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Football claims 7th in a row

BY STEWART McCULLOUGH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One Mississippi: with 17 seconds left to play and a yard to gain, quarterback Alex Gibbs lined up under center with running back Jerrion Ealy, fullback Ross Hopkins, and power-back Ethan Lingle directly behind him in the power-I formation.

Two Mississippi: center Caleb Gay snaps the ball to Alex Gibbs.

Three Mississippi: Jerrion Ealy takes the handoff from Gibbs and leaps over the entire offensive front, landing 3 yards past the line to gain. This moment sealed the win for Jackson Prep, claiming a seventh straight championship with the 33-27 win over Madison Ridgeland Academy. It was a game that lasted 2,880 seconds and was filled with seven turnovers, 721 total yards, a quarterback change, 5 missed extra points, an onside kick recovery, and some late 4th quarter drama, but at the end of the night, it was defined by 3 seconds and a single yard.

Although Jackson Prep has been the king of the M.A.I.S. for the past decade, the 2018 campaign seemed as if the tide was going to change. To put it simply, the regular season matchup was a wake-up call for Prep. Jackson Prep and M.R.A. both entered the

ballgame undefeated; however, the dominance that surrounded Jackson Prep for the 2018 season was short-lived. M.R.A. put up 42 points, with 28 of those coming in the second half. This loss snapped a 26-game win streak and was the first time M.R.A. had beaten Prep since 2010. (To read more about the regular season showdown between Jackson Prep and M.R.A., visit www.jpsentry.net.)

Media pundits from across the state picked Jackson Prep in the regular season showdown, but after a dominating win for M.R.A., every one of these media members switched their support to Madison Ridgeland Academy. For the first time in five years, Jackson Prep was the underdog, something Coach Ricky Black and his team tried to embrace. During a championship press conference held at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame on Monday, November 12th, Coach Black said, "I'm sure we're the underdog, and that's something our players have learned to deal with." While it was unfamiliar territory for the Patriots of Lakeland Drive to be considered an underdog, many of the seniors stressed that it needed to be used as fuel instead of fear.

As the night grew colder, so did the tension and nerves of the Jackson Prep sideline. Would the championship streak reach 7? Could Prep knock off an equally talented team who bulldozed



Students and players showing school pride. Photos by Stewart McCullough

them earlier? If you asked around town, the answer was simple: not a chance. However, what everyone didn't take into account was the heart of every Jackson Prep player. They weren't playing for the name and number on the back of their jersey, they were playing out of love for the name on the front, and the legacy that surrounds those four letters--P, R, E, P.

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Précis Pageant highlights class of 2019

BY AUBREY SCOTT MOAK
AROUND TOWN EDITOR
&
JANE GRAY BARBOUR
AROUND TOWN EDITOR

The staff of Jackson Prep's yearbook, *Précis*, is hard at work this time of year planning and coordinating their annual fundraiser. The *Précis* Pageant is held in honor of the seniors, and this year's edition came around on December 10. High school students look forward to this event because they love seeing their friends receive awards and titles such as Mr. and Miss Jackson Prep, wittiest, class favorites, beauties, and beaus. All proceeds from the pageant fund the top-notch yearbook received at the beginning of each school year.

This year, the theme of the event was "A Night in New York." For weeks the school was covered in posters decorated with skylines and stars advertising the pageant.



Sara Michael Kennedy (Left) and Maclain Kennedy (Right) perform "Lost in My Mind" by The Head and the Heart. Photo courtesy of *Précis*

Talent auditions were held to see who would perform for entertainment purposes on this night. Some crowd favorite pieces were "Someone Like You" sung by Elizabeth and Katherine Speed, and "New York, New York" by Mary Robinson Coco. New this year, the pageant featured a silent auc-

tion with art from Jackson Prep students and those involved in the Prep community. The staff generously decided to give the artists half of the profit and use the other half to fund *Précis*

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WHAT'S THE WORST CHRISTMAS MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN AND WHY?

"Jack and Jill is the worst Christmas movie ever made because it features Adam Sandler wearing a dress."
- Hunter Yelverton, 10th

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi is the worst movie released at Christmas because the entire First Order can't destroy a single, damaged rebel transport for over 24 hours."
- Eli Venarske, 10th

"47 Christmas Wishes because it was so bad and so boring"
-Thomas Cross, 7th

"Elf because it's overplayed"
-Amanda Roberts, 12th

"Any Hallmark movie because they're about love"
-Dr. Luke Nealey

"Polar Express because it doesn't put me in the Christmas spirit"
- Sara Michael Kennedy, 12th

"Home Alone: The Holiday Heist because there were just too many and the kid is a horrible actor. It's just really bad. It's horrible. I hate it."
- Gayle Grantham, 11th grade

"The Jack Frost movies because they are creepy"
- Mary Noble Howard, 11th grade

WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST GIFT YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

"A glow-in-the-dark Frisbee"
-Thomas Cross, 7th

"A giant empty box"
- Walker Jay Patterson, 11th

"A stuffed unicorn and a pillow-case of Dylan O'Brien"
- Julia Zouboukos, 11th

"A calendar of all the boys I love"
-Anna Grace Morgan, 11th

"A brick from my grandmother"
- Cassidy ZumMallen, 11th

"Obama toilet paper"
- Elizabeth Herring, 12th

"I got a Mr. Potato head at a Christmas party playing dirty Santa"
- Kimberly Blount, 10th

"A bookmark made out of panda poop"
- Olivia Clapp, 11th grade

"The funniest gift I've ever gotten was a miniature basketball goal that you attach to the bathroom wall and shoot at while you're going to the bathroom."
- Hunter Yelverton, 10th

SENTRY PICKS

SENTRY STAFF: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE?

The Santa Clause
Joseph Watts

The Santa Clause 2
Henley Johnson

The Nightmare Before Christmas
Victoria Chough



Christmas Vacation
Bennett Carter
Alex Gibbs
Embry Hollowell
Caroline McIntyre
Charles Stephenson

A Christmas Story
Sarah Cory

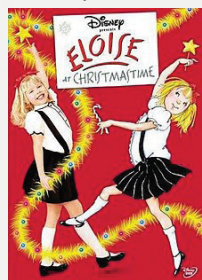
How The Grinch Stole Christmas (live-action)
Russ Upton



Elf
Ford Lange
Mara Liston
Ainsley O'Quinn

It's A Wonderful Life
Emory Maxwell
Mary Patton Murphy

Eloise at Christmastime
Sayley Crawford
Emma Dye
Genevieve Hurst
Liddy Hurst
Lilly Noble



Home Alone
Lily Flowers

Home Alone 3
Camp Carter

The Polar Express
Tripp Cory
Eloise Moore
Avery Overby



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Eliza Mazzaferro
Olivia Moore

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends Christmas Special
Will Fletcher

The Nutcracker Christmas Special
Barron Liston

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Précis Pageant highlights Class of 2019 (continued from Page 1)

The yearbook is essentially student led, but Ms. Anna Griffin is there to help make tough calls and manage the fun. Griffin plays a vital role here at Prep; she teaches 11th grade AP English Language and Composition. She is also the sponsor and the instructor of the yearbook, which is a hard but rewarding job. When asked about the 2018 Précis Pageant, Mrs. Griffin said, "I am very excited about the art auction and the new changes to the pageant this year. I am especially proud of the staff and all the work they have put in."

Awards this year were given to many seniors for many different reasons. 8 beauties and 8 beaus were presented at the beginning of the night, and most handsome/ beautiful was rewarded at the end. Neil Marchetti holds the Most Handsome title, and Breelyn Davenport the Most Beautiful. The 2018 title of Mr. and Miss Jackson was awarded to Reece Davis and Emison Geiger. Two people from each high school class are given awards as well. Mr. and Miss Senior Class are Spence Graves and Mary Patton Murphy. Mr. and Miss Junior

Class are Ben Johnson and Cassidy ZumMallen. Mr. and Miss Sophomore class are Matt Jones and Tori Johnston. Congratulations to everyone who was awarded!

As returning Prep students, we look forward to receiving a copy of the yearbook every year. On behalf of the Sentry, we are very proud of our fellow student publication and excited for what they will do next. Thank you to the Précis staff for all of your hard work!



Above from left to right: Beaux Grady Clayton, Peyton Greenwood, Neil Marchetti, and Jerrion Ealy
Beauties Mary Parker Plunkett, Breelyn Davenport, Nora Beth Hetzel, and Lynn Redding

Far left: Emison Geiger and Reece Davis

Left: Meriwether Marchetti

All photos courtesy of Mr. Hubert Worley

PRÉCIS PAGEANT WINNERS

Mr. Jackson Prep
Reece Davis

Miss Jackson Prep
Emison Geiger

Mr. Senior Class
Spence Graves

Miss Senior Class
Mary Patton Murphy

Mr. Junior Class
Benjamin Johnson

Miss Junior Class
Cassidy ZumMallen

Mr. Sophomore Class
Matt Jones

Miss Sophomore Class
Tori Johnston

Most Athletic

Thomas Thornton

Anna Minich

Most Charming

Matt Mills

Gabbi Ferreri

Wittiest

Will Gage

Annie Rogers

Most Intellectual

Edwin Griffis

Genevieve Hurst

Most Talented

Charlie Davis

Meriwether Marchetti

Most Artistic

Jonathan Booker

Eleanor Baker

Most Likely To Succeed

Alex Gibbs

Mackenzie Nichols

Most School Spirited

David Purvis

Mary Riels Jefferys

Friendliest

Will Jones

Maggie Waller

Most Versatile

Charlie Ott

Mary Price Montagnet

Class Favorites

Tripp Cory

AnnAdair Blackledge

Theo Costas

Preston Dubberly

Landry Barnett

Evie Farrington

Thad Crawford

Drea Morgan

JP Guilbeau

Tori Newsome

Barron Liston

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Catherine Watson

Simms Abney

Abigail Pittman

Matt Gross

Eliza Burnham

Beaux

Travis Hudgins
Peyton Greenwood
Bryson Weeks
William Fletcher
Jerrion Ealy
Grady Clayton
Neil Marchetti
Emory Maxwell

Beauties

Bonnie Burge
Breelyn Davenport
Celeste Knighton
Jordan Headley
Lynn Redding
Mary Parker Plunkett
Nora Beth Hetzel
Elizabeth Herring

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Facelift and new features as library undergoes renovation

BY TANNER GOUGH
NEWS EDITOR

Over the years, the Jackson Prep library has served students and teachers alike since the school's beginning in 1970. Today, known as the Jesse L. Howell, Jr. Library, it sits at the heart of campus. Recently, a new vision for the library was brought to life. Led by librarian Ms. Norma Cox and Chief Operating Officer Mr. Denny Britt, the library now resembles a state-of-the-art facility more than it has in its entire existence.

The first plans to update the library started in 2017. It was at this time that Ms. Cox noticed a decline in people visiting the library, due in part to every student having their own devices.

"The nature and function of school libraries is changing. No longer is the library solely used for research and studying," said Ms. Cox. With that in mind, Mr. Britt and Ms. Cox started brainstorming to see how they could better use the space and redefine it for today's students.

After the debut of the XR Virtual Reality lab in April 2018,

the library began undergoing modernizations. Over the summer, Ms. Cox went through and weeded out many books that were outdated. She also got rid of all the magazines housed in the library, and donated them to the Jackson Public School system. Some of the older wooden furniture was given to Chastain Middle School, as well.

Among the more noticeable changes to the library are the two student collaboration rooms. These rooms replaced the former Mississippi Room, which contained books about Mississippi and ones written by Mississippi authors, and the periodical room, home of the old magazines and other materials. The works saved from the Mississippi Room are now located in a new exhibit towards the front of the library. Before the renovation, a collaboration room was located in the library, and Ms. Cox discovered it had become quite popular with students. Now, the three rooms provide students with a quiet place to study, white dry erase walls to write on, or somewhere to simply hang out.

The other major change

found in the library is the new furniture. It primarily consists of new couches and high top chairs, giving the library a more modern look. "We wanted the furniture to look functional," said Mr. Britt. He went on to say, "We felt that a student would feel more comfortable studying in a less formal environment." However, some of the older wooden tables were kept to accommodate students who work.

With all of the updates that had been in the works, an unplanned, relatively sudden update took place in the recent months. "An anonymous donor donated money which was to be used for a Eudora Welty exhibit at the front of the library," said Ms. Cox.

This allowed the school to formulate an exhibit to showcase an "open book" type mural, a Eudora Welty photography collection, two of her literary works, and other memorabilia related to the famous Mississippi author. Much of the material featured in the exhibit was a gift from Welty herself, when she visited Prep in May 1988. Thanks to the generosity of the anonymous individual, the exhibit adds a finishing touch to the already-modernized library.

"The philosophy for the library is to straddle the old and the new," Ms. Cox said. The updates done certainly appear to have accomplished that goal. Mr. Britt said, "When we have new people here, one of the first places they go is the library. The way it looks is how they think our school is moving forward in thinking."

Right top: New wall art added to the front doors of the library

Right middle: one of the two student collaboration rooms.

Right bottom: the Mississippi bookcase

Left: A few new chairs around a picture of Eudora Welty in the library

Photos by Kennedy Marble



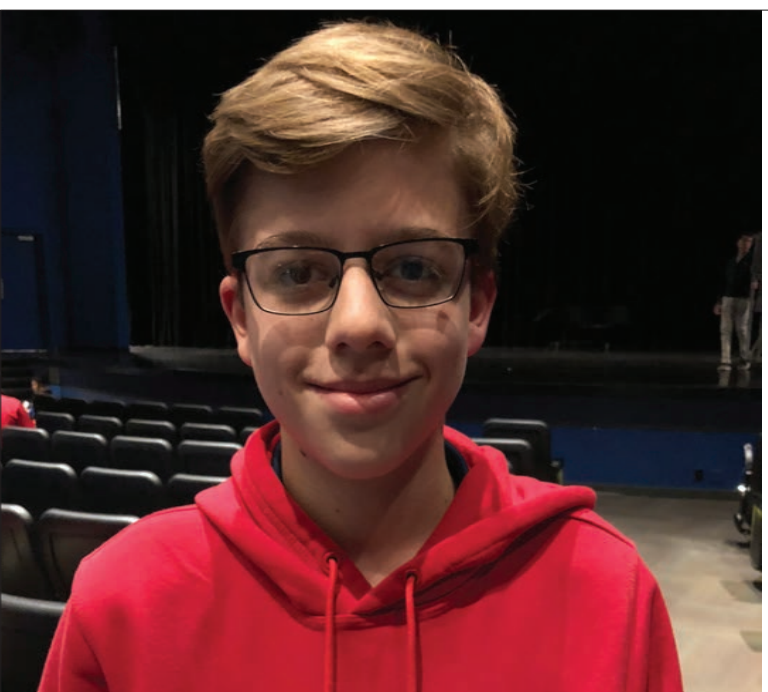
7th grade election results

BY RAMSEY JEFFREYS
STAFF WRITER

Every year the seventh grade class elects a class president, vice president, and five representatives. In order to run, presidents and vice presidents have to have an overall average of 85 and for representatives they have to have a 75. People running for president have the opportunity to campaign for themselves by

hanging signs in the hall and standing outside of the junior high pushing for people's votes. On top of this, they have to complete a speech to present to the grade and teachers.

The winners of this year's elections were president Nolan Lundberg, vice president Lilly Lockett, and class representatives Andy Brown, Josie Essary, John Woods Hollowell, Lytle Moore, and Ann Stuart Woodson.



Nolan Lundberg, President of the seventh grade class
Photo by Ramsey Jeffreys

Ducks Unlimited holds banquet

BY STEWART McCULLOUGH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Thursday, December 6th, the Jackson Prep Duck Unlimited Chapter held its annual banquet at Jackson Prep. This year's banquet was Prep's 3rd banquet to put on and the Ducks Unlimited organization's 5th year of banquets since its founding in 2013. Ducks Unlimited is an organization that strives to promote waterfowl wetland conservation and is composed of over 700,000 members.

This year's banquet featured an impressive auction that boasted items such as shotguns, duck calls, decoys, apparel, and many other selections that attracted hunters and outdoor goers alike. In order to pull off such an event, a group of 16 students ranging from 7th grade to 12th grade teamed up to create the 2018 Jackson Prep Ducks Unlimited Chapter. This year's

banquet was put on by seniors Ford Lange, Will Fletcher, Travis Hudgins, Bryson Weeks, Stewart McCullough, Jonathan Booker, Peyton Greenwood, Cam Carroll, Will Waits, and Theo Costas, who joined Jake Lange, Matt Wilkinson, Ashton William Heath, and Harrison Fulcher, along with GLI director Col. William Merrell.

The Jackson Prep Ducks Unlimited Chapter is quickly growing, and since their founding in 2016, it has consistently doubled its profit, all of which goes toward conserving wet-

lands and promoting hunter safety. Leading a banquet this size also teaches these young men teamwork, coordination and techniques on how to sell sponsorships. Each member was tasked to sell individual tickets and sponsorships, which is not an easy thing for many high schoolers to do.

Jackson Prep students are constantly encouraged to reach out and benefit the community that surrounds them and in this case, the environment as well.



Prep students win Governor, Speaker of the House at Youth Legislature

BY ANNA STACK
RECORDS MANAGER

From November 14 to November 17, Prep students attended the Mississippi Youth Legislature Conference at the Marriott in downtown Jackson. Each year, the Mississippi Youth Legislature comes to session as a model legislative and judicial program for students in grades 9-12. For this conference, students from both public and private schools across the state come together in both our former and current state capitols to participate in a mock legislative session.

Students have the opportunity to participate as either a legislator, attorney, lobbyist, press delegate, or legislative page. Each delegate brings with them a piece of legislation that they debate through the legislature with the goal of having it signed into "law" by the Youth Governor at the end of the conference.

Each piece of proposed legislation, or bill, goes through the full legislative process. The bills must first be passed through their assigned committees before being debated on the floor of the House or Senate. They are often amended, combined, or tabled, just as in the actual Mississippi legislature. The leadership for the conference also comes from the students; annually, each session elects a full cabinet of officers that serve over the next year's Youth Legislature. In addition



Above top: Alex Stradinger prepares to speak in before the House
Above: Rimes Rutledge approaches the well
Top right: Elizabeth Downing campaigns for Speaker of the House
Left: Annie Rogers records campaign management

to floor and committee debates, students also get to experience other aspects of the political system such as voting on legislation and campaigning for a candidate

from their school. This year, Prep had the honor of having two of its own students, juniors Alex Stradinger and Elizabeth Downing, elected as Youth

"Youth Legislature as a whole has helped me to understand the importance of confidence in yourself and a willingness to help others."

-Alex Stradinger

Governor and Speaker of the House for next year's conference, respectively.

In order to be elected governor, Alex went through the complete process of running for a government position; he campaigned with stickers and posters, gave speeches, and debated with the opposing candidates. Alex said, "Becoming Governor was a stressful and strenuous process, but it was well worth it. Youth Legislature as a whole has helped me to understand the importance of confidence in yourself and a willingness to help others. I'm extremely excited about getting to be a big part of running the conference and understanding our state government even better." At the close of this year's conference, senior Anna Katherine Cooper and sophomore Cass Rutledge received Outstanding Representative awards, which our delegation hopes to see many more of in the future.



Businesses fight it out to survive in the Shark Tank

BY FORD LANGE
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Shark Tank is more commonly known as the TV show that entrepreneurs appear on to show off their product to wealthy "sharks." But at Prep, a game derived from the show serves as the project that seniors in AP Government/Economics participate in to show their knowledge. This has been something that the seniors have done for many years under the direction of Ms. McKibben.

During the summer, students in the AP class are asked think

of an idea or product that they would like to use as their project.

When school begins, the students divide themselves into teams based off of the ideas that the other students present to the class. Once they have gotten their teams, they have to register for Asana, a website that allows people to complete tasks given to them by the teacher.

This process is not a favorite among the students, but it is the main way that they receive the grade for the project. With a total of 250 points, it is the biggest grade we get all year. That factor alone adds a lot of stress for the

students on top of everything that they have going on in the fall.

Each team is assigned a mentor to guide them through the process of creating their business, website, or product that the team chose to pursue.

The mentor normally would have some sort of business and entrepreneurial experience, so they know what they are talking about. The teams are required to meet with their mentor at least one time so they are given as much time as they need to talk and prepare for the final presentation.

The main part of the presentation is the team's PowerPoint, which they use to explain their product to the "sharks."

On presentation day, students get dressed up nicely and leave school for an hour or so. They go to The Mantle, which is in Fondren next to Babalu, to present their idea to the sharks. This is a very nervous and scary day for the students. Everything that they have spent tons of hours working on, all comes down to a 10 minute presentation.

During the presentation, the sharks, which generally are people that are very involved with Prep, ask basic questions that people should know if they have done any research. After seeing the presentations, the sharks will ask more in depth questions based on the details of the products.

After all that is over, they ask students how much money they need and then give a "yes" or "no"

on whether or not they would invest.

The main purpose of the project is to understand the point and process of economics in a business sense. It allows for the students to see the basic steps of making a business, even though the majority of these ideas do not come to fruition.

When the project is over, it is a great relief to all involved. Senior Tripp Cory said, "Shark Tank is a good project, but I wish more class time had been devoted to it."

The student "company" known as Dormi, one of the winners, was a team with Jack Mullen, Edwin Griffis, and Payne Bell. Their idea was to create a website/app that would help better match roommates in college. They developed a basic prototype of the website to prove to the sharks that it actually would work. They received three "yes" votes for their investment offer.

The other team in the tie for first place was the Chime Bracelet. Led by Abigail Pittman, Anna Katherine Cooper, and Eliza Burnham, the main idea of their project was a phone locator. They used the tracker and attached one to the phone and one to the bracelet. This allowed for anyone to track their phone using the bracelet.

The project is a lot of work and comes with a lot of stress and long nights working, but the end result can be satisfying.



Emison Geiger and Amanda Roberts work on their Shark Tank project

Poetry Out Loud

BY VICTORIA NOWELL
STAFF WRITER

In the Poetry Out Loud competition, Mary Patton Murphy won first place, Belle Grace Wilkinson won second place, and Rachel Regan won third place.

In the competition, one has to choose a poem to present in front of his or her class. The teacher may ask if the winner of the class wants to compete in the school competition.

In the school competition, students have to recite two separate poems. Students have to present both of the poems in front of a panel of judges. Afterwards, the judges choose a winner. If the student wins, they go to the state competition, regionals, and then nationals.

If a student wins nationals, it is a huge honor for your school. It is also a very big deal even if you are chosen from just your class.

Even if a student does not win the whole thing it is still just fun to compete.



One Act breaks a leg at Northfest

BY OLIVIA MOORE
MANAGING EDITOR

The student cast of *Around the World in 80 Days* recently traveled to Mississippi State to perform in the North MS Drama Festival after performing on Thursday night for the school.

The competition ran from Friday, December 7, through Saturday, December 8, and Prep qualified to advance to the Mississippi Theater Association competition in January. The cast won Scenic Design and Overall Theat-

rical Production. Senior Amanda Roberts also won All-Star Actress.

If the group follows precedent, this means that they will also perform during school the week of the MTA competition.

The group started practice in November with Mr. Kenneth McDade as the director. John Louis Black (12th) was cast as Phileas Fogg, and Passepartout is Scott Shive (9th). Catherine Watson (12th) plays Amanda, while Amanda Roberts (12th) plays Agnes. Inspector Fix is Katie Simmons (12th), and Bradley Stafford

(10th) is Bobbins. The group got their set (a giant book that towers over the actors' heads) the day before the competition, but they were able to use it successfully, nevertheless. "I was nervous about the set because we hadn't used it very much," says Michelle Daschbach (11th), who plays Belle, "but we were all really excited about performing." The group auditions early in the school year, and you can find when auditions happen on the announcements or on the screens at Prep next year.



Left to right: Amanda Roberts, Scott Shive, Catherine Watson, John Louis Black, and Matt Gross
Photo courtesy of Katie Buckley

Culinary Club: Delicious fun

BY LILY FLOWERS
STAFF WRITER

With all the division, separation, and disunity in the world, there is one thing that brings us all together: food. The Jackson Prep Culinary Club, supervised by Ms. Katie Luckey and led by students Ainsley O'Quinn and Allie Wise, is a school-sponsored organization that has been meeting for about 4 years. It currently has 40 members and gets together almost every month, giving people the chance to bring and try different food each time. The club is opened to students in grades ninth through twelfth.

This year the meetings happen over lunch since it is a longer period and allows the stu-

dents to interact instead of feeling rushed. The most recent meeting was on December 6th with the theme of Christmas.

People brought delicious holiday snacks including Christmas Pretzel Hugs, which are pretzels with Hershey chocolate in the middle and M&Ms on top of it all. There were also chocolate chip cookies, snowman cookies, brownies, and dark chocolate pretzel sticks. With all of this cold weather, the festive theme created a perfect variety of food. A previous theme was tailgating food, which took place during football season. People brought Tostito scoops, cookies, chips and dip, cupcakes and much more.

Ms. Luckey, head of the club, has said that one of her

greatest joys at Prep is sponsoring the culinary club. She has loved watching the club grow and evolve over the last couple of years. One fun activity she would like the club to participate in is taking cooking classes together or visiting restaurants as a group.

If you love creative themes like these and making and trying new food, I definitely recommend joining the Culinary Club.



Culinary Club meets during lunch
Photo by Lily Flowers

Film fest celebrates *The Princess Bride*

BY PRESTON DUBBERLY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Ms. Anna Griffin's eleventh grade AP English class put on a film festival on Wednesday, November 28, to showcase their summer reading book, *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman.

Last year, Ms. Griffin's classes covered the play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. The classes this year have been collectively working on this project for eleven weeks. The film festival was open during second carrier through fourth carrier for the school to come to enjoy what the groups created.

Each group had an option of shooting a short film based on role reversal, reality television, Vizzini's backstory, or the bad parts. Mary Noble Howard is the film festival coordinator, which means she organized the logistics like finding projectors and setting up for the event. She was supported by a committee that had a member from each group.

Students share bright ideas at Patriot Talks

BY SARAH HERRING
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"If you had five minutes to tell the world anything that is important to you, what would it be?" This was the prompt given to the students in Ms. Jessica Wilkinson's public speaking class.

Based on the popular TED Talks, Patriot Talks were designed for students to share anything they wanted people to hear. Similar to the TED Talk motto, "Ideas Worth Sharing," the class devised their own motto, "Bright Students Spreading Bright Ideas." Since August, the students have been writing many different speeches to help improve their delivery. "We wrote every kind of speech: narrative, informative, persuasive, imposium, and 'How to' speeches," says a participating student, Callie Mckinney.

Not only did they write speeches, but they also learned other skills along with it. Alex Stradinger shared, "We practiced everything, from how to ace an interview to giving a toast. Many of us even got learn how to conduct an interview by interviewing our fellow classmates." Ms. Wilkinson starts each day with an improvisation activity. She asks the students a simple question like "What is your worst fear?" or "What motivates you?" along with many other topics.

After practicing these skills, the students in public speaking are ready to take it to the next level. For their final exam grade, they have been

asked to share a Patriot Talk. Each student has organized a five to eight minute speech on any topic they think is worthy of sharing.

On December 5th and December 10th, the students shared their ideas to a crowd much bigger than their class of fourteen. They contributed ideas like the effects of social media, by Callie Mckinney, and the significance of organ donation, by Alexis Simon. They had other ideas such as what it means to be a patriot, by Ben Johnson, or the importance of being truly happy in the moment, by Elizabeth Herring, along with many more. The speeches were recorded on video and posted to the school's YouTube channel.



Alexis Siman making her speech about the importance of organ donation
Photo courtesy of Ms. Jessica Wilkinson

Mary Noble found the technological aspect the most challenging part of her job.

For example, one group produced a reality television show called "The Princess Guy." Alex Stradinger played the role of Princess Buttercup, which the audience found very amusing. Another group member Miriam Cochran said, "The most memorable part of this project was when Alex accidentally tipped

the canoe, making Kate Oliver, Leigh Hardin, and me fall into the freezing cold lake."

The objective of the film festival was to distinguish the difference between innovative and imitative. Each group showcased great creativity. Overall, the film festival was a success because each group provided snacks and an interesting take on *The Princess Bride*.



Students watch "The Princess Guy" at the Princess Bride Film Festival
Photo courtesy of Katie Buckley

What to expect from Disney in 2019

BY CAROLINE MCINTYRE
OPINION EDITOR

If you haven't heard already, there have been multiple trailers appearing in the media of new remade Disney movies coming in late 2018 and early 2019. Movies such as *Mary Poppins*, *Dumbo*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *Toy Story 4*, and *Frozen 2* are coming to theaters in the near future.

Aladdin is a Disney princess movie that was originally a cartoon movie, but in 2019 will be a live action retelling of the 1992 movie. It comes out on May 22,



2019, and the trailer creates questions for what the movie will be like. Will Smith stars as the Genie, so fans are very excited to see him play a role in the classic film.

The Lion King comes out on July 17, 2019, and is a live action adaptation of the classic. Fans have been worried about watching Mufasa die again, especially in live action. People all over the country were extremely excited to hear the news of *The Lion King* being remade, and can't wait to see what it has in store.

Dumbo is also a new live action film coming out on March 27, 2019. The trailer made viewers cry, and they expect the movie to be loved by people all over the world, so the remake of this movie is definitely one to go down in history.

Mary Poppins returns as the new live action film airing on December 25, 2018. *Mary Poppins* has been a movie that has been popular since it came out in 1964. There have been famous Broadway productions of this movie,

and people of all ages are still watching it today.

Toy Story 4 adds to the classic series, and comes out June 21, 2019. Tim Allen, the voice of Buzz Lightyear, admitted that it was the most emotional movie in the series. After the sad ending scene in *Toy Story 3*, viewers have no idea what to expect for this new movie.

Everywhere you look, there are *Frozen* souvenirs and *Frozen* songs playing. When *Frozen 2* was announced, adults didn't know whether to be sad about their kids singing the new songs constantly, or to be excited to see what the film has to offer. Look for the movie to come out on November 27, 2019.

Overall, Disney has made a big step in remaking all of these old and new movies. Fans from all over were ecstatic to hear the news of all of their favorite movies returning. I think that these movies will be a big success, and 2019 will bring some of the best remakes of all time.

Creed II goes the distance



BY ALEX GIBBS
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Creed II was released on November 21 nationwide. Its release was much anticipated following the massive success of its predecessor, *Creed*, which grossed almost \$200 million in 2015 and got a 95% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Creed II is the eighth movie in the Rocky film franchise, and Rocky Balboa, played by Sylvester Stallone, is a main part of the plot as he trains Adonis Creed, the son of Apollo Creed (who Rocky fought and later became friends with in the earlier movies of the franchise), played by Michael B. Jordan. While it isn't essential to have seen every Rocky movie before seeing *Creed II*, you need to have seen Rocky IV and *Creed*. Without having seen Rocky IV, you're going to not understand a major part of the plot.

In Rocky IV, the Soviet Union and its top boxer, Ivan Drago, make an entrance into professional boxing, wanting to take on the World Champion, Rocky. Apollo Creed decides to fight him instead, but he is killed in the fight. Rocky decides that he must fight Drago in order to avenge his friend's death, and he beats him in Russia.

Fast forward more than 30 years. Now Ivan Drago has a son, Victor. After losing to

Rocky, he lost the fame and fortune he once had, and his wife left him to raise their son alone. Ivan has turned to his son to restore glory back to their family and gain back the respect and admiration he once had. He trains his son intensely before getting him to challenge Creed, who feels that he must fight Victor because of the way his father was killed by Ivan.

If you're looking for a unique plot filled with surprises, then this may not be the film for you, as the plot is mostly predictable if you've seen any of the other Rocky movies. Still, the film finds value in its renewal of the time-tested themes that have made the Rocky franchise so popular. It contains boxing scenes that look incredibly authentic and training scenes that will make you ready to run through a wall. Director Steven Caple, Jr. also did a great job of picking up where Ryan Coogler, the director of the first film, left off with character development in this sequel.

The acting in this film is very strong, especially Michael B. Jordan and Sylvester Stallone as the two leads. Jordan picks up right where most saw him last in his dazzling performance as Killmonger in *Black Panther* and delivers another

outstanding performance as Adonis Creed, playing his character with conviction. Stallone, in perhaps his final time as the iconic Rocky Balboa (he hinted at this in a recent Instagram post), gives us the same Rocky he's given us in all of the other films. Even when I see him in another movie, I think of him as Rocky, as he seems to have become this character in the film.

One of my favorite things was how they gave insight to the life of Victor and Ivan Drago. They humanized them in many ways, and while it never quite makes you root for Victor over Creed, you feel for Victor as he seeks to make his father proud and restore his family name. You don't just see them as the big bad Russians who need to be defeated; they're people too.

If I had to say which was better between the two, I would give a slight edge to *Creed II*. Now that in no way means this film is not outstanding, as the first film set the bar extremely high. Fans of other Rocky movies and even non-Rocky fans will find going to this film well worth their time. It's entertaining from start to finish, and when you leave you'll likely feel inspired to join a boxing gym before realizing how hard it is.



Red Dead Redemption 2 deserves praise



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When Rockstar Games announced it would be releasing *Red Dead Redemption 2* on PlayStation 4 and Xbox One, many gamers were cautiously excited for such a game, as its predecessor was released almost 9 years ago. What Rockstar games released has now taken its place as one of the best open world shooter games of the year, and many say one of the best RPGs (role playing games) of all time.

You play the game as Arthur Morgan, a relatively "neutral" outlaw running from the fast growing civilization that seems to be taking away the spirit of the wild west. The story takes around 20 hours to complete, and is full of beautiful, lifelike cinematics that truly make it as if you are watching a movie. 20 hours, however, cannot even come close to the amount of time *Red Dead* invites you to spend in their beautifully generated world. Whether it's herding cattle, taming horses,

hunting game, or taking on bounties, there are tons of side quests for you to undertake in your time playing the game. Without any required boundaries for you to follow, you are free to explore wherever you want, whenever you want. *Red Dead* truly gives you a wild west experience with its open world and keeps you thinking about what's more important: collecting bounties or doing homework.

Although *Red Dead* is a phenomenal game, it has its imperfections. I've had my fair share of glitches, including my horse becoming stuck inside a tree, breaking its leg over a small rock, and swapping all my weapons after a mission. However, as frustrating as some of these horse problems may sound, it many times resulted in me laughing at myself and just loading in the latest save. Other parts of the game can be a bit tedious at times, such as eating your vegetables before the meat can be served, but in reality they just add to the realistic beauty of the game and the spirit of the wild west it represents.

Overall, I couldn't praise this game enough. I would especially recommend it for anyone out there looking to take a break from Player vs. Player games such as *Fortnite* or *Call of Duty*. Playing a game at your own pace and making your own decisions is a great way to unwind and appreciate the beauty and detail of an impressive wild west epic.



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Dancing With The Stars' controversial finale



VIDEO GAME REVIEW: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

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Red Dead Redemption II



Call of Duty: Black Ops 4



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate



Clothing

Lululemon



Old Row (Will F.)



Patagonia



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WildFOX

Nike shoes



Crocs



Sports jerseys



Other

Cash



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Gift cards



Vacations



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Being home alone the second time is always better than the first time

How the Grinch was a success on the big screen



BY WALKER POOLE
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When people think of Christmas movies, some people might think of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* or *A Christmas Story* or *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, but when I think of Christmas, I think of *Home Alone* and *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*. Directed by Chris Columbus, both movies are about a boy, Kevin McCallister (played by Macaulay Culkin), who is separated from his family during Christmas while they go on vacation.

In *Home Alone*, released in November, 1990, Kevin's family vacations in Paris and accidentally leaves him behind in their home in Winnetka, Illinois. Two con men come to his house to try to rob it, thinking everyone is gone, but Kevin is home and sets up traps all over the house. In the end, he is a hero to his family for

saving the house.

In *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*, released in November, 1992, Kevin and his family get separated in the airport while they go to Miami, Florida on a Christmas vacation while Kevin is sent to New York City, New York (where he dreamed to go for Christmas one day). He roams NYC by himself. He has his dad's wallet, so he books a suite in the nicest hotel in New York. Donald Trump, our President, is featured in the movie. He tells Kevin how to get to the hotel lobby. Coincidentally, the same two con men from *Home Alone* see Kevin on the streets of New York and try to kidnap him because he sent them to jail two

years ago. Kevin runs to his aunt and uncle's house, unoccupied because of home renovations, and hides in it while the two men try to get him. He sets up more traps and gets the men sent to jail again. His family finds him, and they give him love and affection. Kevin learns many life lessons while he is in New York about family and other things.

The movies have earned much recognition in the movie world. In my opinion, they are the two best Christmas movies ever. I give *Home Alone 1* an 8/10 and *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* a 10/10. It would be worth your time to watch them.



BY MACLAIN KENNEDY
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The well-known Grinch made a comeback this year with the release of *The Grinch*. Based on the beloved Dr. Seuss book, the story has been told twice before onscreen, in a 1966 TV special, and in the 2000 live-action movie.

The plot is about the Grinch, who had a rough childhood and was always getting made fun of for being green. As a result, he became bitter and stole Christmas.

The new film *The Grinch* is animated. This version is much more family-friendly. The cartoons themselves look new and bubbly. Although the theme of stealing Christmas still remained in the newer version, there were slight differences

between the versions. The town of Whoville contained many more children than the original film. Also, everything was more updated. There is an 18-year gap since the last film, so it makes sense that the decorations on the houses and the tools used by the Grinch would be newer and ones that weren't seen in the last film.

There is also a difference between the films in the family dynamics of the Loo Whos, central characters to the story. In the new film, Cindy Loo Who has twin siblings. Also, the dad is never mentioned. This wasn't in the original, in which there was a more standard family atmosphere. Making changes to the family dynamics is something that could make the film more relatable in showing that there's no perfect family.

Overall, I recommend going to see this movie. *The Grinch* is a light-hearted film that is perfect to get anyone in the Christmas spirit. Whether it's you, your family, or the kids you babysit, all will enjoy this new classic. Grab some popcorn and get a seat to see *The Grinch*.

BY MACLAIN KENNEDY
 OPINION EDITOR

Christmas break is the time that students look forward to most in the year. Two weeks off school and Hallmark Christmas movies 24/7- what more could you want?

One childhood classic activity to do over Christmas break is to take pictures with Santa. Although this might not be as appealing at this age, would it



sound more appealing if I told you it was free? That's right. Bass Pro Shop in Pearl will print you a photo with Santa and even frame it for free. Definitely worth the afternoon in line.

Making Christmas cookies is one of my favorite Christmas activities. You can purchase pre-made dough or make your own (pre-made is easier but hand-made will make you feel more accomplished). Grab a bag of icing and some friends, because this fun activity will show whose cookies look the best and whose will crumble. Other fun holiday recipes, like peppermint bark, oreo truffles, etc., can be found on Pinterest or basically anywhere else online.

On December 15th, the town of Livingston is having Christmas on the square. Although this event occurs before Christmas break, it could be a great excuse to take a study break. If you've never been to Living-



ston, it's a cute town outside of Madison that looks just like Stars Hollow (shoutout to my fellow Gilmore Girls fans). I would put this on your calendar if you're looking for a good photo worthy event.

Looking at Christmas lights is an easy thing to do if you want to get in the Christmas spirit but don't want to put in hours of effort or drop \$20 on a craft/food/movie. The best place to look at lights in the area is 219 Sundial

Road in Madison, MS. Known as the Richardson Light Show, the drive-through light display is located in the front yard of someone who is clearly a big advocate of all things Christmas. The show has gotten to be such a popular attraction that there are police cars to help direct vehicles. This is absolutely a Christmas must-do.

The list of things to do at Christmas is endless. These are just a few of my favorite things. Next month, I'll be discussing



what to do in January (which is not really an eventful month). So, if you have any suggestions or fun things you like to do, email me at kennedyal@jacksonprep.net.

Christmastime at the “Happiest Place on Earth”

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During the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, a family trip to Disney World is the perfect thing to get you in the Christmas spirit. The place that is commonly referred to as the “happiest place on earth” becomes even more happy with the magic of Christmastime.

The whole park is lit up, light shows at Cinderella's castle are Christmas-themed, and the days are filled with parades. Christmas festivities begin at the start of November and continue through the beginning of the New Year, so even visitors after Christmas can experience the magic.

Even though we live in Mississippi, we always receive a little bit of cold weather. However, a trip to Florida during the Christmas months will provide families with the perfect temperatures for their vacation. Sophomore Aubrey Scott Moak, who

visited during Thanksgiving break, says “The Christmas decorations and the warm weather made the experience for my family so magical and fun!” While Disney World is notorious for being busy this time of year, many special events make it worth the trip. Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is a main draw. Complimentary to all guests, there are numerous snack stations set up around the park to collect cookies and hot chocolate. Mickey's Once Upon A Christmastime Parade makes its way down Main Street with popular Disney characters participating twice a night. There are fantastic fireworks displays at Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios to celebrate both Christmas and the New Year. Anyone who has experienced Christmas at Disney World wants to return every year to relive the joy and cheer of the most wonderful time of the year in the happiest place on Earth.



Prep dancers join the holiday tradition of “The Nutcracker”

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This holiday season, both Ballet Mississippi and Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet performed their renditions of The Nutcracker. While their artistic interpretations may be different, both studios have multiple dancers from Jackson Prep that performed in the show. Rehearsals started shortly after auditions in September, and the dancers worked very hard to perfect their show for performances in early December.

Ballet Mississippi held their production in Thalia Mara Hall from December 7th-9th and included Prep's Kimberly Blount, Caroline Yelverton, Isabella Overby, and Eliza Burnham in the cast. People of all ages participate in this production each year, with different roles designed for different levels of skill and age. Each ballerina was filled with grace and beauty on the stage and had beautiful costumes as well as sets

to draw your eye. The dancers had great energy and stage presence, which pulled you into their movement and the plot of the story. This year, Ballet Mississippi dedicated their production to Frances Anne Fortner, a member of their studio who unfortunately passed away earlier this year in a car accident.

From December 8th-9th, Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet performed The Nutcracker at Jackson Academy. Although their performance location was at our “rival school,” Emerson Busin,

“The most rewarding part about performing is probably just the excitement that comes from being nervous and happy at the same time.”

-Madeline Page

Mason Deas, Hart Maley, Sophia Malone, and Madeline Page from Prep were a part of the cast. Similar to Ballet Mississippi, Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet includes many roles for different ages, which makes it a very welcoming environment for all dancers. Costumes and set design were breathtaking, and the dancing was beautiful as well. Even though the story is the same every year, it's hard to get tired of it because of the way each person handles the character they're given and the personality that the dancers put on stage. Madeline Page, a ninth grader who was given multiple roles such as a Spanish dancer and a Mirliton this year, said, “The most rewarding part about performing is probably just the excitement that comes from being nervous and happy at the same time. I love getting to wear all of the costumes and putting on a lot of makeup to perform also!”



Primos vs. Another Broken Egg



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Welcome back! This issue we will be reviewing and comparing two of our favorite breakfast restaurants: Primos and Another Broken Egg. First up we have Primos Cafe.

Primos is a staple for many Prep students. With its conve-

nient location on Lakeland, many students will grab breakfast before school with friends or have a morning Bible Study here. For breakfast, their service is really good, and the food is made super quick. Primos's prices are pretty reasonable, and there are many options. If you don't want a plate of food, it's really nice to be able to order one or two sides for a couple of dollars. One of our favorite sides are their grits. They are to die for. Primos is very spacious and their booths are great for having a large group of friends.

Another Broken Egg is located in Renaissance in Ridgeland. They have many other locations in various states, including a few in Sandestin. From our experience, our location is not one of the best. They close at two in the afternoon, which is understandable because they only serve breakfast and lunch, but it is still a little annoying. There is ALWAYS a wait. Every time we

have gone we have had to wait for at least twenty minutes. One time we went and had to wait for two hours even though we put our name in on the app before getting there. The food is pretty good, but we have had much better. Ainsley likes their chocolate milk, which comes in a milkshake glass with whipped cream. We both ordered omelets this time. They were good and very filling. They come with "country potatoes" which are really tasty. A downside to Another Broken Egg is that their prices are pretty steep; omelets range from \$11-16!

Our final decision is Primos. Although we love Another Broken Egg and their food is exquisite, their long wait time and high prices tip the scales in the favor of Primos. Primos incorporates good service, quality food, and a prime location to make it our favorite breakfast restaurant.

Another Broken Egg



Primos Omelet



Primos Breakfast



Trace Grill becomes a family favorite

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Trace Grill is a local restaurant that serves Southern food located in Ridgeland, MS. In 1999, Kevin and Tracey Thompson opened Trace Grill hoping it would be a place where their customers enjoyed hot home cooked meals with friends and family. They wanted their food to be mouthwatering and sold at fair prices. The restaurant's original location was in a log cabin at Log Village Shopping Center, but the shopping center ended up being torn down and the restaurant moved to its current location. Trace Grill is a fairly new restaurant with large wildlife photos and deer heads mounted on the wall.

Trace Grill is opened on Monday through Friday from 11 am to 8:30 pm. It is also open on Saturday at 11 am but closes at 3pm. I went on a Monday afternoon

around 4pm and the restaurant wasn't too busy. The cashier was very polite and gave us time to think about our order. Trace Grill has a variety of food including trace platters, burgers, salads, sandwiches, and their most popular order which is the trace blue plates. Trace blue plates gives you the choice of 1 meat with either 2 or 3 sides or a veggie plate with 4 sides. I ordered my all time favorite which is the bacon cheeseburger on jalapeno bread with a side of onion rings. I received my food in a fashionable time and the burger was delicious. The waitress was also polite and made sure we had everything we needed. Everyone I have asked who have eaten at Trace Grill has said they have had excellent service, a very friendly environment, and good food. One customer who goes to the restaurant frequently even said that there barbeque chicken was delicious.

In my opinion, I would

definitely recommend Trace Grill to people who wanted to try it. It has a very friendly environment with good food and quick service. The only suggestion I have for Trace Grill is they should stay open on Saturday after 3pm. There have been many times when my family has wanted to eat there for dinner but realized the restaurant isn't open for dinner on the weekend.



Renaissance renovations

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Renaissance at Colony Park is a popular outdoor shopping center in Ridgeland. It is a great place to gather with friends to shop or eat.

They have recently added many new restaurants, such as Panera Bread and Koestler Prime, and it has always been home to Five Guys, Another Broken Egg Cafe, and the popular Seafood Revolution.

In addition to these restaurants, the Renaissance offers a vast number of clothing stores. Their most popular clothing stores are Anthropologie, Free People, Libby Story, and Altar'd State. The most recent addition to this list is American Eagle.

The Renaissance is said to be

building and redesigning a large portion of the shopping center next summer, and they have already broken ground on construction close to the C Spire and Butler-Snow buildings. The construction should be done during summer 2019.

If you are a big fan of movies, chances are you have been to the Malco movie theater in Madison. A Malco Theatre will be added to the mix of renovations in Renaissance. The movie theater will be a tad different from the one in Madison, as it will include reclining seats and serve food and alcohol in addition to other refreshments. It is said to be opening next summer.

One of the most beloved attractions around the Jackson area is about to improve with these new additions.



A fresh look for Fondren

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Fondren, a small neighborhood in north Jackson, is the most recent recipient of an extensive makeover. The neighborhood has been in need of some touch-ups, and the city of Jackson has not fallen short of providing them.

Fondren was once home to Mississippi's original "lunatic asylum." The original name of the neighborhood was 'Sylum Heights. When the asylum moved 15 miles south, the residents wanted a new name for their new neighborhood, and Fondren was born.

Many Mississippi roads are crawling with potholes, and Fondren is no exception. Two of Fondren's major roads, Fondren Place and Duling Avenue, have been repaved, giving the area a sleek look.

In addition to the new roads, many buildings are being built or repurposed. Rainbow Co-Op, the all-natural grocery store, has closed, and the building is being turned into a new gym for the neighborhood called Fondren Fitness. The space was originally going to be part of a national chain of gyms, but local architect Michael Boerner swept in and decided to keep things local.

On the corner of Old Canton Road and Duling Avenue, Trustmark is building

a lavish new building to upgrade their current property on the side of Old Canton Road. The lot that the bank is being built upon was formerly home to a Leyland Cypress tree that was lit up every year as part of the neighborhood's Christmas celebrations. The tree was removed, but a piece of art was created from the tree, and it will be showcased inside of the bank to honor the tree's legacy.

The final major renovation taking place in Fondren is the building of a 125-room Homewood Suites hotel. Construction of the hotel started earlier this year, and developers are hoping for an early 2019 opening.

Along with these new additions, Fondren is home to many well-known businesses. One of the most popular establishments is Brent's Soda Fountain. Brent's is your classic, old school, all-american diner that has been serving Fondren since 1946. Another great dining location is Babalu Tapas and Tacos. Babalu offers upscale Latin cuisine that will never disappoint.



Championship football story (continued from page 1)

The game couldn't have started any better for Jackson Prep. M.R.A.'s quarterback, Philip Short, bobbled a low snap leading to a defensive recovery on the second play of the opening drive. Jerrion Ealy--the 4th best high school running back in America--punched in a sweep from 17-yards out a few plays later. Red powder filled the air as the Jackson Prep student section erupted. Just like that, Jackson Prep had the lead and a glimmer of hope shined through the darkness at Robinson Hale Stadium. M.R.A. followed suit with a score of their own a few drives later evening the score. Even though it seemed as if M.R.A. was picking up steam in the second quarter, a handful of interceptions by the Prep defensive backs flipped the momentum in favor of the Patriots of Lakeland Drive.

Jerrion Ealy was spectacular Friday night. He rushed for nearly 200 yards, 41 receiving yards, and accounted for three Patriot touchdowns, but the most memorable play he made was on the defensive side of the ball. During the last M.R.A. possession of the first half, Ealy slipped in on defense as a free safety. Phillip Short rolled right to escape from pressure and connect-

ed with a wide-open receiver. However, the M.R.A. WR's glory was short-lived. Ealy, who was almost 15-yards away at the time of Short's throw, lowered his shoulder pads and brutally de-cleated the M.R.A. receiver.

Jackson Prep led M.R.A. 21-



Star running back Jerrion Ealy stays loose and hydrated during the championship game. Photo by Stewart McCullough

14 going into halftime.

Although the halftime score doesn't show it, Prep struggled offensively in the first half. Junior Jake Lange, who won the starting quarterback job seven games into the season, had a rough opening half. He threw two interceptions in the first quarter, and could not move the

offense downfield. Head Coach Ricky Black knew there needed to be a change, so he called for the back-up to get loose--senior Alex Gibbs who had lost the job earlier to Lange. Gibbs was sensational in the second quarter. On his first drive of the game, Gibbs

launched a missile downfield into the hands of WR Peyton Greenwood for a 35-yard gain and the first down. He then marched his team down the field to score back-to-back touchdowns.

The second half was filled with smash-mouth football as both teams struggled to gain momentum. Jackson Prep regained

momentum when the lead was extended to 33-20 with 4 minutes left in the 4th quarter. M.R.A. did not go quietly into the night even though Prep was ahead by two possessions. Phillip Short connected a deep ball to WR Landes Purnell who muscled his way into the end zone, overpowering two Prep defenders. Prep's lead was cut to six as the Patriots of Madison County lined up for an onside kick. It was a low, missile-like kick that ricocheted off the facemask of a Prep front-line player. As players collided towards the ball, Prep senior and cornerback, Carter Stockett, lunged through multiple M.R.A. players to snag the loose ball. The Jackson Prep sidelines and student section were seemingly silent as both teams fought for the ball, and when Stockett emerged with the pigskin, there was not a seated, nor calm, Prep fan. The bleachers shook, the players shoulder-bumped, and once again, red powder filled the air. Afterward, it was as if each Prep fan took a collective sigh of relief. This indeed wasn't the last drama filled moment, though. It was 4th & 1, and as the clock ticked down to 17 seconds, Coach Black was forced to make a decision: punt the ball and pin M.R.A. deep with

only seconds left or go for it and seal the win. At first, Coach Black sent his special teams unit out to punt, but a last-second gut feeling cause him to go for it. It was evident that Jerrion Ealy would receive the handoff but what followed was unexpected. Ealy, with a full head of steam, leaped over the entire offensive and defensive lines, landing well past the line to gain. "It looked like he was flying...I never saw that coming," said senior WR Thomas Thornton. As the clock struck 0, each Jackson Prep water-cooler was emptied on the entire coaching staff.

It indeed was a team effort, and the passion and love each player played with was inspirational. One of the most inspirational players of the game was Alex Gibbs. Gibbs, the senior quarterback who waited since junior high to play, had been benched for an underclassman. Instead of giving up and losing focus, he patiently waited for his second chance. It is a lesson that all people can learn--when an opportunity doesn't go your way, stay focused and committed in case a second opportunity presents itself. Jackson Prep held off M.R.A. to keep the championship streak alive.

Varsity basketball teams hit their stride early on

BY WILL FLETCHER
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Boys: So far in the 2018-2019 season, the boys varsity basketball team has had an impressively strong start, surpassing many pre-season expectations. Due to a large loss of many talented seniors, as well as a few juniors and sophomores, the team took a huge hit in commitment and available talent in the offseason. With only three seniors left, a huge leadership effort and commitment to the game has been expected from them, despite the odds against them this season.

These seniors - Thomas Thornton, Reece Davis, and Steven Wyatt - are vital components to the team and their success so far.

to their advantage. With most teams in the MAIS not having to deal with this type of situation, it puts the Patriots at a disadvantage compared to the rest of the conference. Despite this, the Patriots are rolling this season, and currently have a 7-3 record. Not only this, but the Patriots are also ranked third in the MAIS by MSGridiron, the highest spot they have held in the past few seasons. "The season has been going well. We have won a lot of games and plan to keep doing so" says senior Thomas Thornton. Thomas is one of the three remaining seniors, and has showed a valiant effort this year, helping lead the team to where they are now.

Even with their great start, the Patriots still have a tough road ahead of them. It is still only the

ence play starts after Christmas break, so games will start to get harder. We have a good group of guys that work hard. I am looking forward to the rest of the season," says Thornton. These conference games will start to determine what really matters: the playoffs in February.

While the Patriots sit well in the rankings right now, and are seemingly on a roll, they need to keep the fire under them going in order to retain what they have earned so far. The team has a lot going for them right now, and with the talent on their depth chart and what they have shown us so far, expect to see a lot more out of them as the season dribbles on.

Girls: There seems to be something different about Jackson Prep basketball this year. Could it be the court? Nah. Could it be the the schedule? Nope. Could it be that both the girls and basketball teams are ranked third in the MAIS, the highest spot held in years? Absolutely.

Just like the boys, the Girl's Varsity Basketball team has had yet another very impressive start to the season. Currently, the team sits ranked #3 with an 8-3 overall record, the best start to a season for Prep basketball in years. What is even more impressive is that the girls have been able to accumulate this record while playing in 8 away-games, many of them very far away. Most teams are not able to do stuff like this, especially this early in the season, which means the girls have earned their #3 spot and can continue to climb. "This has been the best season we've had at Prep in three years" says senior Hannah Arnold, "Currently we are ranked 3rd in the MAIS,



Freshman Cam Brent receiving an inbound pass from junior Sam Buchanan during their matchup with Simpson Academy. Photo courtesy of Beverly Oden

and I look forward to seeing this team grow even more as we get closer to conference play."

This year's team is led by a very special group of seniors. These seniors - Lynn Redding, Anna Minich, Tori Newsome, and Hannah Arnold - have guided the team through the always-tough beginning of the season, and have done it in spectacular fashion. Most notably, Lynn has been one of the largest contributors, if not the largest, and has repeatedly delivered when needed, especially in big moments and crunch time. Anna and Hannah also regularly come in clutch, always

bringing a new intensity and level of competition to the game, as well as keeping the whole team fired up. Newsome, who is out for the season with a heart condition, is a large part of the team, adding a lot of skill to the team before her status change, and always helping out where she can and playing her part.

In addition to the seniors, the Lady Patriots have great depth, just like the boys. Helped out by juniors Campbell Perkins, Julia Zouboukos, and plenty of others, the girls have the talent and the depth that they need to continue to be successful.



On the left, senior Anna Minich shoots a three -pointer. Photo courtesy of Beverly Oden

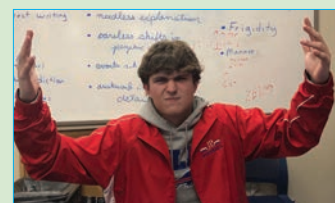
helping lead the team on and off the court. To fill in the gaps, head coach Tim Wise has had to look to the juniors and a few sophomores for help. They have tapped into their depth multiple times this season, which has worked

beginning of December, so the team has been playing for only a month. In addition to this, the mid-season starts after Christmas break with conference play. This is where the season gets real and starts to really matter. "Confer-

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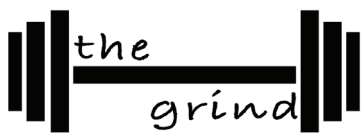
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Who are the teams we love to hate?
by Alex Gibbs

Episode 4: Boys' soccer

New soccer assistant looks to push team toward ninth straight title



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Besides maybe swimming, no team on Jackson Prep's campus has been more dominant in recent years than the boy's soccer team. The team has won the past 8 state championships in a row and has found themselves ranked highly in MaxPreps' national rankings.

The soccer team is coached by Coach Jon Marcus Duncan, who has been at Prep since 2000. Coach Duncan is the head coach of both the varsity boys and girls teams. Assisting Coach Duncan this year is Coach TJay Busin, who, replacing Coach Jay Liles, is in his first year at Prep. This season, Prep has

had to replace many standout players who graduated last year, such as Jake Maloney, Tanner McCraney, Russell Roberts, and Reed Peets. The team has turned to its 10 senior members, including John-Mark Rose and Mason Morgan, to be key leaders on this year's team.

Preparation for soccer season begins at the end of October which includes lots of running and conditioning to get the team in shape for the season. They do a lot of crossfit type workouts with speed and agility to tune up their skills for the season. Most days, the soccer team does some ball handling drills with lots of running and sometimes they will scrimmage. The team practices from 3:30 to 5:00 on days that they do not have games.

They have played in numerous tournaments to prepare for MAIS play that doesn't begin until middle to late December. Before then, they play a lot of public schools such as, Gulfport, Clinton, Ocean Springs, Oak Grove, Oxford and Tupelo. Along with those notable MS teams, they will travel to Dallas, Texas to play in a national tournament. They are scheduled

to play 2 teams from Texas, a team from Arizona, and two teams from California.

The Prep soccer team has been a force in the last decade, dominating the MAIS and always competing well in the MHSAA. Coach Duncan has done a great job getting the boys ready every single year to make a run in the playoffs. They put in countless hours of preparation, and they run a crazy number of miles every year. The boys are looking good and hope to have another shot at the MAIS championship in the spring.



Coach TJay (white) and Coach Duncan (red) with each of their daughters on the Prep practice field.

BY MACLAIN KENNEDY
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The Jackson Prep soccer team received a new assistant coach this season. Coach TJay Busin grew up in Texas, but moved to Mississippi and attended Northwest Rankin. He's been playing soccer since he was six, and his career as an athlete has been very successful.

In highschool, TJay was awarded MVP on his school team for both Junior and Senior year. He also played on a select team which won the U-18 Nike National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia.

After high school, TJay went to Hinds, and later Mississippi College. From 1997-2003, he was a member of Brilla and played soccer in six different countries. He also played professionally for the Jackson Chargers and was the youngest player drafted in the USISL during that time. After this exciting experience, TJay returned to Mississippi and was the goalkeeper at Holmes.

Coach Duncan, the head soccer coach, has known TJay for a

while. The two played together on a JFC team, so it's fun for both of them to be able to continue in their passion together.

Assistant Coach TJay has a daughter in the 7th grade, who he says is his most prized possession. Because of his daughter attending prep, he is well aware of the amazing program that is offered. "I look forward to being a part of our tradition of excellence in all facets," said TJay. "The growth of young men and women is a task I take very seriously and am proud to give my very best."

Outside of playing soccer, TJay has other passions. He founded Buzini, which is an elite sporting uniform company. He also co-founded ProD. This is a training facility with highly experienced instructors. Athletes may rent cages and mounds to practice and improve their sport.

More than this, TJay has a seat on the board of a non-profit charity. He has a love for soccer that can clearly be seen in his desire to help other players improve. His vast experience and years of playing are something that is going to be a great addition to Jackson Prep.

Junior girls prevail in annual Powderpuff championship

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After the state championship win by the boys' football team, the girls still had more to prove, and on December 3, they took the field.

Every year, the Senior High Student Council puts on the Powderpuff football game, which is essentially a showdown of girls' touch football between each grade in high school. Senior high boys serve as coaches for the teams.

To start off the night, the

juniors, in black, and the sophomores, in blue, played each other in a 50 minute game.

This game came down to the end with the juniors winning by one touchdown, even though sophomore Eliza Mazzaferro scored at the very end to try and catch up. Sophomore quarterback Olivia Sasser had quite the arm and speed. Almost no one could stop her on offense or defense.

Sophomore Brantley Johnson even got in the game for a touchdown. There was a brutal tackle in the end zone during the play that resulted with a flag being thrown on the juniors. Sayley Crawford had numerous great catches. The sophomores really

put up a fight, especially Ramsey Jeffreys on defense, who wouldn't let any girl get past her.

However, the juniors couldn't be stopped with quarterback Price Loposer. The juniors played a little dirty with shoving, tackling, pushing, and extreme aggressiveness. Campbell Perkins and Julia Zouboukos stood out as receivers. Sara Hederman also had her fair share of great plays. The juniors ended up with a triumphant victory over the sophomores.

The last game was the seniors versus the juniors. The seniors came in with no practice and no idea what to do, but that didn't show much on the field. The starters on offense (Anna

Several of the juniors with the trophy following their win over the seniors. Photo by: Tori Newsome



Minich, Shekinah Lumpkin, Mary Price Montagnet, Henley Johnson, Drea Morgan, Bonnie Burge, and Lynn Redding) battled hard to get past the juniors' defense, but the lack of practice made running plays the coaches attempted to call hard due to lack of football knowledge from most of the girls.

The seniors and juniors battled down until the end, when senior Bonnie Burge caught what was thought to be the touchdown to tie the game, but which ended up making the score 24-28, due to a calculation error in the press box. In the end, the juniors played outstanding and won the whole thing.

SENTRY'S SATURDAY PICK 'EM - - BOWL GAME EDITION

All students at Jackson Prep are eligible to participate in the Sentry's new College Football selection contest. This contest was made in order to give each student the opportunity to show off their ability to predict the outcomes of College Football games. The games being predicted will be for the week(s) following the paper being released, so each participant will have until December 21 to submit his or her entries.

How to play:

- Fill out your predictions (choose winner) for the games below and give them in some form to Sports Editor Steven Wyatt. Email: WyattStu@jacksonprep.net

Prize:

- The winner of the contest will get recognized on the Sentry's social media platforms, and they will also be featured in the next issue of the paper.

Issue 4 Winner: Emma Sapen

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Citrus
Bowl

LSU
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Fiesta
Bowl

Texas
Georgia

Sugar
Bowl

Mississippi State
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Florida
Michigan

Peach
Bowl

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1 Alabama

Orange
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3 Notre Dame
2 Clemson

Cotton
Bowl

G O O D L U C K !

Chromebook vs. Macbook

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Laptops are used every day at school and at home. The size and portability allows us to use them anywhere, unlike desktop computers. Starting in eighth grade, students are required to bring their own technology. Laptops are used all throughout high school in nearly every class. When buying their children technology for school, many parents struggle to find a good deal on a reliable computer. The two most popular laptops at Jackson Prep are the Google Chromebook and the Apple Macbook.

The Chromebook starts at \$160, but the best Chromebooks available are approximately \$1,000. Google Chromebooks are mobile and easy to take on the go; the smallest size is 12 inches, while the biggest is 16 inches. Many students use their computers all throughout the day, needing a good battery so their device stays running. Chromebooks run up to 13 hours on full charge, so there won't be a need to take the big, clunky charger with you on the go. Lastly for Google, they use protective plastic to keep the Chromebook safe and protected without a case. Google did a good job with providing students a good quality laptop for a good and affordable price.

Apple, one of the leading companies in laptop sales, provides many people with a good quality laptop. All types of the Apple Macbook can be found at Prep. The Macbook prices start at \$1,200 and go up to \$7,000. These computers have the benefits of iMessage, FaceTime, airdrop, and are compatible with iPhones. With Apple pricing their laptops like this, many parents refrain from purchasing such a high quality computer for their high school child. Macbook sizes run nearly the same as Chromebooks, the only difference is that the Macbook Pro, Apple's largest laptop, is sized at 15 inches. The battery on Apple computers only runs up to 10 hours, but that should not be a problem since the charger is easily portable and can rap up to be taken on the go. Apple Macbooks are made with durable metal, but many peo-

ple use cases to reduce the small risk of damage.

The Junior High building at Prep holds several Chromebook carts so that the seventh graders can still have access to technology in the classroom. This is helpful for parents so that they don't feel the need to buy a good laptop for their child who might not handle it with proper care. Many students used the Google Chromebook for several years, but they needed an upgrade for high school. Lots of Students at Prep have recently made the switch from Chromebook to Macbook. Many students at Prep who have Chromebooks might struggle in classes due to the setbacks that they have. According to several students in the Coding Class, Google Chromebooks do not have the capabilities of coding that Apple Macbook computers have. Many other things might not be available on Chromebooks. Applications that Macbooks have and Chromebooks lack add to the existing likeability of the Apple Macbook. Tanner Gough, News Editor for the Sentry, made the switch to an Apple Macbook Air once he finished 9th grade. So far, he has had no problems and enjoys the new features that his Macbook brings him. ps, any Macbook is the computer to get. Due to its abundance in special apps and features that Google does not offer, the price is well fit for the luxuries and longevity that it has to offer.



Word vs. Google Docs

BY RUSS UPTON
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Over the past few years, more and more Prep students have been required to bring personal computers to school for writing papers, completing assignments, and doing any number of tasks on them. Students use two main word processors on these assignments: Google Docs and Microsoft Word. So which is better?

The most popular characteristic of Google Docs is that it is free. Any student that has downloaded any browser can access Google Docs free of charge.

Google Docs is also, usually if not always, used by teachers and is the easiest way to turn in assignments. Students can also view or edit any of their Google Doc files on any device with their Google login, whereas Microsoft Word is only saved on a particular device unless the student personally attaches it to an email or converts it to a different file.

Google Docs give students the ability to share documents with anyone who has a Google account and anyone

can comment or edit, depending on what customizable access the student has given them. Because of the sharing capabilities of Google Docs, groups can now all edit the same document simultaneously, making group projects easier and faster.

Although Microsoft Word is not free, if a student pays for Microsoft Word, other Microsoft programs are usually included that are equally useful. Microsoft Word is, overall, easier to format and has more options to customize and personalize assignments.

One of the drawbacks of Microsoft Word is that documents created with Word can be viewed only by those with Microsoft Word downloaded on their computers, which makes it harder to turn in and work on group projects.

Personally, I prefer Google Docs if I am writing anything, whether it be a story, paper, or any assignment. Although they are both useful and Word has a lot of great aspects to it, Google Docs' sharing capabilities and how widespread and available it is pushes it to the top.



Food delivery companies take market by storm

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Recently, food delivery has grown rapidly. The convenience of these apps have kept them in business. Not having to go out and get your own food is very beneficial to those with tight schedules. In the Jackson area there are several available apps such as Waitr, Doordash, and Grubhub.

Waitr is a very common one among teens in the area. It was founded in Lake Charles, Louisiana, by Chris Meaux. Meaux first planned on calling his app Foogle, meaning food plus google. In 2015, when the app officially launched, he changed the name to Waitr. A \$5 delivery fee is charged and prices for the food are the same as the restaurants. The app is free to anyone, while the restaurants pay to be included. Restaurants that have joined the app have seen a noticeable increase of 20-25 percent.

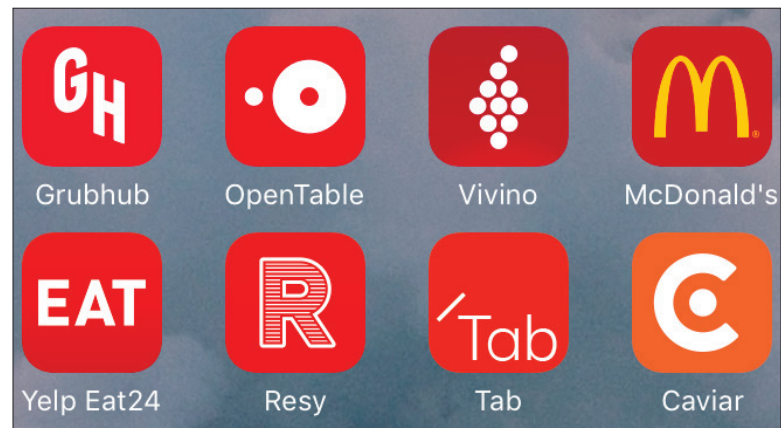
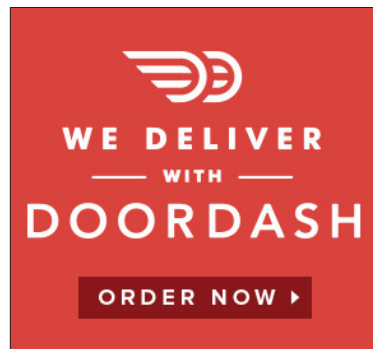
The next one is Doordash,

which has over 95 restaurants in the Jackson area you can choose from. It was founded in 2012 by Stanford students. The app charges \$1 for a first time delivery fee, and each time after that is \$4.99. Employees are paid based on weekly deliveries from Monday-Sunday.

One of the last major apps I have found in the area is Grubhub. According to Grubhub's website, they are the nation's leading online and mobile food ordering and delivery marketplace. In 2013, two companies, Grubhub and Seamless, merged and now offer 95,000 local takeout restaurants in over 1,700 cities, with a \$9.99 delivery fee charge.

I have found that these apps truly are very convenient. You simply select where you want food from and what you want to eat. The delivery is fast, easy, and most spend more than the average \$5 for the delivery fee. Tipping is recommended by the apps, so depending on how much you tip, most people are paying

the price of the food, the delivery fee, and the tip.



Exam stress takes over Prep



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As Christmas draws nearer, decorations are put up, Christmas music is played everywhere, everyone finishes up their Christmas shopping, and students are more stressed than ever. First semester exams, which end only four days before Christmas, add even more stress to the holiday season. Most students have four or five exams, with possible others in different electives. Combined with final projects and last tests squeezed in before Christmas break, it feels like we have no time to study for these exams, which count as 20% of our first semester grade.

One proposed solution to this time of stress is possible exemption for everyone. Even seniors, who can be exempt from second semester exams, have to take their first semester exams. Sophomore Jane Gray Barbour

says, "I feel like if you've been working hard all semester, you should be able to save yourself some stress and be exempt from exams, especially the seniors." While this may help with our stress, many feel that not having exams would leave us unprepared for college exams and large tests, which is counterintuitive in a college prep school.

Senior Mary Patton Murphy says of exam stress, "This year I'm trying to get ahead on my studying so I can avoid it." With so much happening around this time, both in school and outside of the classroom, finding a lot of time to study can be difficult. Even completing regular school assignments is hard with all of the holiday festivities. It is smart, though, to get as much studying in as early as possible to keep yourself from later stress.

Really, your grade on your exam has to be drastically differ-

ent from both terms to change your overall grade much, for better or for worse. There should not be too much stress on these exams because, although they do count for a large portion of semester grades, they do not normally have the power to completely tank or save your grade. Study hard and do your best, but don't stress out too much about them.



Sophomore Sayley Crawford working hard to stay on top of her exam studies. Photo by Genevieve Hurst

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Please make Mariah Carey stop



BY BARRON LISTON
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We at *Working Title Complaint Column* are big fans of the Christmas season and all the traditions that come along with it. However, some traditions can be a bit overwhelming. One tradition, or song rather, is heard constantly in the months of November and December everywhere we go. It is a great song, but hearing Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" has gotten old a little early this year.

The 1994 song off of Carey's album *Joy to the World*, from the label Columbia, is still running popular as a hit through these months. We are not exaggerating when we say that this song is the most overplayed song ever.

Christmas time is like a foot-

ball field, and "All I Want for Christmas Is You" you is "Darude Sandstorm."

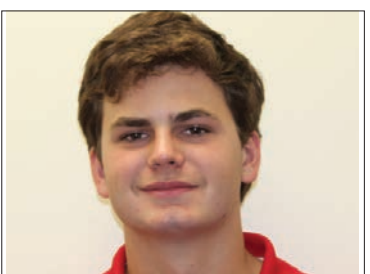
No matter where you go you cannot escape this song. It's playing in the deep wilderness of the Amazon, the peaks of the Himalayas, the shady parking lot next to Denny's, in your house, in every country (except North Korea since they have a modified version titled "All I Want for Christmas is Un"), and even in the stars.

Mariah Carey has grown too strong, and we can no longer defeat her unless we act now. If we don't stop her soon, "All I Want for Christmas is You" will be the only song left in existence.

Please do your part to save our planet and help us defeat Mariah Carey.



Global warming is something you should care about



BY BARRON LISTON
STAFF WRITER

"Spare us all word of the weapons, their force and range, The long numbers that rocket the mind; Our slow, unreckoning hearts will be left behind, Unable to fear what is too strange. Nor shall you scare us with talk of the death of the race. How should we dream of this place without us?"

Richard Wilbur's "Advice to a Prophet" reflects a major flaw in human thought: that we cannot comprehend our own downfall. We have been warned many times that we are hurtling to our doom, that we are killing our planet, that in the span of a couple of centuries the earth will be near apocalyptic unless we change now. But what do we do? Shrug it off. Call it ridiculous fear mongering. Outright deny it. The destruction of the Earth sounds like fiction. Unfortunately, it's not, and if we don't act soon, this bleak future will be upon us.

The global average temperature is now 1 degree Celsius over the pre-industrial average and on track to reach 3 degrees by the end of the century. To put that in perspective, the last ice age was 4-7 degrees Celsius away from the average. Within the last couple of

centuries the earth has heated up at an unprecedented rate due to the emission of greenhouse gases, most notably carbon dioxide and chlorofluorocarbons. The Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change has long warned that we should limit warming to 2 degrees Celsius but has recently changed that to 1.5 degrees, stating that even 2 degrees would have disastrous effects. 2 degrees alone, keep in mind we are in track to reach 3, would result in further arctic destruction, the destruction of the coral reefs, an increase in tropical storms, an increase in size and length of droughts, famine, trillions of dollars of damages, and the flooding of coastal areas, all resulting in the displacement of 200 million people. Reaching the goal of 1.5 degrees would require drastic reduction in carbon emissions in the next 12 years and a net 0 carbon emissions after 2050. It's not going to be easy to reach this goal, but at least we can trust in our leaders to work hard to avoid this global catastrophe. Right?

According to Donald Trump, climate change is a "Chinese hoax," or "something that will change back," or straight up fiction. Many Americans, mostly Trump's base, fall in with his line of thought.

The outright denial of climate science is thriving in America due to the efforts of the Western Fuels Association to "reposition climate change as theory (not fact)" and the efforts of people like Republican senator James Inhofe, famous for throwing a snowball in the Senate to disprove climate change, who re-

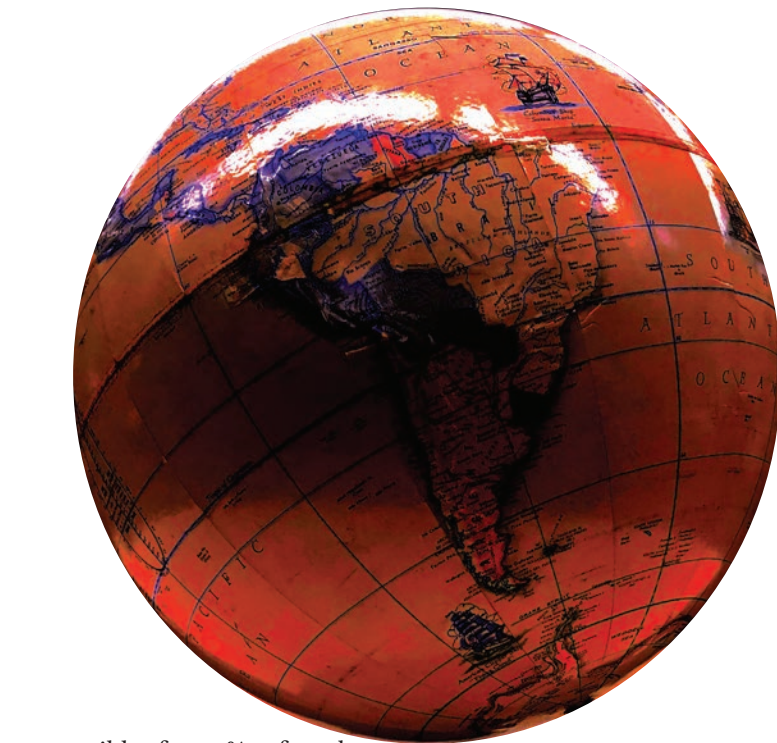
ceives much of his funding from oil and energy companies.

I've been told a lot by my conservative friends "facts don't care about your feelings," and I feel like this is a situation where that statement is most applicable. Climate change is real, and even the big energy companies are acknowledging it. For example, Exxon Mobil addresses climate change on their website, and Big Oil has asked Texas to request funding to build sea walls in order to protect oil rigs from tropical storms and flooding caused by climate change.

If you are still skeptical on climate change, I recommend you visit skepticalscience.com, a website that disproves many of the myths surrounding climate change.

"Climate change is real, and it is a threat to not only the environment but to us and future generations."

I'm not asking you to give up your truck and buy a Prius, or to go vegan, or to center your life around reducing emissions. Doing the little things to combat climate change would help, but you are far from being the main offender. Since 1988, just one hundred companies have been



responsible for 71% of carbon emissions. We need to hold these companies accountable, and we cannot rely on our current leadership to do it.

In 2018, carbon emissions reached a record high of a projected 2.7% increase, with the U.S. being the second highest contributor behind China. Preventing climate change is an issue that the U.S. cannot tackle alone, but as one of the most powerful nations on Earth and the second worst offender to the climate, we must take a stand.

Under the current administration, we cannot do that. Trump is disastrous for the climate, withdrawing from the Paris Accord, appointing an ex-coal lobbyist climate change denier to the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and getting rid

of crucial climate change regulations. We simply cannot continue like this.

As outlandish as the destruction of the Earth seems, it is happening right in front of us. As people who actually live on Earth this is something that we should all care about. Climate change is real, and it is a threat to not only the environment but to us and future generations. As an average U.S. citizen, the best way you can combat climate change is to vote. Vote for politicians who will hold the corporations destroying our future out of avarice accountable, who will fight to protect the Earth, and who will ensure a future for our children. We are on track for disaster, but not all hope is lost. There is still time to save the planet if we choose to act now.

Exempt us from exams

For many students at Jackson Prep, the couple of weeks before semester exams are the worst of the whole year. Semester exams are designed to test how much of that class' content the student has actually retained. From the stress about the actual exams to the school-work that teachers pack in at the end of the semester, exam season causes an unnecessary amount of nerve-racking anxiety. While one may think that school would slow down leading up to the highly-anticipated Christmas and summer breaks, in reality, it speeds up to the heaviest workload and still feels monumentally slower due to the dread that comes with it.

If students other than seniors in the second semester had the possibility to be exempt from exams, we, the *Sentry* I staff, believe that several improvements would be seen. The majority of students would put forth more effort during the semester in daily assignments, tests, quizzes, and projects, knowing that if they achieved a certain grade that they would be rewarded before the break by being relieved of that extra stress.

In many high schools, students are eligible for exemption with an average of 93 in that particular class. Criteria for eligibility can also include participation, attendance, and conduct. Students that work hard for their high grades deserve something that will moti-

vate them to continue to strive to achieve.

In the case of students who have already proven throughout the semester that they know the material, exams are just another cause for stress and a distraction from the final classwork as people attempt to raise their average. Exams are arguably not even an assessment of comprehension, but instead a time when students simply put their short-term memory to use.

If exams are supposed to help you remember the content learned throughout the year, students with an A have worked for the grade and should already know the material by heart.

Because Jackson Prep is a preparatory school, we understand that exams prepare us for the finals that we will be forced to take in college. However, we believe that an acceptable alternative would be to offer an exemption from second semester exams only. That would still provide students with the practice of learning a large amount of material for first term exams while also providing an incentive to strive to achieve in order to receive exemption second semester. Exam exemption would be an earned privilege that would prove overall understanding of the course subject areas. With excellence as our goal here at Prep, it seems illogical not to give students the opportunity to not take the dreaded exams.

Manning center mayhem

Here at Prep, carpool traffic seems to be an ongoing issue. As hard as it is to get to school on time in the mornings, afternoon traffic is also a nightmare. What do you do when an entire school of junior high and high school students plus parents are all trying to leave Prep at one time? You get frustrated.

Ever since football season ended, we have been hearing a lot of complaints about the moms who park by the Manning Center blocking students from getting out. Students will get to their cars at 3:10 and not leave campus until 3:30, which is quite ridiculous. Lots of Prep students have jobs after school they have to get to, and when they aren't leaving the parking lot until 3:30 or later, they get paid less and get in trouble by their boss.

Also, some students have requirements after school that they have to get to at 3:30 such as tutoring, lessons, or sports events. Due to the schedule change, most people set their schedules based on getting out at 3:00. Now, they had to move their schedule to be there at around 3:30, but if they get out of the parking lot at that time, they are always late. Not knowing that it would take 25 minutes

to get out of the parking lot, now they can not move requirements to a later time because most places are booked.

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One solution we considered is to stop allowing parents to park in front of students' cars until their kids arrive, because we want to leave too. If you are parking your car behind ours, it makes us late to wherever we are required to be after school. As a solution, we suggest blocking off the entrance to the Manning center with cones, and then parents can go through the regular carpool line to pick up their kids on the corner of Guyton. Another option would

be sending the kids to the Junior High, where they should be, so the high schoolers can get out of their parking spots.

Of course, avoiding frustration would be ideal. The parking lot at Prep is big, but never big enough. Senior athletes park in the Manning Center parking lot, while the rest of the senior high drivers park in the senior high parking lot.

The junior high parking lot has some of the leftover sophomore drivers do not have a place in the senior high parking area. When everyone is trying to leave Prep at once, it is almost impossible to avoid the traffic. There are 3 front exits to leave Prep from. Most people use two of three exits, so that leaves only two exits for hundreds of people to leave from.

Perhaps if the junior high got out at 3 instead of 3:10, it would allow the junior high moms to get out of the parking lot before all the high school students are let out.

These are just a few suggestions we think would solve the problem of parking lot traffic after school.



The Manning Center parking lot at approximately 2:45 P.M., 25 minutes before school lets out.

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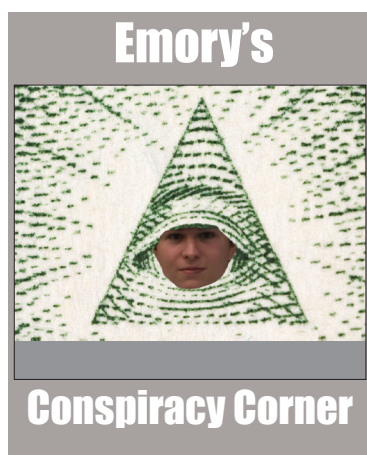
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SEC officials are Bama fans



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Alabama's football team has been nothing short of dominant the past decade. In that time span, they have won 5 national titles and won the SEC Championship a staggering six conference times. They have no shortage of talent on the field, but there are

many people out there who believe that they have had some special assistance on the field and off in their period of ridiculous dominance.

Let's start with what we know. In several Alabama football games in the past and especially this year, there have been some very controversial calls that always seem to fall in Alabama's favor. For example, in 2012 Alabama was in another "game of the century" with LSU. They were playing the Tigers at home, and LSU held a narrow 17-14 lead with 51 seconds left in the game. Then, miraculously, Alabama running back TJ Yeldon caught a screen pass and went 28 yards for a touchdown. Angry LSU fans took to Twitter to complain, and found that Alabama had committed several penalties on that play that would have had the touchdown called back.

Also having to do with

LSU, the referees suspended Butkus Award winner Devin White for the first half of LSU's game with Alabama after a perfectly innocent hit he had on Mississippi State quarterback Nick Fitzgerald. Just this year as well, they called back a Mississippi state touchdown for a "block in the back" penalty that clearly just did not happen.

The theory behind why these referees root for Alabama so much all ties back to the conference. The SEC needs Alabama to win to have the team in the playoff that they want. Because of this, they are willing to let things slide for Alabama that they would never let slide for any other team, continuing to frustrate fans of other teams every year.

It's obvious that Alabama doesn't need any extra help, yet the SEC continues to give it to them anyway.

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