soon to accuse him of leveraging Ukraine’s aid package for political gain.

If the impeachment inquiry reveals damning evidence against President Trump, he will certainly be impeached and face a trial in the Senate to determine whether he is removed from office. However, if no new information surfaces, the Democrats in the House will ditch the Ukraine story, and pounce on the next accusation that surfaces against President Trump.



David Lewis ‘20
Columnist

The Constitution states that the House of Representatives has the power to impeach on the grounds of “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.” The phrase “high crimes and misdemeanors” is vague and undefined, but according to Alexander Hamilton, it includes “abuse or violation of...public trust [and] relates chiefly to injuries done...to the society itself.” During the Nixon impeachment inquiry, Congress expanded on Hamilton’s writings and identified three broad categories of impeachable offenses: “exceeding or abusing the powers of [one’s] office,” “behavior incompatible with the function and purpose of the office,” or “misusing the office for an improper purpose or personal gain” (1974 Impeachment Inquiry Report). Thus, according to the Constitution, the Founding Fathers, and historical precedent, Donald Trump has committed multiple impeachable offenses.

Trump exploited his office for personal gain by using his power as president to pressure foreign leaders to dig up dirt on political opponents. On his infamous July phone call, Trump repeatedly asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to investigate Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden for Hunter’s role as former board member on Ukrainian energy company Burisma. Soon after, Trump withheld 250 million dollars in aid to Ukraine on the false claim that Ukraine had not fulfilled its anti-corruption commitments, despite a letter the Pentagon had released months proving the contrary. Recent testimony given by Gordon Sondland and William Taylor, two U.S. ambassadors, in the impeachment inquiry proves that Trump withheld the aid to pressure Ukraine into investigating the Bidens. While Sondland initially claimed that Trump wanted “no quid pro quos of any kind,” Taylor testified that Sondland told a Zelensky aide that if Ukraine “didn’t do...the investigations, they weren’t going to get...military assistance.” Sondland then revised his earlier testimony to match Taylor’s, claiming that Taylor’s testimony “refreshed [his] recollection about certain conversations,” and admitted to telling the Zelensky aide “that the resumption of U.S. aid would likely not occur until Ukraine provided the public anti-corruption statement that we had been discussing” (FactCheck.org). Although carefully worded, Sondland’s statement was an admittance that he had been directed to establish an explicit quid pro quo with Ukraine, and it was especially damning because Sondland is a longtime Trump ally and donor.

Trump has certainly committed impeachable offenses, but impeachment may not be politically efficacious. It could backfire like Clinton’s impeachment, which drove his approval rating up, and it would force Democratic senators off the campaign trail to sit through an impeachment trial that could last months. That said, impeaching Trump is probably worth the political risks, because adding him as one of only three presidents to ever be impeached would create a permanent stain on his legacy and represent a strong warning to future presidents not to abuse their power.



Editors Respond to Lack of Appropriation from Senate



Nguyen Vo ‘20
Associate Editor-in-Chief

to inform the student body that it can no longer afford to provide copies to individual homerooms, a long-held tradition. While we fully respect the Student Senate’s decision regarding their appropriation to the newspaper, we disagree with their rationale behind it and their suggestion to reduce cost. The Student Senate’s suggestions included:

Offering a digital version - The Cub News is already digital. The electronic

version of the school newspaper can be found on the school’s web page.

Reducing number of editions and/or pages - This would change the nature of the newspaper. It would be more of the news magazine.

For 99 years, The Cub News has been a useful guide through which new students can rely on to navigate around The High their first year. For 99 years, it has been an orga-

nization that fosters students’ love for writing, their artistic skills, and creativity. For 99 years, the paper has been a powerful channel through which the student body can voice their concerns to make meaningful changes.

Reducing the budget proved to be detrimental for this organization to continue its mission to inform on a regular basis. Luckily, there is a solution. We hope that this new distribution method will

allow us to achieve our goals and make the paper more available for a longer period of time.



After receiving 4.5% of the requested appropriation from the Student Senate, The Cub News regrets

Inside the Broken Stalls



Jack Chekal ‘21
Writer

Let me share with you a familiar story. It’s second period, and I need to go to the bathroom. I don’t bother even asking because for some ineffable reason I can’t be responsible for my own education, and instead of excusing myself for a few minutes, I sit through the rest of the class distracted. The period ends and I plan on quickly going to the bathroom before the next class until I see that the bathroom is “Under renovations.” All in all, I can’t find the time to relieve myself until lunch. I walk into the stall, and the lock doesn’t work. I walk over to the next one, and the lock doesn’t work. And the next one; the lock doesn’t work. I call it quits and sit down, leaning forward to keep the door closed.

When the bathroom reopens two weeks later, the urinal is still covered in caution tape. Most of the stalls in the building don’t have functioning locks. One bathroom doesn’t even have partitions between the urinals, but I find

that preferable to the illusion of privacy in bathrooms where the partitions have fallen off with bits of the plaster it was attached to. A urinal has fallen off the wall in one of the bathrooms. Some urinals don’t even flush.

I’m not asking for much. Just for locks that lock. For functioning urinals. For some privacy. And for some simple empathy when I ask to go to the bathroom.



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Thanksgiving Plans



Matthew Watha ‘21
Writer

Thanksgiving Break is a great to spend time with family, friends, and relatives. The food is great and spending time with family is even better. Here at the University of Detroit Jesuit, students were interviewed to find what they were going to during Thanksgiving Break.

Many students at The High are excited about the upcoming break. Nick Lundberg ‘21 said, “I’m going to sleep and hang out with family during the break.” While Ethan Cheatham ‘21 said, “Eat a lot of Thanksgiving food and work out.”

When asked what food

they were looking forward to Cheatham said, “I am looking forward to eating a lot of yams and macaroni.” While Lundberg said, “I’m going to eat a lot of turkey.”

Andre Spivey ‘20 plans on spending his vacation in Florida with relatives.

With a huge five -day weekend it is a great time for students to spend time with family and friends to recharge before the end of the first semester.



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Health and Wellness

UDJ Takes on H&W Week



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The week of October 29th through November 1st marked the celebration of University of Detroit Jesuit's second annual Health and Wellness Week. The week allowed students to disengage from technology and promoted progressive ideas around the importance of the health and wellness of the students and faculty. The Health and Wellness



Two of the therapy dogs dressed for Halloween in Curley Lobby
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committee at UDJ is comprised of faculty and staff member: Deborah Wolf M.D., Amy Ong, Claudia Foerg, Dominic Coccitti-Smith '04, Kyle Chandler '99, Malcolm Teasdale, Sarah Kost-Cox, James Hassett, Rick Bennetts, Adam Bonventre '15, and Kiernan Bloye '15, and Brandon Johnson '01. Throughout the week, events and talks occurred all over the school. The Commons, backfield, conference room 005, and Curley Lobby were all venues for student engagement in school-sponsored activities.

In fact, two of the Alumni Volunteers, Kiernan Bloye '15 and Adam Bonventre '15 spoke to students about various subjects surrounding possible techniques to improve their health and wellness during lunch periods four, five and six. Different activities ranged from graffiti walls, coloring books, and Play-Doh molding to therapy dogs and standard board games. Very similar to last year, Spikeball remained a student favor-

ite during off periods and scheduled lunches. Mateo Manriquez '20 stated that "I enjoyed seeing the therapy dogs walking around the school in between my class exchanges in the afternoon. It was by far my favorite part." On the other hand, some students voiced frustration around the strict rules of Health and Wellness Week. Michael Logan '20 stated that



"I did not like how I could not check my common application status during health and wellness week." This issue was a hot

topic for many senior students as Health and Wellness took place on the week prior to nearly all colleges' early action deadlines.

The biggest shock to students, it seemed, was the absence of technology in the classroom and during free periods. Faculty, however, were far more responsive to this change with most classes not missing a beat and the



Michael Zakaria plays cards with Jason Myneni '20, Andrew Salazar '20, Theodore Watson '20, and Thomas Charnely '20
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school day carrying on in the usual manner. Nevertheless, it was a pleasant surprise to see UDJ students packed in the commons watching a spike ball match or flocking around the therapy dogs in Curley Lobby. The health and wellness committee along with the whole of the UDJ community aimed to promote the overall well being

of students while addressing the often stigmatized subjects of physical and mental health. Thanks to the hard work of the committee and UDJ administration and the participation of faculty, and students UDJ aims to make Health and Wellness week an ongoing tradition at The High.

An AVC's Review



Adam Bonventre '15
Faculty Contributor

What began as an idea from members of UDJ Faculty and Staff forming the Health and Wellness Committee, H&W Week was designed to give students the ability to reconnect with their classmates. There were different events such as Spikeball and other games in the Commons, therapy dogs in Curley Lobby, and guided meditations/yoga in the Chapel. One of the major gripes amongst students and faculty alike throughout the week was the lack of the usage of technology. Instead, students and faculty had the opportunity to disconnect with their screens to be able to reconnect with each other in a healthier manner.

Often times, I think it's easy for students, and faculty, to become so enthralled by their devices and technology that it becomes too much a distraction in the classroom rather than a helpful learning tool. With this being said, I understand there were some difficulties that students felt like they were falling behind with work and that some teachers would still assign on-line homework. These are pieces of feedback that help improvements and changes to occur in the future.

As a committee, we are running focus groups as a way to see where growth and improvements can still be made for years to come. With all things considered, however, I would say the week was a success. We had students engaging in competitive activities, while some were keener to spending their off-time coloring. We heard from numerous students and faculty saying that a week like this came at the perfect time in the semester with stress heightening, while also receiving compliments saying they wish H+W week was every week. While this might not be realistic for the time being, I would love to continue to see a great emphasis placed on the overall health, mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally, and wellness among all members of the U of D community akin.



Robert French '20, Max Orosz '20, and Alex Giovanelli '20 look at student artwork during Health and Wellness Week.
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One Student's Review



Cooper Drouillard '20
Reporter

In my opinion, Health and Wellness Week was a very good idea in theory, but University of Detroit Jesuit's version of Health and Wellness Week came with a number of flaws.

UDJ participated in its second annual Health and Wellness Week this fall 2019. In my opinion, last year's event was poorly planned and executed, with a large number of students and faculty choosing not to participate. This was especially true of the teachers. Many faculty members throughout the school just blew off the structure of the week in favor of their standard class itineraries. For instance, the Latin IV class was assigned a paper that was due that Friday of Health and Wellness week. Normally this wouldn't have been an issue, but because of the no technology rules, students were not allowed to use devices during the day leaving them to do much of their research at home, adding more stress to students. Consequently, this year's Health and Wellness Week was highly criticized right from the start.

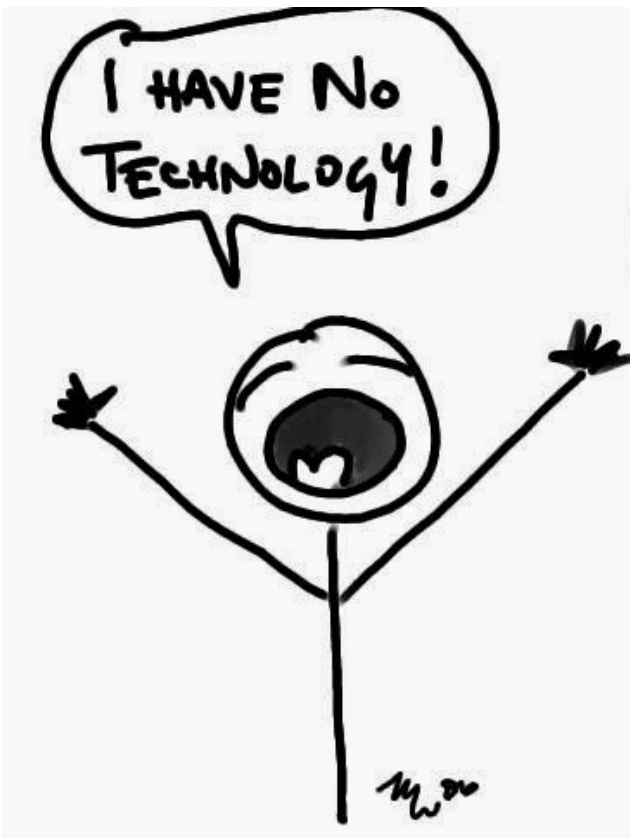
This year was supposed to be different. After the problems of last year, the administration sent out a survey asking questions about student interest on topics. This was done in order to improve upon already established activities. Students were led to believe that their opinions would be taken into account.

Coming into this year's Health and Wellness Week, students were skeptical for two main reasons. First, last year's activities were not well coordinated. Secondly, the week that the Health and Wellness Committee chose happened to be the week many college applications were due. This was a huge problem amongst the seniors because the limited use of devices during the school day made it difficult for us to proofread and review our college applications with the College Counseling Department.

However, Health and Wellness Week was widely well received because dress down days were offered for three of the five days of the week to the community. But, as the week went on it became apparent that nothing had really changed from last year. Yes, every student, and even some faculty members, were still annoyed with the no-technology policy, but they seemed to be more open and positive with the event as a whole.

From my perspective, the problems with UDJ's Health and Wellness Week was its time line that coincided with the Early Action deadline for most colleges, the lack of students on this year's Health and Wellness Committee, and absence of the seminars recommended at last year's evaluation meetings.

Health and Wellness Week is by no means perfect; it still needs a lot of work to become truly helpful. It is understood that students need a balanced use of technology and how to deal with the stress of school. UDJ must continue to find ways to get this message across to the student body.



"No Tehnology"
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Different Bus Schedule for Exam Week

Below is the departure from U of D Jesuit and drop off times for early dismissal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 17, 18, & 19, 2019. (Weather contingent day make-up exam day of Friday, December 20, 2019)

NORTH	
11:40 a.m.	Departure
11:57 a.m.	Westborn Market (Woodward North of 11 Mile Road)
12:13 a.m.	CVS (14 Mile & Crooks)
12:27 p.m.	OLQM
12:39 p.m.	Holy Name
12:51 p.m.	St. Hugo

EAST	
11:40 a.m.	Departure
12:15 p.m.	St. Joan of Arc
12:29 p.m.	Our Lady Star of the Sea
12:41 p.m.	St. Paul of the Lake
12:54 p.m.	St. Clare of Montefalco

SOUTHWEST	
11:40 a.m.	Departure
11:56 a.m.	Corpus Christi
12:18 p.m.	Sacred Heart (Dearborn)
12:42 p.m.	Taylor Sportsplex/Dunhams (Taylor)

NORTHWEST	
11:40 a.m.	Departure
12:08 p.m.	West Bloomfield Plaza
12:17 p.m.	St. Fabian
12:35 p.m.	Tim Horton's @ 6 Mile & Haggerty
12:41 p.m.	St. Michael's (Livonia)

Around the High

The Senate's Money Game



Harry Crane '21
Contributor

\$44,581 requested, \$20,000 distributed. These are the official numbers from the 2018-2019 Student Senate's fall appropriations. Pledge Detroit, the University of Detroit Jesuit's annual student fundraiser, allows the Student Senate and 25 student organizations to fund events, trips, meetings, and more. However, each year with a limited budget, the Senate is faced with the daunting task of allocating funds for each student activity. Therefore, many clubs don't receive the amount they ask for, while some get nothing at all. In order to promote fair consideration, student club representatives sit before the five officers and Student Senate Moderator and Dean of Student Activities, Amy Ong, to make their case. In these pitches, clubs request how much they believe they need to succeed and why. Then, the five senate officers each create a plank anonymously to be voted on by the full senate.

On Monday, September 30th, the Senate homeroom representatives voted on the 2019-2020 club appropriations. When asked how he voted, Sam Lanni '21 stated, "I make sure each club got some money, and tended to grant the club I belong to more money as well." Homeroom reps, Big Brothers, and Co-Chairs contemplated this task seriously, but ultimately, many members, like Lanni, voted to give their own clubs the most money.

After calculating the votes, Plank B was implemented for this school year. In this plank, some clubs received what they

asked for while others saw significant cuts to their budgets. B.A.S.E., Labre Ministry, and the Video Production Club received their full requests, while other clubs weren't as fortunate. International Food Club was the only organization that did not receive any money while the club that took the biggest hit to fulfill their budget was the Outdoor Club. The Outdoor Club only received \$1,100 of the \$7,500 they requested, but this was a common theme among clubs with big requests. Overall, the plank system may seem unfair, but the Senate Officers try their best to justly distribute money to each club based on need and reason. There is no way to give each organization their requested amount with a limited budget. Pledge Detroit aids Senate events, tailgates, clubs, and more, but appropriations will never be a perfect system. One solution to create less bias would be to have a school wide vote where all high school students have a say in the best plank. This way, more votes would create a common majority and not just be based on Senate members' decisions. However, for now, clubs must accept the money they're given and try to receive more through second semester appropriations.



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Cubs Go to Washington D.C.

On Friday, November 15, six juniors, Freedom Atienza '21, Jack Chekal '21, Zion Clay '21, Ashton Handorf '21, Ricardo Peres da Silva '21, and Justin Zia '21, joined chaperones Mary Catherine Costello, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, and Amy Ong, Dean of Student Activities, for the 10-hour drive to Washington DC. There they became part of the nearly 2,000 people who came together for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Social Justice to learn, reflect, pray, and advocate.

The Teach-In is a place for members of the Ignatian family (Jesuit institutions and the larger church) to be empowered, re-energized, inspired, challenged, and supported by a community that sees faith and justice integrally linked. The UDJ Cubs joined students from 50 Jesuit high schools and 26 Jesuit colleges and 7 Jesuit parishes across the United States to study and discuss, and maybe even propose solutions to timely social justice issues in the Catholic context.

The Teach-In began as a protest in Columbus, Georgia at Fort Benning in 1997 outside of the School of the Americas. Participants came together to remember the six Jesuit priests and two lay martyrs murdered on November 16, 1989. In the last 22 years the Teach-In has grown to become the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the U.S.

This year's Teach-In theme was Radical Hope: Prophetic Action. The three keynote speakers, seven Ignatian speakers, and 40 breakout sessions all focused on the words of Pope Francis in two major areas: migration and environment. Participants at the Teach-In were asked to join with Pope Francis, the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and the U.S. Jesuit Provincials in asking for an immigration policy that honors the human dignity and family unity of migrants. In his message for the 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis said, "We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved." Teach-In attendees were also asked to join together and call upon the U.S. government to "exercise decisive leadership to mitigate climate change by supporting policies that reduce greenhouse gases and that protect people in poverty who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change."

To meet these goals, Teach-In participants learned about these issues through listening to the speakers, discussions at break-out sessions, and independent research. On Monday, groups brought their ideas to their congressmen, advocating for changes in the migrants and climate control policies. Costello shared, "I was very excited to see UDJ high school students understand and appreciate their Jesuit Identity by participating in the Jesuit Teach-In." After attending, Justin Zia '21 felt "honored to represent UDJ at an event that allowed me to go face-to-face with our U.S. Congressman to discuss issues that affect us individually, and as a country as a whole."



Students at the 2019 Ignatian Family Teach-In. Photo Credit: Amy Ong

Recapping the Walk-A-Thon



Michael Argenta '20
Page Editor

On Tuesday, October 1st, the Pledge Detroit Walk-A-Thon returned to 8400 South Cambridge Avenue. After 10 years of serving at sites around Detroit, the University of Detroit

Jesuit Student Senate and administration decided to resurrect the Walk-A-Thon. The plan is to continue serving Detroit with a yearly work day while rotating the Walk-A-Thon into the fundraising cycle every four years allowing students to connect with the community surrounding The High.

The 2019 Walk-A-Thon allowed students to take part in a piece of UDJ history as the original walk took place in 1973. As the entire school community was ready to hit the streets along the route on Outer Drive to Southfield Road, the temperature was high and many students had mixed emotions. However, everyone set out on the walk that was just under 10 miles and most had a fun day with friends. The hockey and cross country teams led the way as they ran the entire route and some finished in less than two hours. Danny Miller '22, a varsity cross country runner, was the first Cub through the door. Teachers opted to run as well including Daniel Babcock, Edward Mad-dox, Michael Bindon, and AVC Jake Zelinski '15.

Even though students were dripping in sweat when they returned to school, many enjoyed the Walk-A-Thon more than they expected to. Alex Giovanelli '20 stated, "Even though I liked serving at sites around Detroit in previous years, I enjoyed the walk because I got to have fun with the boys while participating in another part of UDJ history." Many parents volunteered as well where they were posted on street crossings to support students and maintain safety from traffic. Harry Crane '21 said "It was nice to see how many students enjoyed participating and how many parents came to support us." After the Walk-A-Thon, students were treated to a lunch provided by the Mothers' Club and then were allowed to head home for the day. Ultimately, many Cubs enjoyed the Walk-A-Thon because it was a stress free day to spend with friends and the entire school community.



Seniors Luc Baudeloque and Jonathan Paul are all smiles as they begin the Walk-A-Thon. Photo Credit: Parris Bennett '14

Just Mercy Enrichment Day

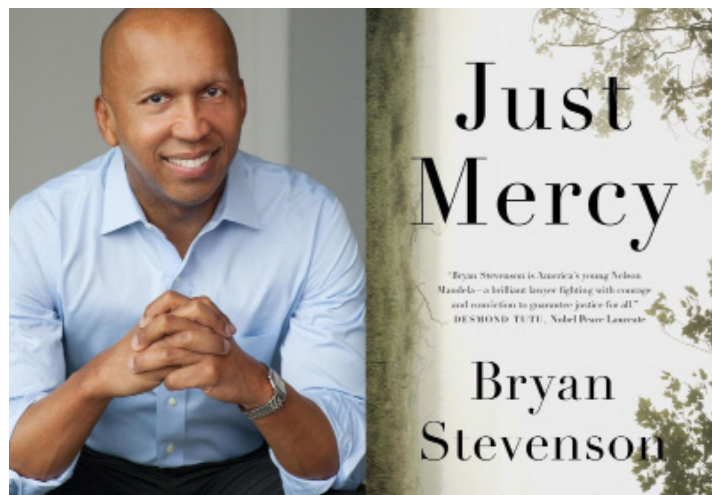


Will Kozlowski '21
Reporter

As students around the University of Detroit Jesuit have spent countless hours this summer reading Bryan Stevenson's novel *Just Mercy*, they will be immersed in many of the lessons that it teaches its readers. To the surprise of many students, UDJ has implemented a school day directed towards *Just Mercy*. It is being called the *Just Mercy Enrichment Day* and will take place on a school day in the second semester. **The original event was scheduled on Wednesday, November 13 but was postponed.**

Just Mercy teaches many life lessons that echo the lesson of social justice toward the wrongfully convicted in the United States prison system. Bryan Stevenson, the author, tells his stories of being a lawyer helping prisoners on death row. Every chapter is an example of how he keeps his focus on the types of cases that are poorly handled in the prosecution's favor. When Alec Weaver '21 was asked about what he thought the main social justice issue addressed in the novel was, he responded by saying, "The bias present in the judges' decisions to convict the innocent was truly inhumane and disgusting." Weaver could not believe the amount of false imprisonment that is still happening today as the novel truly put this into perspective. In fact, "4.1 percent of defendants who are sentenced to death in the United States are later shown to be innocent: 1 in 25" (Washington Post).

During the *Just Mercy Day* classes will be suspended to give all members of the Cub community an opportunity to see the movie, "The Hate U Give" and to discuss the social injustices brought up by the book and movie. **As students await Just Mercy Enrichment Day, they can look forward to seeing the film based on the novel which will be released on January 10, 2020.**



Author Bryan Stevenson and the New York Times Bestselling Novel. Photo Credit: vcu.edu

Happenings at The High

BINDON ‘15 GRABS TOP WEST POINT HONORS



Sidney Randolph ‘20
Page Editor

This spring, U of D Jesuit alumnus David Bindon ‘15 has been recognized by West Point for his spectacular performance, both as a student and as a cadet. West Point Military School has officially named Bindon as both their valedictorian of the class of 2019 and named Bindon a “first captain” or brigade commander of the U.S. Military Academy’s Corps of Cadets.

Bindon graduated from West Point with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and thanks



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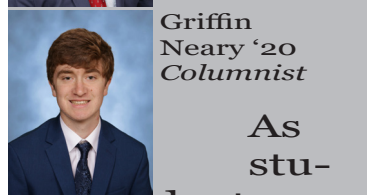
to a scholarship from the Marshall Scholarship foundation, Bindon is now attending King’s College in England for his first year mas-

ter’s degree in War Studies, and hopefully will move on to the London School of Economics and Political Science for his second year master’s. However numerous and valuable Bindon’s accomplishments may be, they’re not what Bindon and his family members are most proud of. The most inspirational part of Bindon’s story is that the young cadet has accomplished all that he has by prioritizing his faith.

Chandler Chats



Jacob Adamic ‘20
Columnist



Griffin Neary ‘20
Columnist

As students, we are taught to listen, then ask questions if needed. Sometimes when our questions are not answered, we begin to ask more. As we reach the mid-way point of our first semester of the 2019-2020 school year, we begin to have many questions coming into the colder months. Griffin Neary ‘20 and Jacob Adamic ‘20 were able to sit down with Assistant Principal of Student Affairs, Kyle Chandler, ‘99 and discuss some of the more common questions from the student body.

As we just wrapped up this year’s Health and Wellness week, we saw many ups and downs. We were able to ask Mr. Chandler what he thought the positives and negatives of the week were. “I think the energy was great! Simple things like seeing the amazing artwork on the dry-erase boards

and the Spikeball were cool to see. Overall seeing guys having fun was one of the biggest positives,” Mr. Chandler said. Along with this, he stated, “We tend to use the internet and our devices as resources. Health and Wellness Week gave us the ability to use our brothers as our resources. Everybody has their own history and own story and when we get sucked into our computers, we forget about the guy next to us.” Continuing on with the Health and Wellness week, Mr. Chandler stated, “Next year we hope to get more student input on things they would like to see throughout the week. Ed Maddox, Spanish teacher, runs a club for Health and Fitness which allows kids to extend the week by going bigger and broader.”

Following up on the Health and Wellness week, “I stated how a big part of stress and anxiety derives from tests and quizzes stacked up throughout the week. After discussing some solutions for next year, we

came up with a hopeful idea of using a testing schedule, ensuring students won’t be stuck with multiple quizzes or tests on one day.”

Another burning issue is the countless discrepancies over the dress code between the students and the faculty. The major point of contention is the debate over whether students should be able to wear sweatpants. Mr. Chandler stuck with his reasoning to keep belt loops on Spirit Days for a number of reasons. The biggest issue is that when students are dressed more casually, they tend to match that with behavior that wouldn’t be seen on a normal school day. “There needs to be a tether that holds students to some sort of code both in apparel and behavior, even on the Spirit Days.”

Thank you to Mr. Chandler for sitting down with us again and answering some of the questions

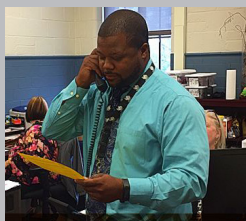


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Cub Blood Saves Lives



Liam Whelan ‘21
Contributor

The annual Blood Drive sponsored by the Ignatian Service Corps took place this past month on October 25. Students who were at least 16 years old could volunteer to donate blood. Adults in the community also donated.

The event, which took place in Curley Lobby, encouraged all eligible students to give their time and blood for a good cause. There was an added bonus for students who volunteered: those who donated a pint of blood received a free Dress Down Day.

The goal of the Blood Drive was 50 pints of blood donated; 35 pints were collected. Some volunteers who didn’t

donate blood still contributed, however.

Charlie Stokes ‘21, who helped volunteers by giving them snacks and helping them to their seats after they donated, spoke positively of the experience. “I thought it was a great experience,” he said, “Even though I didn’t give blood I greatly respect all of those who donated blood and I thought that it was a great event. It was really cool talking to those who donated about their experience and I really think that this great tradition should continue.”

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for April. Everyone is encouraged to save three lives by donating one pint of blood. For those wanting to go the extra mile, they could donate their plasma.

Club Spotlight: Photography



Bernard McCoy ‘20
Contributor

The Photography Club is brand new at The

High. The focus of the club is on the beauty of photography and being completely aesthetic. The members take breathtaking photos of things you wouldn’t even imagine.

Taking a picture is much more than holding up your cell phone and shooting the photo. Members of the club discuss how to make the precise adjustments and use the proper techniques to capture the perfect picture.

Photo Club president, Michael Hannosh ‘21 started the club because photography is clearly a favorite of his. When asked why he started the club, Hannosh said, “because I have a

strong passion for photograph. I thought it would be a good idea to teach others how to get into photography.”

“It’s just a fun thing for me to do and it could possibly turn into a career for me,” Hannosh added.

The new club has had a slow start in finding members. Hannosh believes that this is “because I have done a poor job advertising it and it’s a new club.”

The club meets every Monday after school in Room 301. If interested in joining, contact Hannosh through email at MH210421@student.uofjdesuit.org

Members of the Photography Club invite all those interested to join them at their weekly meeting to explore this exciting form of art in the 21st century.



New Security Assistant



Kaden Byrd ‘21
Contributor

Many people work very hard to make this school work flawlessly. This is a big part of Head of Security, Michael Pousak’s job. He works some days from 7 am to 11 pm - a 16-hour workday. What is not as obvious are the weekends, holidays, and after school hours he is here at The High, doing what it takes to keep the school safe.

Finally, it was time to call for backup and just recently a new Assistant Head of Security, Talitha Green, has joined Pousak.



Talitha Green

After spending 29 years at Henry Ford hospital as a member of their security team, Green was ready for a change. Another factor in choos-

ing to make the change was that she was very intrigued by the opportunity to work with the diverse community that makes up UDJ community.

This is a major change for the Security Office and is an indication of how well the facility is being used.

The increased number of events after school means that more people are entering the building, making it necessary to increase the security staff.

More Happenings Around The High

MLK-Day On For Service?



Michael Polizzi '20
Contributor

Every year, students across the country take the Martin Luther King JR day off without ever giving it a second thought. However, this year the Ignatian Service Office is planning a “MLK - Day On.” The ISC Office will be offering students and their families the option to come to The High on the day off, Monday, January 20, and participate in a prayer service or mass, learn about the history of racial unrest in the city, and complete service projects throughout the city. While it is an optional day, this is an opportunity for students and their families to really get involved and be part of the message Dr. King fostered.

The coordinator of this event, Barbara Koster Rigg, Director of Service, says that the day is inspired, of course, by Dr. King himself, but also by the fact that the school feels it's time to actually make a difference in our community and make an impact on the day as opposed to it just being a day of nothingness.

One of the projects offered on “MLK -Day On” will be to make mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. The project will be led by a volunteer from “Bag Ladies for a Cause,” a downriver organization that meets weekly to make the plastic mats. The mats are made by cutting and looping the recycled plastic bags and forming them into “plarn” – plastic yarn – then crocheted the plarn into the sleeping mats for the homeless. It takes about 700 grocery store size

plastic bags to create enough plarn to crochet a 3-foot-by-6-foot mat. The plastic makes the mats wa-



Bag Laddies for a Cause Group (Photo Credit: Sue Suchyta, The News Herald)

ter resistant, which helps keep the dampness off of the sleeper. They are thick, and if the person doesn't want to sleep on the mat, they can cover up with it. One doesn't have to know how to crochet to help with this project. The bags need to be cut into strips and then the strips have to be tied together to make the strand of plarn. These strips then need to be rolled into a ball, as you would do if using yarn. Many hands are needed and all ages would be welcome to start this project. “Even if all we do is cut the bags, make and roll the plarn, we would be doing something for the homeless,” said Riggs.

There is still lots to be planned for this event, but students are asked to talk to their families and schedule the day to allow themselves to get into the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by participating in this optional day of service.

Freshmen to Spend Their Retreat Night at The High



Aiden Tomsich '20
Page Editor

This year the Class of '23 will experience a first in Cub history. They will be having an overnight at The High, sleeping in the gym and spending over 24 hours at the school. Why this unique experience? The new and revamped Freshmen Retreat.

After listening to the students' reactions to previous freshman retreat experiences and evaluating the goals for the retreat, the Campus Ministry team decided that there needed to be some changes to the experience.

Several models for this retreat have been tried, from the whole class spending an extended day at Fort Wayne in downtown Detroit to breaking up the class into four groups, each going to a different retreat site. This year the retreat will be an overnight retreat at UDJ from Friday morning till Saturday early afternoon. The theme of the retreat is kinship. Mary Catherine Costello, the Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, shared that the goal is “to increase the importance of the “connectedness among brothers” which makes UDJ school so special. Us being together as a whole entire class is very special and also unique,” said Costello, who is very excited to form kinships amongst the freshmen class members.

The retreat will feature events involving the entire class and some that will split up homerooms into

small groups to increase community involvement. The retreat will include a guest speaker from California, Br. Matt Wooters, SJ, a panel of alumni that will be speaking about their experience of community at The High, and an Olympics tournament between the members of the freshmen class which will showcase sports, card games, and board games. The freshmen will spend the night in the gym, sleeping on tarps. Overall the retreat will be a much different than previous years, and is intended to be more entertaining, meaningful, engaging, and communal.

Over 70 students are needed to make this retreat work. Big Brothers, small group leaders, and other student volunteers will be spending their time with the Class of '23 to ensure the success of the event. “After seeing the itinerary, I think this new retreat will be great for the freshman class,” said Michael Argenta '20, big brother and retreat leader. “The leadership team is working hard to make this event successful and fun, so freshmen should be excited for the occasion.”

Costello and the Freshmen Retreat team, Kyle Chandler, Assistant Principal of Student Affairs, Amy Ong, Dean of Student Activities, Malcolm Teasdale, Assistant Principal of the Academy, Nick Rennpage, Br. Jim Boynton, and teachers Darrin Flowers '01 and Claudia Forge, are hoping that this retreat will, in turn, get the freshmen more excited for future retreats. Costello hopes this year's class will be part of the planning for next year's Class of '22 retreat.

Cubs Bring Christmas to 42 “Adopted” Families



Aiden Tomsich '20
Page Editor

With snow on the ground and Christmas coming up very soon, the giving season has officially begun. Here at UD Jesuit, while it may always be the giving season, with Christmas comes the 31- year tradition at The High which is the Adopt-A-Family service event. The tradition to help support families in the community with gifts and essentials for the Christmas time has evolved throughout the 31 years. At first, the service event exclusively helped Focus Hope families, but now has it has progressed to assisting many other families in need. (Photo Credit: Jim Adams)

November 12 was the kick off for the event which described the basics and requirements for each student and why this event is so vital to the school. The student- produced video highlighted the reasons the Ignatian Service Corps finds this project so important that it involves the entire school - every student and adult in the building. The Adopt-A-Family event asks every member in the school community to donate \$15 and bring in food and/or personal care items. It also asks students from each homeroom to volunteer to either be a food coordinator, money collector, gift shopper and/or deliverer, or a driver. This allows members of a homeroom to meet the family they have “adopted” for the holiday season.

This year, each homeroom will keep all the money that they raise. Also, to make it more equitable, families with only two people will be grouped with another family, therefore more drivers will be needed per classroom. Wednesday, November 13 to Friday, November 22, are the dates for collection of money and food donations. Friday, December 6 is the service and delivery day where students will enjoy a prayer service, discuss the importance of helping out our community and those in need, and then deliver the food and donations to the families.

“Being able to celebrate Christmas is more than just the joy that you get on that day, it is also about the memories” said Nguyen Vo '20, Adopt-A-Family co chair. “A few years from now, you'll be able to look at your Christmas pictures and rejoice in those moments, gifts, and the sense of love that you had. For a lot of people in our community, that's simply unaffordable. It is up to us to share that love with others and help them enjoy their Christmas.”



Cub Broadcast Begins New Initiative - “Challenge” Series: Teachers vs. Students



Patrick Pullis '20
Contributor

Estes and the Cub Broadcast team have forged ahead with several new segments, all the while continuing to relay important daily announcements on the daily Cub Broadcast.

One of their latest segments that will begin airing soon is the new Teachers vs. Students challenge. This series will pit teachers against students in a variety of competitions including a cookie bake-off, math challenge, and several other high intensity contests. The Teachers vs Students challenge will air once or twice every month on the Cub Broadcast. Each competition's winner will be rewarded one point to add to their teams total, and there will be a special three point challenge at the end of the year to wrap up the competition. The winning side will receive a special prize at the end of the year.

The first segment of the Teachers vs. Students challenge is set to come out before Thanksgiving break, with many more soon to follow throughout the first semester. Although the Cub Broadcast team has several competitions already chosen, they are always looking for unique competitions that will interest both the student body and the faculty. Feel free to contact any member of the Cub Broadcast team or Estes, @UDJCub-Broadcast on Twitter or through email, with ideas for the Teachers vs. Students challenge.

In its first year without Matt Dery as coordinator, the Cub Broadcast team has looked to continue improving under the leadership of Chelsea Estes, teacher and Cub Broadcast & Sportscast moderator, at the helm.

Legacy Auction - Celebration for Student Scholarships



Ed Harris '20
Contributor

The UDJ annual auction took place Saturday, November 9th. Cubs volunteered as tech support, servers, musicians, and various other jobs to ensure the success of the auction. Many students went for a good time, free food, the experience, and extra credit. But the reason most students went to the auction was to help volunteer as all the auction revenue helps finance 1/3 of the students here at The High.

Overall, student volunteers at the auction really enjoyed their evening. “My experience at the auction was great,” said Taylor Colletti '20, a member of the jazz band who has attended the auction for the past two years. “The best part (of the auction) is playing in such a cool looking environment.” For the auction the gym was transformed into an elegant restaurant setting with black curtain walls, professional floral arrangements, and dramatic lighting.

When asked about what is most impactful to her about the auction, Kathy Larabell-Renaud, Direction of Auction, said, “The fact that all funds raised go to tuition assistance is what makes our auction so special.” Last year the school raised \$545,000 for tuition assistance, a school record! Larabell-Renaud called this year's auction more of a celebration, in that “the theme this year is about celebrating our school's legacy, enriching the donors legacy, and supporting the students that benefit from aid.”

The auction this year was a success! \$100,000 was donated toward the tuition fund which impressed the student volunteers. “It was cool to see that people truly care about our school and its students,” said volunteer James Jamil '21.



Student Senate Officers at the Auction (Photo Credit: @UDJDadsClub on Twitter)

Sports at The High

Winter Sports Overview



Lawrence Price '20
Page Editor

As the 2019-2020 U of D fall sports season comes to an end, the upcoming winter sports teams at The High have high expectations set for their upcoming campaigns.

BASKETBALL: Coming off placing runner-up in the MHSAA state finals this past year with their loss to Ypsilanti Lincoln 64-62, Head Coach Patrick Donnelly and the Cubs look to continue their ongoing successful seasons. Although the end result was not the end goal, the team finished with an astounding overall record of 25-3, including their record-setting seventh consecutive Catholic League Championship, seventh straight district, and sixth straight regional. The team lost four out of five starters, yet are still in contention for the Catholic League and more as they return eight players from last year. Cub basketball player Jim Morgan '20 mentioned his outlook on the approaching season, "we have a chance to be just as successful this year. Our goals haven't changed, we want a state championship and we believe we can get it done." With Donnelly's twelfth season as UDJ Head Coach nearing, he and his staff look to have another amazing and competitive season.



HOCKEY: Coming off a State Quarterfinals finish in their loss to Detroit Country Day 6-1, the Cub Hockey Team led by Rick Bennetts, member of the UDJ Counseling staff, is ready to get back on the ice and have another great season. The Cubs became regional champs during their playoff run, which is their first since the 2016 season, and now, they are hoping to make a push for the state championship this season. Captain Henry Mansky '20 commented on the team's upcoming season, "we've got a lot of young talent, and a strong group of seniors to lead the way. I'm excited to see the growth of the team and I'm looking forward to playing at Plymouth." Hall of Fame Coach Bennetts is on his 25th season as UDJ's varsity hockey coach.



WRESTLING: The U of D Wrestling team is coming off one of their best seasons to date, and are set to continue their dominance. Led by Head Coach Nick Bowers and the 2019-2020 Captains John Schreiner '20, Walter Baughman '20, Steven Andreu '20, and Alex Drewek '21, the group is eager for the season to start. Schreiner expressed his confidence in the team's nearing campaign, "after coming off a strong season where we won our district title and went on to regionals, we look to continue upon the success we built up over the past couple seasons." The wrestlers finished overall with more than twenty wins on the season, including second in the Catholic League, winning the team districts, and making it to their regional.



SWIM: Spearheaded by fourth-year Head Coach Drew Edson and coaches Eric Schuman and James Slaughter, the swim team is coming off a successful season. The group ended with an overall record of 10-5, and are prepared to best this record in their 2019-2020 season, as they only lost four seniors. Swimmer Conor Sawmiller '21 expressed his belief in the team's upcoming campaign, "we have a lot of talent this year. This could very well be a great year for our swim team and we look forward to it." The captains for the swim team include Cooper Drouillard '20, Ethan Mowatt '20, Rudy Stonisch '20, and Alejandro Borrego '20.



BOWLING: Led by Head Coach Darrin Flowers '02 and Marshall Lyons, the bowling team is back and ready for their 2019-2020 campaign. Although the group did not finish as well as they hoped last year, they have confidence that this is their year. Bowler Colin Wilson '20 describes his thoughts on the approaching season, "I think that we will be one of the best teams in the state this year, and we will easily take Catholic Leagues." Energized and enthused, the team is prepared to fulfill their potential as they get after it and practice up in Warren, Michigan at Universal Lanes for the season.



SKI: The U of D Ski Team is ready for the 2019-2020 season. Finishing third in the Mt. Brighton Division, and second in the Catholic League, which is the first time since the team began in 1998, the team not only focused on continuing their success, but have even practiced since the end of last season. Cub Skier TJ Donnelly '20 expressed his confidence in the Ski team's upcoming campaign, "the team is looking great this year, we have most of our varsity team returning except for Josh Illka '19 and Charley Paroly '19. We also have a bunch of new freshman coming, seven to be exact, who should be able to perform well this year. I'm expecting us to qualify for states this year!" Led by long-tenured Head Coach Lorrie Kush, the Ski Team is excited to hit the slopes!



The Ford Field Experience



Nick Lundberg '21
Contributor

On October 19th, 2019, Cub football players, band members, and fans got to travel to Ford Field and participate in the annual Prep Bowl against Warren De La Salle. With a record of 5-2, the Cubs football team faced a 4-2 De La Salle squad. The game was close until the final whistle but, unfortunately, the Cubs lost 17-7. The outcome, though, didn't take away from the overall experience provided by the professional atmosphere, at least in the opinions of Cub football players and band members.

When asked about the experience of playing on a professional field, Frank Blackman '21 described it as a, "great experience and it was cool to see what it was like to be a pro for a day." Jeffery Knight Jr '20 added that "it was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life."

The members of the band had a similar reaction to the experience. When asked about performing on a professional field, Lawrence Gilliam '21 said it was, "Very cool to play in a large venue and it was nice to be indoors so our sound was projected a lot better than the rest of our games this season." Blaine Ballard '20, another band player at UDJ, expressed how amazing this opportunity was, stating "that was an incredible experience. Walking out of the tunnel and playing in that big of a stadium is something I will never forget."

Even though the Cubs lost, players, fans, and coaches alike had a blast being able to participate in a professional atmosphere. The experience was incredible for the entire UDJ Community and we are all looking forward to the Prep Bowl next year, hopefully a different result.



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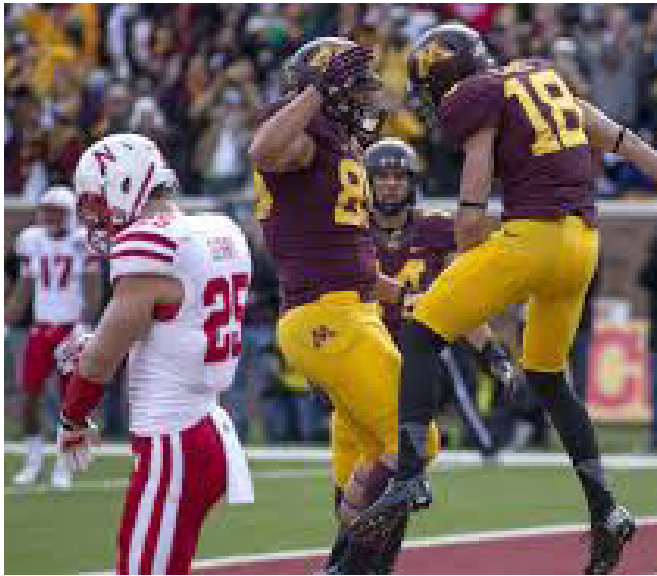
Cub Culture

Hot Take Golden Gophers Will Remain



Aaron Schwarz ‘21
Reporter

The Minnesota Golden Gophers are one of the few teams to remain undefeated so far this season. Minnesota comes into week twelve ranked #8 in this year’s second College Football Playoff Rankings, as well as being ranked first in the Big Ten’s Western Division. This strong and very unexpected 9-0 start by up and coming Head Coach P.J. Fleck and his Golden Gophers has brought hope to Minnesota fans to play in the Big Ten title game. Many critics have cited Minnesota’s fairly weak schedule as the source for their success so far. The Golden Gophers did not look extremely impressive in some of their games earlier in the season, as they barely slipped by non Power Five schools such as Georgia Southern and Fresno State. What critics failed to recognize, however, is that the Golden Gophers began to improve and really flex their muscles against schools within the Big Ten and proved that they’re real conference title contenders.



Minnesota vs. the Nebraska Cornhuskers
Photo Credit: sbnation.com

Minnesota showed that they could play against and run past teams such as Nebraska and Illinois, beating each team 40-17 and 34-7 respectively, despite not being favored in either match. However, the team’s biggest accomplishment came from their win this past weekend. Their most recent game against #9 Penn State was a hard fought victory with Minnesota winning 31-26. #9 ranked Penn State has proven themselves with wins against #15 Michigan and #20 Iowa, yet the Nittany Lions proved to be no match for the Golden Gophers and their hearty defense. These games, especially the match against formerly undefeated and playoff bound Penn State, showed that Minnesota can compete against and defeat talented and well coached football teams. After Penn State, the Golden Gophers will play away at #20 Iowa and at Northwestern the following week, and will close out the regular season by facing in division rival Wisconsin at home. This three- game stretch may sound dubious, yet the Golden Gophers can hold onto their Western Division Top Spot thanks to their current two-game lead over Wisconsin for the Big Ten West top spot and facing their toughest remaining opponent, Wisconsin, at home.

It’s extremely likely that Minnesota will finish the regular season in the same spot they’re in now; first in the Big Ten West. Therefore, the Minnesota Golden Gophers are my pick to win the Big Ten West, the weaker of the two Big Ten divisions. If so, they will likely face #2 Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship in Indianapolis. Ohio State may be undefeated and one of the highest ranked team in the entire country, but if the Golden Gophers secondary continues to play like they have been, then the Golden Gophers have a legitimate and real opportunity to slip past the Buckeyes and win the entire Big Ten. This sequence of events would make this Golden Gophers team one of the best in Golden Gopher program history and subsequently force both the local and national media to recognize the Golden Gophers as a real threat under the leadership of Fleck. The Golden Gophers may have a challenging stretch of games ahead of them, but it is a very real possibility for the Golden Gophers to come out on top.



Head Coach P.J. Fleck with the Golden Gophers

November Photo Contest

First Place: Rex Whitmore ‘24



Second Place: Alex Vecchio ‘22



**Third Place:
Kristen Rockwell-Klusman**



November Pop-Culture Grid

Questions provided by: <u>Sidney Randolph ‘20</u>	What’s your favorite Thanksgiving dish?	Any special plans for Thanksgiving?	When does it become acceptable to listen to Christmas music?	Popeyes or Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich?	Will Detroit ever have a good pro sports team again?
Steven Andreu, ‘20	A nice, juicy, tender turkey	I’ll be too busy celebrating Christmas	After Christmas	Popeyes, since they have no morals and are open on Sundays	Never. Never ever
Steven Wall, ‘20	Turkey and cheese sandwich	No	There’s a time when it isn’t acceptable?	Neither. I prefer the chicken melt from Costco	Yes, I heard we have a good curling team on the rise
David Perez-Cruet, ‘21	Turkey drumstick	Get sleep and enjoy family time	Last July	I don’t wait in line for 2 hours to get a sandwich	Have you ever heard of the U of D football team?
Brian Ankrapp, ‘22	Potatoes	No	Never	Chick-Fil-A	Endless Mediocrity
Jack Schreiner, ‘25	Turkey drier than the Sahara	Watching the Lions lose	December 1st	Chick-Fil-A	If the refs start making fair calls
Señor Paul Diehl	My wife’s Thanksgiving lasagna	Binge watch the 1962 season of “The Naked City”	After my birthday: December 4th	Church’s, a Detroit favorite. (Gus’ Fried Chicken for a backup)	When Dan Gilbert owns one of our teams