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Class of 2018 Sweatshirt Photo

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EIC's Farewell

Deanna Hanchuck
I, Deanna Hanchuk, one of the Editors-in-Chief of the greatest publication to ever exist (don't @ me), do hereby declare the following as my final senior will.
To Jaida, Michaela, and Sofia: I leave to you the legacy that is *Ballast.* I leave you the sleepless nights before the issue goes off to press, the frustration that comes with InDesign, the hardworking advisor meetings, and (most importantly) the joy of holding a fresh issue in your hands (aka the absolute greatest and most accomplished feeling in the world)... (continued on page 9)

Adya Kholsa
To Jaida, Michaela, and Sofia: Congrats! You made it! You are finally in charge of one of the best publications at Kent Place. I leave you the frantic texts in the groupchat a day before print, forgetting food and having to run out just to bribe people here and there to come to the meetings, the struggle that is InDesign, and the joy that is releasing an issue and walking around to see everyone reading and enjoying what you put your blood, sweat, and tears into... (continued on page 9)

Liza Mullett
To Jaida, Michaela, and Sofia, I leave you Ballast. I leave you all the frustration and long hours and deadlines, but also the pride and joy. When I held our first edited copy of Ballast last June, it struck me that journalism is more than just writing articles and page-editing, but is rather a call to make our voices heard. Journalists have a great responsibility to enact change. Our voices become a source of information; we have a responsibility to write with integrity in a world that is growing increasingly polarized. I leave you the sleep-deprived nights the week before we send to press, last-minute group texts, and the feeling of irritation when InDesign refuses to load... (continued on pages 9-10)

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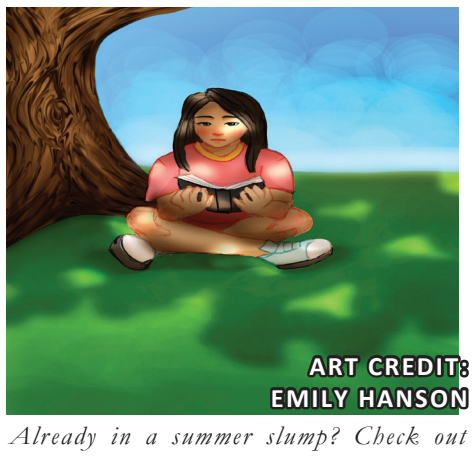

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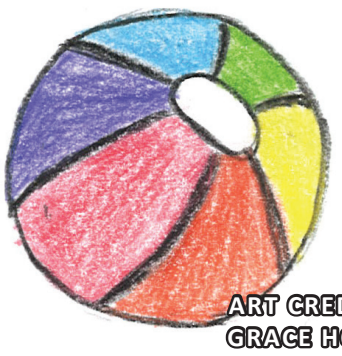

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CFI Update and Review

BY CLARE BUCKLEY
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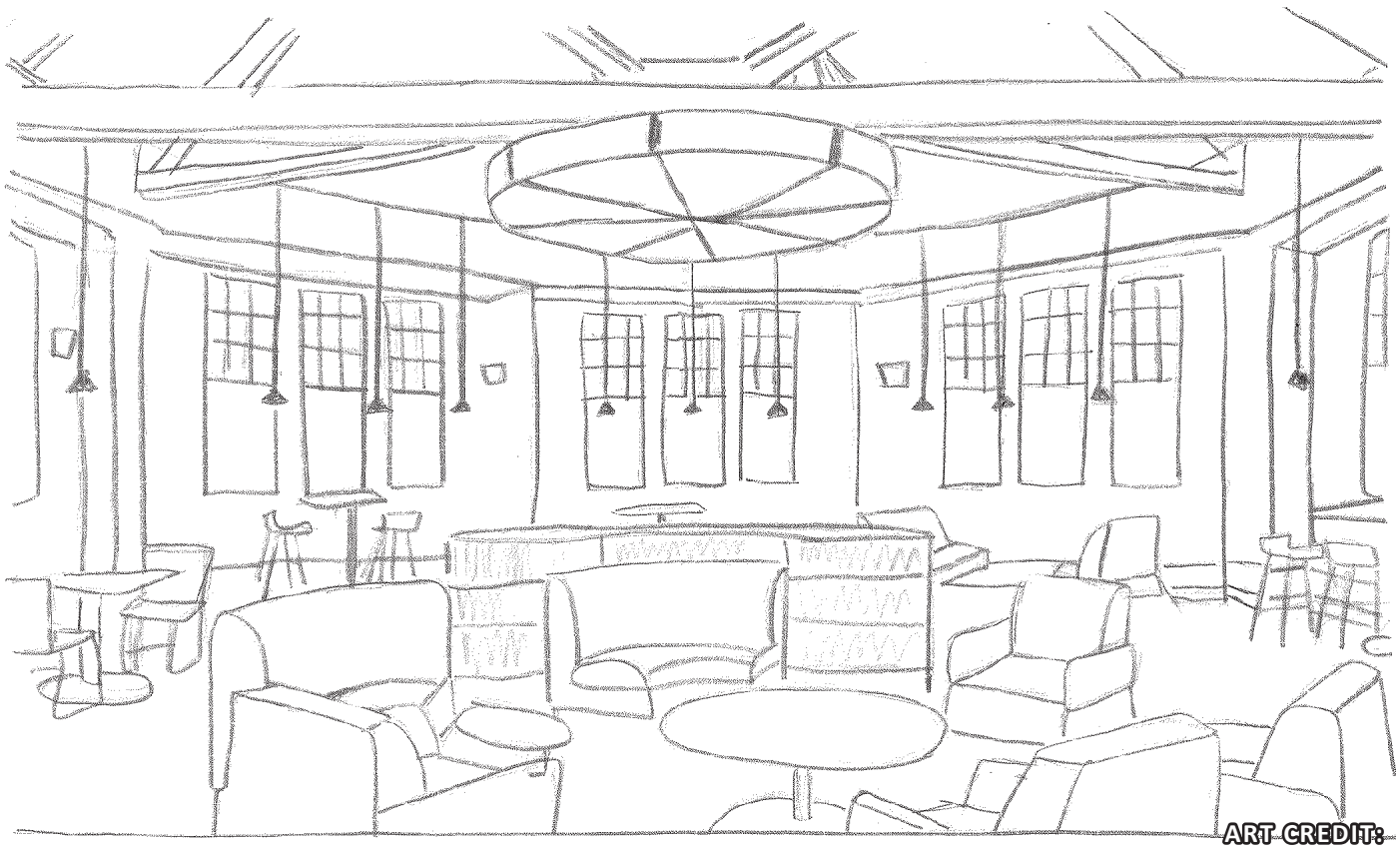
This school year was the first year for the Center for Innovation (CFI) in the Kent Place community. All of last year, KPS students waited patiently for the completion of the new building, and anxiously viewed the construction progress. The CFI is the home of the fun and game-filled math studio, many math classrooms, a middle school art studio, the library, art rooms, the technology center, a robotics space, and much more. The intended purpose of the new building was to improve students learning, creativity, and their accessibility to new technology and spaces. Of course seeing pictures and hearing about these new spaces is very exciting, but Ballast would like to know how the CFI has been implemented as a place that is used daily by students. What parts of the CFI are used most by the students, and what new technology have they found most useful? Are there any untouched parts of the building that need to be made more accessible?

After surveying the upper school, all of the students we spoke with said that they really liked the CFI; "I really like it! There are so many new places to study!" said Isabel Kim ('20). The majority of students interviewed said that they used the new building primarily for studying, and enjoyed the quiet spaces like the library and private study rooms. The most popular space was the library, followed by the new art studios. The library has a large array of books, both physically and digitally. It is primarily used as a productive space for students during free periods. The new art studios are used for classes including printmaking, photography, painting, and sculpture. They are modern and have been a great resource for those pursuing art, as is shown in the CFI art gallery. When asked about their favorite new technology in the CFI, Eliza Cohen ('20) replied "I like the chairs and the new tables, and the white boards are nice too." "I like having class in the CFI. I think that the big open spaces are really good, and the large desks are super helpful," said another student. Various people commented on their initially being shocked by the modern look of the building in contrast with the rest of the main building. Over time, however, these modern features have shown to be very helpful in and out of class. During free periods, students use private study rooms with large whiteboards for homework and group projects. During class, smart boards, modern chairs, floor to ceiling whiteboards, and hand held white boards have been implemented throughout the year and have made classes more hands on. The space which the majority of students said they'd like to use more was the robotics lab, "I've basically never been in there and would love to go in there more often for class" replied Keili Murphy ('20). In the future, students might be able to expand the purpose of this space.

The CFI is a frequently used space; 90% of students said that they used the CFI for both classes and free periods. There was an overwhelming positive response to the new building. In conclusion, the Center for Innovation has been a great addition to our community and the upper school community is very grateful to have access to this facility.



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KPS Advice for Next Year

BY NAOMI GORDON & GRACE KANE
PUBLISHER & STAFF WRITER

As the year comes to a close we want to leave each grade feeling a little more confident about the new grade that they are coming into next year.

First for the 8th graders, the upper school is so excited for you all to be with us next year! The current 9th graders have written you a few words of wisdom below:

Freshman year is actually really fun so don't go through it thinking its not. Make friends in other classes and take advantage of the time you have here before you have to start worrying about college and your future. (Audrey Alix)

Don't be afraid to reach out and meet with teachers. It helps not getting behind or even just a little extra guidance! (Martha Wyatt-Luth)

Don't stress yourself out too much! (Molly Kelley)

The class of 2020 would like to give the class of 2021 some words of advice on what it is like to be a sophomore.

Sophomore year is a transition year, so the workload does get more intense. But, with a good worth ethic and time management, you will have no problem at all! Always start essays at least a week in advance. Try not to hang on to your friend group because it most likely will shift. (Mikaela Rice)

Now, some of the most important advice for one of the most critical years. Here are some wise words from those who conquered the CHP.

Yes, junior year can be hard but you can handle it! Just use your time wisely and know that everyone is supporting you. Everything is so much easier when you realize you have your entire grade behind you. Good luck and don't forget to have fun! (Kailee Saunders)

Don't procrastinate! Create a to-do list early on of all the things you need to get done throughout the year and their due dates. It is normal to be stressed. In fact, it is guaranteed. Just know that you will get through it and be rewarded in the end. Just take things step by step and reward yourself along the way. You got this! (Anna Hogarth)

Honestly, most of Junior year isn't as bad as it's made out to be. Besides getting through those last days of the CHP, AP Season, and standardized testing- it's actually really fun to start to be able to hold leadership positions in clubs and choose some of your classes for the first time. Just enjoy it and make sure to understand all the material you're learning while you're learning it in class because cramming will make your year so much more stressful. (Michalea Markels)

Junior year academically really isn't as bad as people hype it up to be. You WILL get through your CHP, they basically hold your hand every step of the way, nobody is going to let you fail. It really is doable. As far as friends, don't worry if you don't have a set group, they're extremely overrated and superficial, just focus on yourself and forging friendships with people who make you happy and are truly good friends. You are absolutely going to have low points and drama but the fact is, it always passes and EVERYTHING is temporary. Try not to get worked up about college stuff, even college kids don't know what they're doing. Good Luck sophomores, you will make it through. (Sofia Tartaglia)

Now, for the current juniors, here is some advice from the one and only Sophie Huttner. I think everyone can agree that she has a good brain on her head, so pay extra close attention to what she's saying!

ENJOY. Perhaps it is more than a bit cliche, but there is no truer adage than YOLO. Or, couched in more academic terms, memento mori, carpe diem, etc. The point is, your senior year comes only once, and passes by in a second. This is your last year to be a bonafide kid, to enjoy the company of your high school friends, to eat dinner every night with your family... Academics are important, but you know that. Make all that other stuff your priority. You'll get your work done. But if you don't make time to enjoy-- to take in the moment-- you'll sincerely regret it. (Sophie Huttner)

That is all of the advice here today, but if any student feels lost, confused, sad - do not feel afraid to ask anyone for help. Let's be real: high school is tough! But with some help from an upperclassmen or even someone in your grade, things can go a little smoother.

KPS in Australia!!

BY LIZZIE HERR
COPY EDITOR

This year, Kent Place School took a monumental step forward in its Global Trips program. For the first time ever, Kent Place participated in a student exchange program with the St. Peter's School in Adelaide, South Australia. Five Kent Place Sophomores (Clare Buckley, Lizzie Herr, Lane Paterson, and Sofia Handzy) were selected to participate in this program. As exchange students, they hosted Australian students for a month in early January and in early March, they flew out to Australia. When the Australian girls came to the U.S., they fully immersed themselves in the Kent Place and American culture. They participated in classes, tried out new sports, and made new friends! They even got their own Fujitsus! Outside of school, they went to concerts, enjoyed the large sizes of American meals, and visited the city! When the Kent Place students arrived in Australia, they also participated in a myriad of fun and adventurous activities. They did everything from petting Koala Bears to visiting the beautiful city of Sydney.

In order to cover the Australian experience in its truest form, I interviewed Clare Buckley, Lizzie Herr, and Lane Patterson on their experience in the exchange program:

WHY DID YOU APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

Clare:
"I applied for the program because I was looking to broaden my horizons. In all honesty, I was initially very nervous about it but I knew that if I were to go to Australia I would have a life changing experience. I was excited to meet a new family and to see what school was like across the world. Although the primary language in Australia is English, and it definitely isn't as foreign as some other countries to a person from the U.S., I would be away from home and learning about a completely different life style. When I applied, I was mostly SO excited to see who I would be paired up with if I were to go."

Lizzie:
"I applied to this program because it seemed like such a great opportunity to be able to show someone my culture while also then getting to experience and learn about Australian culture."

Lane:
"I applied for this program because I thought it would be a once in a lifetime experience that I had to take advantage of. It truly proved to be one, and I'm so thankful to have gotten to participate."

WHAT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM? DID YOU MEET ANY FURRY FRIENDS?

Clare:
"One of my most memorable experiences was definitely petting kangaroos with my host family. Other than that, however, I will always remember my first time visiting the beach. It was so beautiful!"

Lizzie:
"The most memorable moment was probably being able to hold a koala named Claire!! Petting the kangaroos also was so amazing!!"

Lane:
"One of the greatest moments I had was definitely getting to hold a koala!"

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE (ABOUT THE CULTURE, ABOUT YOURSELF, ETC.)?

Clare:
"I learned what it is like to live with another family, and to have many siblings. I learned a lot about developing my independence, and found that I am extremely interested in traveling abroad in the future."

Lizzie:
"....I learned about their government, court system, political parties and elections in a class I took at Saints called Justice & Society. I also learned some things about the history of Australia which I really had no idea about! I also learned so much about myself on this experience and realized how much I love to travel and meet people with completely different lives and stories than me!"

WHAT ARE SOME SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KENT PLACE AND ST. PETERS?

Clare:
"The school system in Australia is very different from in the U.S. All schools, even public schools, have uniforms. Their school year is split into terms, spaced out by two week breaks, and because of this, they have a much shorter summer break than we do. School sports practice once a week for one hour and have one game per week; they were shocked by our schedule! They learn three to four different subjects per year in math and science, and build upon their knowledge of that subject in every year of high school, while we learn one subject for an entire academic year."

Lizzie:
"Saints does not have an honor code, and although I loved attending Saints I came to really appreciate the honor code we have at Kent Place in my time there because I realized how much we are trusted and how much freedom we have. Saints does not have a cafeteria/dining hall so everyone eats outside, and if they want to buy food there are snacks at tuck (basically a canteen). Saints does not have advisories, they have houses. There are four houses and they are from 7-12th grade. The houses compete with each other across different school events and it is a cool way to meet with people in different grades."

Lane:
"A big difference between the schools was the Houses that Saints had. I honestly didn't know they actually existed outside of Harry Potter, so that was a big surprise!"

WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT AUSTRALIA?

Clare:
"My favorite part about the country were the beaches and the animals (kangaroos, koalas!). But my favorite part about the experience was bonding with my host family."

Lizzie:
"I liked my host family the best in Australia! They were the most fun and nicest family who showed me so much of their beautiful country!! I got to experience having little siblings which was also so fun since I am the youngest in my family."

Lane:
"...one of my favorite memories was playing for the Kennion international House volleyball team."

As it is quite evident, the Australian exchange program was an unique and thrilling experience for these five students. We can't wait to see what next year will bring for the next set of Kent Place girls!

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What it Means to Walk Out

BY KEERTHI JAYARAMAN
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April 20th marked the 19th Anniversary of the Columbine High School Shooting in Colorado. 12 students and 1 teacher walked into the doors of their school in hopes of equipping themselves with the skills necessary to make the world a better place- an opportunity that they were never able to cherish as their lives were abruptly taken from them. School is the conduit that equips students to envision a fulfilling future for themselves and the impact they can make on the world around them--but what does that all mean if it is taken away? In a dangerous trend of school gun violence, students are walking to school in fear for their lives. But why has this violent trend persisted for so long?

Lucy Lynch '18 and I organized the school walkout with the intention of making noise and giving students the opportunity to walk the walk. As the future, we felt that it was vital to give Kent Place students the opportunity to participate in a movement in which they could stand in solidarity with those affected by gun violence and critically think about the trend of gun violence apparent in America. Immediately following the walkout, we held a mandatory assembly tracing the history of school violence to show that school gun violence didn't start in 2018, but has been a concerningly normalized event in American society.

On May 11, 2018, a 14 year old boy was found with a machine rifle at a California Public School only 2 miles away from my cousin's school. Upon hearing the news, I was shocked. I panicked. And I only wondered what would have happened if this boy was at my 12 year old cousin's school. How I would have felt if this boy, with the brightest smile and who has a promising future, was in the same school as a student with an assault rifle. We walked out on April 20th, but now as students we demand action because no one should ever feel unsafe in the place they come to learn and grow.

Interested in Learning More about What You Can Do?

- Visit www.everytown.org
- Start/Attend a Students Demand Action group in your school.
- Watch Childish Gambino's "This is America" music video and watch the Washington Post's analysis afterwards to understand its significance.

Write letters to your representatives and let your voice be heard!

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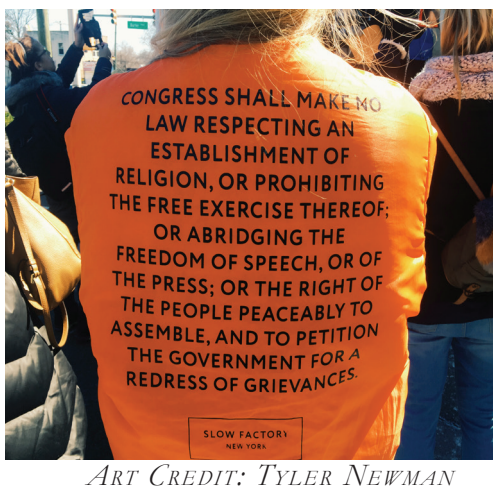

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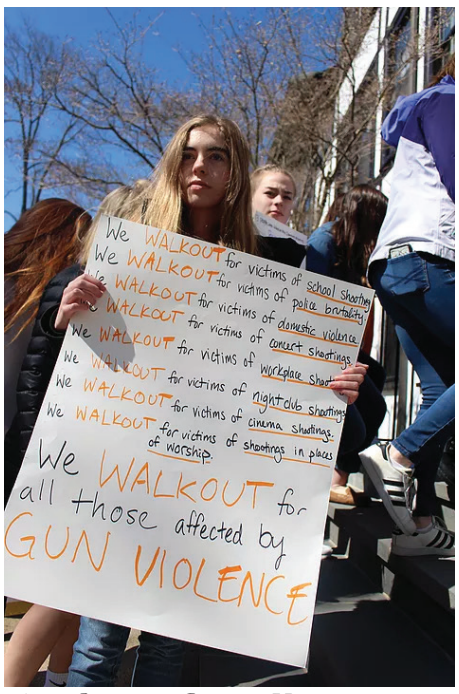

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Facebook Crisis

bY MARTHA WYATT-LUTH
Copy Editor

The privacy crisis of data from Facebook sources back to 2016 during President Trump's election campaign, when a political date firm known as Cambridge Analytica gained access to data of millions of facebook users. Cambridge Analytica then offered tools that could identify voters of the presidential elections and influence their behavior. By using the data, which was focused on user's identities, social network and "likes" they were able to roughly map personality traits and used that information to target different audiences with digital ads. However, other than location, Facebook publicly stated that no passwords or "sensitive pieces of information" had been taken. It is noted by Mark Zuckerberg the CEO of Facebook, that when creating a Facebook account you have to consent to Facebook using your data for academic purposes, however none of this data can be sold.

To complicate the situation, a man named Dr.Kogan, who is a Russian-American psychology professor at Cambridge University, had partnered with Cambridge Analytica. It is not publicly stated if Dr.Kogan violated facebook's rules by giving the data to Cambridge Analytica, however Dr.Kogan's unwillingness to make public statements as well as Cambridge Analytica changing their story, creates suspicion. In desperate moves, Facebook issued a statement saying in 2015, when it learned of Dr.Kogan's action which violated Cambridge Analytica's terms of service, it removed Dr.Kogan's app from the site. Facebook also demanded and received certification that the data had been destroyed. To the contrary, Facebook recently stated: "Several days ago, we received reports that... notal all data was deleted. We are moving aggressively to determine the accuracy of these claims." If this holds true, this is and additional violation of their terms of agreement with Cambridge Analytica. Therefore they state, "We are suspending SCL/Cambridge Analytica, Wylie and Kogan from Facebook, pending further information". Facebook's indisclosure on the harvesting of date could possibly violate privacy laws in Britain and several states.

In retrospect, it is highly possible this situation could have occured with any other app. When Mark Zuckerberg spoke about the Facebook crisis in the beginning of April 2018, he directed his word to the shareholders who have endured the 20% stock price drop that had already occured because of this recent crisis. In general Zuckerberg handled the testimony in Congress during early April well, having poise, going forward with answering questions, defend not only his company but speak to this digital economy shaping. Although Mark Zuckerberg may not be the best spokesperson for Facebook during a crisis like this (because of missed opportunities to promote Facebook's mission) he was well prepared and stuck to what he ideal in this situation is to take responsibility, apologize, and explain improvements taking place moving forward. By the stock prices up by 4.5% by the end of the day, its inferred investors believe Mark Zuckerberg took on this situation well.

As of May this situation is still continuing. As of May 2, 2018, Cambridge Analytica publicly announced they would file for bankruptcy in the United States and Britain after misusing the Facebook data. Although this may seem like a fine ending to the crisis, many questions have been left unanswered. For example, who would retain the company's intellectual property? Cambridge Analytica did not reply to any public statement requests. Facebook has since then announced changes to its policies for collecting and handling user data. Learning from their mishap, facebook is making it easier for users to see their data. Apps are used in the daily lives of millions of people. Realizing it is possible for and app to strip so called "rights" to privacy in a blink of an eye without realizing it, leaves many people wondering what "personal privacy" they actually have or are entitled to as individuals.

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North Korea, South Korea and U.S. Relations

BY ELIZABETH WHYSHNER

Layout Editor

North Korea has been one of the main sources of political controversy in recent years. The majority of this political controversy stems from North Korea's Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un and his communist rule of North Korea. North Korea and its people have been struggling due to Kim's totalitarian rule. Many people have been killed or imprisoned for speaking out against the government. Others have been suffering from unemployment, starvation, unsanitary conditions and general poverty. Recently, Kim has been threatening the United States and the United State's alliances with North Korea's nuclear weapons. United States President Donald Trump and Kim have battledeach other verbally in addition to nuclear threats. However, since Kim has threatened to attack the US island of Guam, the two countries have been trying to make peace and prevent a potential world war.

In the last weeks of April, the leaders of North and South Korea met to discuss a potential peace deal between them. Korea has been divided since 1945, which was the end of World War II. Kim and Moon Jae-in decided that they would put an end to nuclear testing and destroy the weapons on the Korean Peninsula. They also agreed both countries want to meet with the United States to agree to an official end of the Korean War.

The recent meeting sparked North and South Korea to remove loudspeakers on the border that blasted propaganda onto the opposing country. The United Nations is currently in communications with North Korea about Kim's proposition of shutting down the Punggye-ri nuclear test site. It was reported that Kim said over a phone call that he was planning on working hard to reach peace between the Korean Peninsula and South Korea. However, sources have not been verified and Kim has been known to go against his word.

However, despite the attempt at progressing peace between North and South Korea, South Korea is apprehensive about their counterpart by stating that they want the US to ensure peace even if they sign a peace treaty with North Korea South Korea is stronlg opposed to a communist rule and Kim's actions in North Korea. They fear that Kim will violate any peace treaty and will unite Korea under him. In order to prevent this, South Korea strongly feels like it will be better for both countries if US troops stay in Korea and on the Korean Peninsula ensuring peace.

Overall, North and South Korea have been making much needed progress in recent times. The countries meeting to discuss the end of nuclear testing in the north seems to be a step in the right direction, although there is still room for suspicious.

Michael Cohen and Trump's Latest Storm

BY LIZZIE HERR

Copy Editor

The ongoing story involving President Trump's alleged affair with film star Stormy Daniels and the alleged "hush money" she was paid by Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, has been rapidly changing. It began on January 12th, when the Washington Post released information that Michael Cohen had paid Stephanie Clifford, better known as Stormy Daniels, $130,000 to stay quiet about the alleged affair between her and the president. According to Daniels and other sources, this affair relates back to 2006, not too long into the president's marriage to First Lady Melania. The next known reference to the affair was in 2011, when Stormy Daniels recently claimed she was threatened by a man in Las Vegas to keep quiet about Trump. None of this was confirmed this was confirmed until Michael Cohen, on February 13th, 2018 came out confirming the payment he made to Stormy Daniels, but assuring the press it did have any connection to the election. Following Cohen's announcement, Daniels then sued Trump's lawyer by claiming that the nondisclosure agreement was ineffective since Donald Trump had never signed it. President Trump for the first time acknowledged these accusations by claiming he had no knowledge of this payment and he did not know what money Cohen used to pay Daniels. Soon after, a government search of Michael Cohen's office and hotel room took place on April 9th by the FBI due to suspicions of Robert Mueller. Robert Mueller, the head of the Russia investigation, found information on Michael Cohen that granted the FBI the ability to raid Cohen's office and hotel room. Hundreds of documents and sources were taken from Cohen's office, including sources involving his business and nondisclosure agreement with Daniels. As the FBI and Robert Mueller investigate these documents, a recent change in the story dates back to May 2nd with the intrusion of Rudy Giuliani on the case.

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Rudy Giuliani, the latest member of President Trump's legal team, recently commented on his knowledge of this issue. In an interview on Fox News on May 2nd, 2018, Giuliani asserted that Trump had repaid Cohen for the 2016 payment to Daniels. Giuliani's recent claims contradicted the President's recent claims.

Though it is confirmed that President Trump knew about this payment, it is not known what time he found out about it or if he knew about it all along. Trump and Giuliani have assured the press that this payment had nothing to do with the election. If it is proved to be in correlation with the election, it could mean trouble for Cohen and Trump, who may have broken the election law in the process of the payment to Daniels. The president has asserted that the affair allegations are false and the payment was simply to preserve the reputation and well being of his family. Trump has claimed that Giuliani needs to "get his facts straight" according to the New York Times. Giuliani admitted in a statement that he did not fully understand the President's side of the story. This is an ongoing story, with no finalizations of Daniels' lawsuit or the search of Cohen's files.

Syrian Refugee Crisis

BY MARTHA WYATT-LUTH

COPY EDITOR

The Syrian Refugee Crisis is only getting worse. Since the Syrian war began on March 25th 2011, originally as a peaceful uprising against the President Bashar al-Assad, has left more than 350,000 people dead, in devastated cities or forced to leave their homeland in search for safety. Syria had an uprising of complaints about increased unemployment, corruption and a lack of political freedom under Bashar al-Assad as of 2000. This led to demonstrations which erupted in the southern city of Deraa in March 2011. When the government violently crushed the dissent, even more protests erupted nationwide demanding the president's resignation.

From here, the situation only deepened by President Assad vowing to crush the "foreign-backed terrorism" as well as outsider countries taking sides on the war based on their own agendas. These outsider countries have fostered hatred between Syria's two major religious groups: the Sunni Muslim majority against the president's Shia Alawite sect. The presidents outside supporters are Russia and Iran, while the United States has Turkey and Saudi Arabia to back the rebels.

The Syrian war broke the community apart, and Syrians were forced to leave when their safe homeland shifted to being a deadly war zone. As a result, millions of Syrians scattered, as of April 16th, 2018, WorldVision.org estimates 5.6 million Syrians have fled the country as refugees, and 6.6 million are displaced within Syria. From this data, the United Nations estimates that 13.1 million people will require some form of humanitarian help in Syria in 2018. Because the United Nations stated only a little over half of their required $4.6 billion to meet the urgent needs of syrians in 2017 was met, it seems highly unlikely most of those Syrians will be getting the support they need.

Although it is easily agreed that a solution is needed, it appears this will not occur any time soon. President Assad seems increasingly unwilling to negotiate with the rebels, and the rebels still insist he step down. On top of this, western powers accused Russia of undermining the peace. As the war progresses, Syrians continue to flee Syria. Turkey hosts 3.3 million registered Syrian refugees which is currently the largest number of Syrian Refugees a country holds. Life doesn't get easy once Syrians flee their homeland, life is a daily struggle no matter where they end up. In Lebanon, more than a million Syrian refugees have little or no financial resources. According to UNHCR, around 70% of them living below the poverty line. Because there are formal camps for the refugees, the Syrians are scattered across foreign communities, frequently isolated in overcrowded conditions. Many Syrians have not only lost a place to call home, they have lost their community.

Senior College List

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By Sofia Kwon

Editor in chief

Our brave and brilliant seniors are heading off to college! Where is each senior heading?

Ayanna Ballard: Spelman College
Neha Bhardwaj: University of Pennsylvania
Tori Blundin: Georgetown University
Donna Bolourchi: Northeastern University
Sarah Bonnet: University of Michigan
Sanjana Boyapalli: Johns Hopkins University
Julia Chandonnet: Washington University in St. Louis
Anjolie Charlot: Occidental College
Rose Chrin: Columbia University
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Piper Eccles: Vanderbilt University
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Sofi Faris: Emory University
Chloe Gonyea: Gettysburg College
Charlotte Hagerty: Duke University
Deanna Hanchuk: Lafayette College
Yean Heo: University of Michigan
Stewart Hughes: University of Southern California
Sophie Huttner: Yale University
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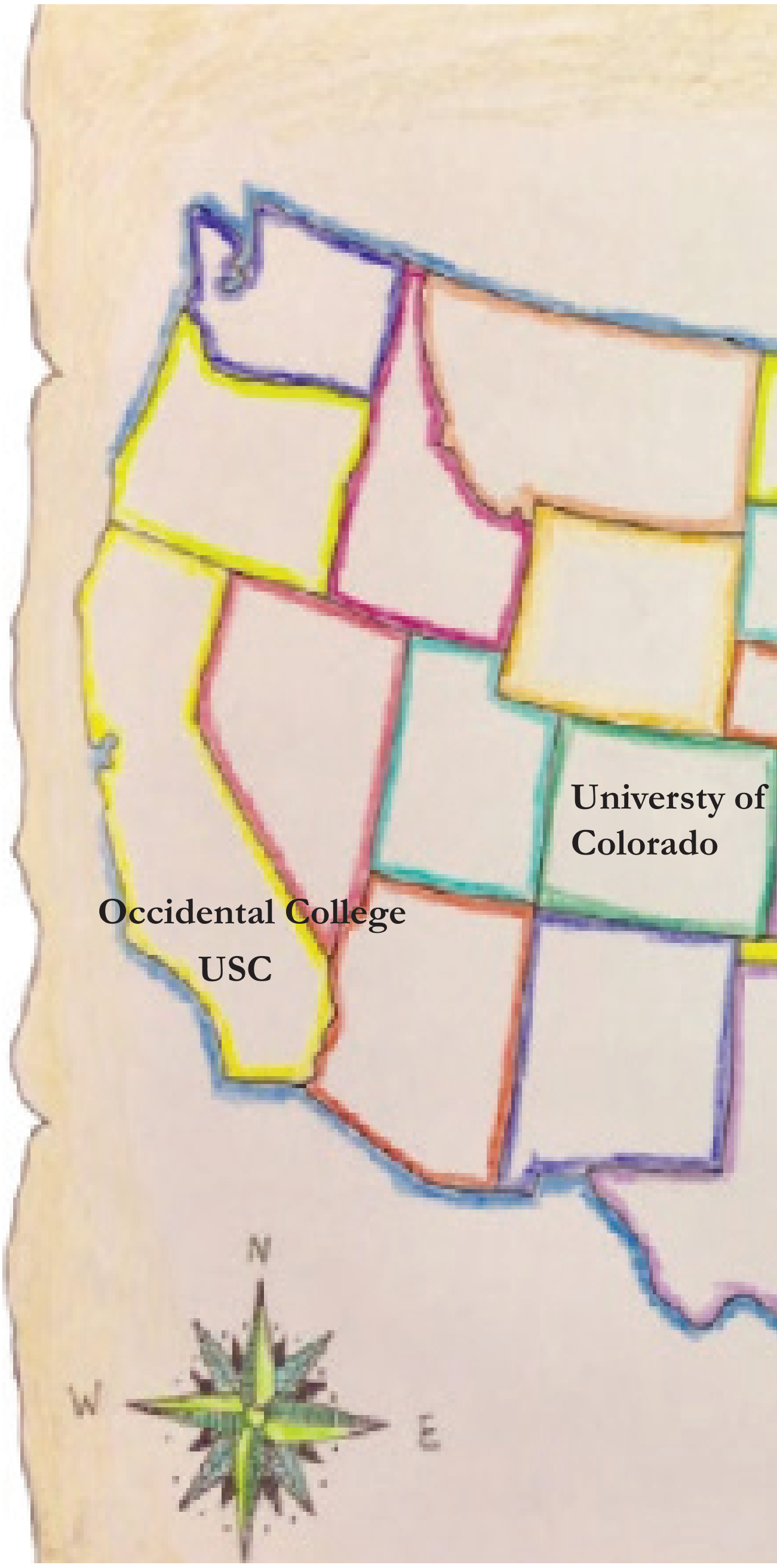
Lucy Lynch: Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Angela Maliakal: Tufts University
Polly McCumber: Southern Methodist University
Grace McGavin: Wake Forest University
Alex McMullen: University of Michigan
Yves Millien: American University
Laura Mills: College of William and Mary
Morgan Moran: Indiana University
Naomi Morel: Kean University
Evelyn Mukherjee: Boston University
Liza Mullett: University of Southern California
Eva Niederauer: Vanderbilt University
Hannah O'Loughlin: Vassar College
Libby Owen: University of Michigan
Emily Pellicano: Elizabethtown College
Izzy Perry: University of Wisconsin- Madison
Claire Pisano: Villanova University
Jacqueline Pothier: Princeton University
Natalie Ramseur: American University
Marina Rich: University of Colorado Boulder
Sophia Rich: University of Michigan
Kate Robinson: Colgate University
Matilda Roskell: Syracuse University
Megan Sanford: University of Pennsylvania
Sophia Sinins: Wesleyan University
Megan Traudt: Boston College
Emma Verpoucke: Washington University in St. Louis
Katherine Vieser: Duke University
Winona Whelan: Bucknell University
Mary Woodall: College of the Holy Cross
Olivia Zeiner-Morrish: Trinity College
Mamie Ziegler: University of Richmond



And since many colleges are lucky to receive multiple of our seniors, let's look at college matriculation by the numbers!

American University (2)
Boston College (2)
Boston University (2)
Bucknell University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Duke University (3)
Elizabethtown College
Emory University (2)
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Indiana University Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Kean University
Lafayette College
Northeastern University (2)
Occidental College
Princeton University (2)
Rice University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Swarthmore College (2)
Syracuse University (2)

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Trinity College
Tufts University (2)
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Michigan (5)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Richmond
University of Southern California (2)
University of St. Andrews
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Vanderbilt University (3)
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Yale University (2)

Rebecca Del Rio

Rachel, I leave you KP and the friends you've made. You're an incredible freshman sister- I've loved watching you grow. Bella- I leave you Senate. You'll do incredible things and make positive change. Josie, Colleen, and Laura- I leave you soccer, countless memories, and laughs (making fools of yourselves for my entertainment). Ellie, Maggie, Sarah, Nikki- I leave basketball. Thanks for the lit times. I'll be back for a CPK dinner. Abigail, Kaira- I leave you track. You make me smile- do that for the team. Keili, Lizzie, Clare- I leave you each other and our secret place. Never change. You're each special, even when you gang up on me.

Maggie, Zoe, Ryenn- I leave you the memories we share. You're my sisters. Can't wait to hear about all your accomplishments. Lunch trips when I come back?

To everyone I leave my appreciation and love. You've made my four years the best possible.

Piper Eccles

First, I would like to leave the Copy staff of Cargoes to Hannah Abere. She was always ready to help me out with a caption on short notice and she's going to kill it next year as Editor. I leave the beloved viola section to Maddie O'Connor, Sophia Paris, Sky Lienhardt, and the icons Sara Wheatley and Grace Reddington. I nominate Audrey Perry as the new head cheerleader for Varsity lacrosse. Remember that, "when dragons are too tired to walk, we fly." I leave the Lovers of Pie Club to my freshman sister, Jenna Smith. Just kidding, that club doesn't exist, but keep enjoying pie! Lastly, I leave the responsibility of upholding the Eccles legacy to my little sister, Phoebe, who is more than qualified for the job. I love you, sis! Don't upstage me too much!

Sophie Huttner

To the Ethics Bowl Team: The national trophy, and the lesson that hard work pays off. I trust you'll continue our tradition of excellence!! To Vivienne Germain: Our wonderful GSA, with strong faith you'll make it the best it's ever been. I don't leave our friendship--that'll continue long after graduation. What an honor and such great fun to call you my co-president! To Keerthi:community service. I've not a single doubt that you'll blow it out of the water. You're a natural, brilliant, responsible leader; I can't wait to see where it takes you :) To Dr. Shah: all my love and appreciation for 4 wonderful years of advisories, wisdom, and love. To Audrey Alix: our beloved percussion section, and spanish flashcards. Study up, amigita! To KPS: My eternal thanks for constant encouragement and opportunity, and a sturdy foundation upon which to keep growing for the rest of my life.

Megan Traudt

First, I leave Ambassadors to Stephanie Davidson. Please keep the spirit of the club alive in my absence and trust yourself to make big moves. Next, I leave the entirety of the Latin language to Sam Endlich, Sejal Gude, Sarah Johnson, and Grace Paul. It is now your job to translate the endlessly fascinating and vivacious works of Catullus, Horace, and Cicero. Take it seriously. Finally, I would like to leave Ethics Bowl to every person who helped prepare us for Nationals. Sofia Kwon, Adithi Jayaraman, Niyakerario Ogora, Maggie Stanton, Ava Zaleck, Jannat Chaudry, Jenna Smith, Caroline Johnson, and Sonia Parmar you will all be incredible next year!!!

2018 Teacher Summer Reading Picks (FOR FUN!)

BY NYAKERARIO OGORA

Staff Writer

Summer is almost here! And that means summer reading is too. But over the break, you can read more than just summer homework requirements. Meet your go-to list for summer reading. We've compiled a list of recommended books from the bookshelves of our KPS faculty on a myriad of topics– from sports, to animal endangerment, to social justice. So kick back and relax this summer, but don't forget to indulge yourself with a real page-turner!

I Can't Breathe: A Killing on Bay Street by Matt Taibbi

Summary: " I Can't Breathe: A Killing On Bay Street" recounts the life and death of Eric Garner (1970-2014) who died on Staten Island, NYC after he was placed in a police choke-hold, and left unconscious on the public sidewalk without aid (CPR) until the arrival of emergency services. A confronting narrative of our current broken criminal justice system that examines the birth of the "Black Lives Matter" movement through the lense of race, protest, and what happens when authority is challenged by the people.

Why you should read it: I Can't Breathe did that thing that good books do so well--it allowed me to walk around in the shoes of someone whose life is completely different from my own." - Mr. Walz, Librarian

Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros

Summary:Caramelo is a multigenerational saga structured told through the voice of Celaya (or Lala), the only girl in a family of seven children with a family who often travels between Chicago, her childhood home, and Mexico City, where her heritage lies. Through the story Celaya grows from a child observing her riotous, fractious, loving family who grows into an adult writer, wrangling tales from her Awful Grandmother's life story. This is a book about storytelling, lies, and life, intertwined with history, family, and love.

Why you should read it: "This novel is so full of the emotions that make life bittersweet. Through her sharp sensory descriptions and cleverly structured narrative, Cisneros illuminates the family's flaws, strengths, ups and downs, and capacity to keep loving and being loved. Like a needle lost somewhere my heart, the memory of this novel will suddenly bring me a twinge of tenderness that makes me pause--even on the busiest of days. "- Dr. Porterfield, English teacher

Wild Ones: A Sometimes Dismaying, Weirdly Reassuring Story about Looking at People Looking at Animals in America by Jon Mooallem

Wild Ones takes a close-up look at the effort to save three wild species that are on the verge of extinction -- the polar bear, a Bay Area butterfly, and the whooping crane. Jon Mooallem travels to polar Canada and along the whooping crane migration path to find out how conservationists are keeping them from disappearing completely. This proboing book takes the question-- What does animal conservation mean and why do we do it?-- and turns it into a profound look at humankind's place in the natural world, what we do to try and "save" endangered and nearly extinct species, and why bother?

Why you should read it: "This nonfiction book gives great insight into how American's view wild animals and the challenges (and rewards) of conserving them. Jon Mooallem has a great writing style and breaks the book into three sections, so you don't have to read it all at once. If you are interested in bears, butterflies, birds, this book will especially interest you!"- Ms. Chaffee-Cohen, Science teacher

The Girls Of Summer: The U.S. Women's Soccer Team and How It Changed The World by Jere Longman

Summary: How one team changed all women's sports and how the world viewed the. Sportswriter Jere Longman, takes a look at the journey of the women's US soccer team of 1999 to winning the World Cup. This book celebrates the skills and victories of the American team while exploring the issues raised and amplified by the legendary achievement such as; players as role models, the significance of race and class, the sexualizaiton of players; and the difference between men and women's sports. It is thought provoking in highlighting how far we have in proving that women can play just as well as men and how far we still have to go in the world of sports for true equity.

Why you should read it: "The book is a great example of commitment to something bigger than oneself, the power of women, and the gifts that come when fully pursuing one's passion. It provides powerful lessons on teamwork, dedication and sacrifice. It's not just about winning the World Cup, it's about a very special group of women who knew the time had come to make a difference and as a result they put women's soccer and moreover women's team sports on the map. This team set the standard for others to follow-It is really such a great story and I highly recommend it for all our scholar athletes." Ms. Moran, Athletics Director

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Summary:Follow two half-sisters on connected but completely diverging paths as their journey begins in eighteenth-century Ghana. When Effia sister is married off to an Englishman, and the Esi is imprisoned and sold into the Gold Coast's booming slave trade where she is shipped to America, they meet unknown fates. One thread of the storyline follows Effia's descendants through the passing centuries in Ghana, as two tribal nations confront and deal with the slave trade and British colonization. The other takes the journey to America and follows Esi's descendents from the 18th century plantations of the south to present day. Homegoing looks at history through a visceral perspective through the individual and their relationships, documenting in an insightful way what slavery costs one family.

Why you should you read it: "An easier read that offers an accessible platform to the countless voices who have been lost, forgotten, or all together ignored." Ms.Lee, English teacher

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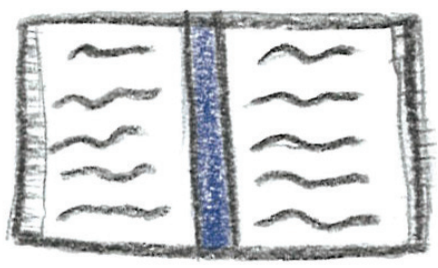

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GRACE HOLT

EIC's Farewell

Deanna Hanchuk (cont.)
To Jaida: I leave the archives. Not really sure if I have the authority or legality to give that place away, but it's yours now for the taking. Use it well. Michaela: I give to you last minute art requests. I still cannot believe that you put up with our untimely nagging, and am in awe of how you have elevated art in *Ballast* this past year. And Sofia, I give to you the, irritation, that, is, grammar, and, sentence, structure, in, *Ballast.* Keep hunting down those comma splices!
To Mr. Maset: Another year, another box of chocolates that my mom buys for you from Brummers (ha!) I give to you an advisory that'll hopefully get their act together to actually plan lunches, or bring snacks, or submit forms on time. I hope that someone will embrace their Genius Project as I did these past two years, and that you never forget your very first advisory. May our pennants remind you of how well you have guided us these past four years.
To Sasha, Jessica, and Janeyce: I leave you Dance Ensemble. Sasha, I hand you the reigns to this group- may you lead them well. I cannot wait to see what you do with your senior piece next year. Jessica- I leave to you "Ten Minutes Late, a Saga." Thank you for embracing the playfulness of your character and for always pointing your toes. And Janeyce: I leave my naggingness in the dressing room and always calling you Ja-NICE. You three will dance this group into a beautiful future- keep on Jazz n' Jiving!
To Sofika Handzy: I leave you Ukie gossip and Mr. Duffy. RIP Westfield Bus Squad circa 2014
To Biz and Grace: I leave to you the song I wrote for you, cleverly named "Biz and Grace." Sing it proudly and keep repping Westfield, my friends.
To Vlada: I leave to you the coffee date we never went on. Maybe we can grab a cup when I go visit you in Canada? LMK.
To Kaitlyn: I leave you another three fantastic years at Kent Place. Remember to cherish the time you have left here- you'll be graduating before you know it!
To Natalia: You get everything else. I leave you our car rides singing Jonas Brothers and Harry and Mamma Mia! Have fun on the bus next year ;) I leave you all my notes, clothes (jk I'm taking all of mine and yours with me), and an outdated copy of Henretta. I leave you the *Ballast* email list I put you on even though you're in Cargoes. I leave you my senior year locker (under the clock in the Great Room aka PRIME location) and my senior privilege that I never really used. Most importantly, I leave you David Cook in Kinky Boots and the ~pOcKeT~ and every other ridiculous quip or fiery meme. WOW.
To Andrea: I told you I wouldn't forget! You, kiddo, get the future of Kent Place. I give you the acceptance sweatshirt that arrived in our mailbox a mere four years ago- may it inspire you to join your brave and brilliant sisters and complete the trifecta of KP Hanchuk girls. But no pressure :)

Adya Kholasa (cont.)
You all have an incredible vision for *Ballast* and I cannot wait to see each of you bring your new ideas and goals to the table to make the publication even better than it already is. I am fully confident in each of your capabilities and am proud to be passing this paper on to you.
To the rest of *Ballast* Leadership: I leave you all the trials and tribulations, emails and communications, and meetings and handouts at the end of Morning Meeting. You are an incredible group of individuals and I know that you will only help to drive *Ballast* forward with your new ideas, creativity, and dedication that was so clear in your work with this club.
To Jessie Jin: I leave you memories of our fun times in Middle School Chinese class where we were all shocked to find that a little, quiet sixth grader was smarter than all the rest of us in the room. I leave you all the "Ew, Jessie"'s that I have said for the past two years, and the knowledge that I am just a call or text away if you ever need someone to convince you to take a mental health day when you just have too much Chemistry to do.
To Dr. Andrade: Te dejo todas mis violaciones al código de ropa y días de descanso en Advisory, donde nunca participé. Te dejo la esperanza de que tengas un grupo asesor más motivado y más organizado de lo que nosotros estábamos para llevar comida y comer algo más que galletas de animales. Gracias por ser mi mamá fuera de casa, por estar siempre en mi esquina y por apoyarnos durante los años de la escuela secundaria. ¡Eres el mejor (y sí, mi hermano me ayudó a escribir esto en español)!
And lastly, to Dr. Shah: I leave you all the coffee I have spilled in this building, especially that which I spilled all over you. I leave you a hug at the beginning and end of each class, a thousand and one "I appreciate you"'s, and the promise to keep you updated on my antics with Deepa while I am across the pond. Thank you for being one of the best teachers I have ever had, and for being the best person I have had the pleasure of knowing.

Liza Mullett (cont.)
Remember to work hard to combat apathy; what we write about and publish matters, even if it seems as minute as club reviews or horoscopes. The resilience and personal sacrifice will pay off; *Ballast* connects you to generations of Kent Place women (cont. page 11)

Senior Wills

Yves Millien
My kids: Sarah, Nikki, Gabby, and Gigi
Thank you SO much for always being so smiley and funny. My days have been made better because of your greetings and love when I am around You mean so much to me and ily <3
To my squad/school parents: Lee, Shah, DMC, Sully
I do not know what I would do without you guys. For the past couple of years, you have made each day memorable with your jokes, advice, and roasts. I am sending you ~good vibes~, peace of mind, and a whole lotta laughs. Love you all and please don't drop me.
TO MY BABY DIVCO: You are in such wonderful hands with such a powerful and passionate team. You've transformed me and I am so excited to see how you transform the community for the better!
PEP SQUAD LADIES: We did that. And I KNOW you will continue to do so. I am happy to have been a part of your transformation. Make Chisa proud :)
To my freshman sister, Samara: Though I may not have given you much food, I love you girl and I can't wait to see all you accomplish in the coming years because you are so wonderful. Keep doing you, sis.

Natalie Ramseur
Nika- There seems to be at least one low E or E flat in every chorale song, and I'm leaving those to you. Keep hitting them out of the park.

Sanjana Boyapalli
To the future Bridges Coordinators, I leave the goal of getting over 400 lunches to Bridges. (Just make sure that Bridges doesn't lose them before you can distribute them.) To whomever becomes president of Science National Honor Society, Kate and I leave you our beautiful website and a plethora of ideas on how to integrate more science into KP life. And finally, to the future head legal aide of the Mock Trial team, I leave you nothing because you're definitely more prepared for the job than I was. Just keep a cool head, be organized, and you'll see Oratory lose in no time.

Emma Kelley
I leave the legacy of Dance Ensemble to Janeyce McCray, Jessica Kim, and Sasha Khidekel. I entrust the glory of JSA to Erin DuCharme, Sam Endlich, Gabby Alpert, Natalie Gemici, Nikki Patel, Amber White, Grace Holt, and Maggie Stanton. Econlife is left to my most capable successor, Sofia Scotto. The responsibility of spreading the democratic message I leave to Grace Paul, Nicole Pavese, Tara Balin, and Eleanor Kanengiser. The responsibility of irritating Ms. Farshtey goes solely to Madison Hobbes and the responsibility of irritating Madison Hobbes to Ms. Farshtey. Take your responsibilities seriously and take care of the things I love most in this community. Finally, to my little sister Molly, I leave three more years of wonderful Kent Place memories

Erin Cronin
I leave the Engineering Club to the brave and brilliant scholars who will help make the dining hall great (and more efficient) again.

What Style of College Dorm Are You?

BY LIZA MULLETT
Editor in chief

Okay, so it's graduation day. You're ready to fly the Kent Place coop and be sent off to the real world. Whether that means you're staying on the East Coast, shipping out West, or heading across the pond (hi Adya), there's one thing that's for certain: you're going to be living in a dorm for the first time, and it needs to be perfect. Maybe you've been aggressively stalking Pinterest boards or have just browsed the Anthropologie website a couple times -- whatever the case is, we have you covered.

Do you want something cozy with a homey feel? Decorate your dorm with twinkly lights and fluffy pillows. Hang up photos of you and your best friends and family for a reminder of home! Maybe tuck a furry bean-bag under your bed to pull out on days where you feel like lounging out.

Are you uber-organized and want your room to reflect the coordinated pages of your bullet journal? Tack up a whiteboard calendar to your wall to keep track of all your assignments, tests, appointments, and social events! Match the colors of your bedspread to the organization shelves on your desk.

What if you have the travel bug? Hang up a world map and put a pin in every location you've visited to remind you of your amazing memories! Maybe opt for an exotically patterned bedspread or tapestry for your wall.

Finally, if you want a classic and typical college feel for your room, collect posters of all your favorite bands, movies, and celebs to hang up on your wall. Bring a bunch of throw pillows with inspirational or funny phrases to decorate your bed. If you can remember to water them, pick out some succulents and cacti to sit on your window sill.

However you choose to decorate your room, remember it's your own little slice of home as you move away for the first time ever. Make it special, and make it reflect you!

EIC's Farewell

Liza Mullett (cont.)

It connects you to the classes of 1918 and 2118, but also to ourselves and the world that surrounds us. I leave you this amazing publication and the knowledge that you will do incredible things with it!

To Keerthi and Grace, I leave you GLAM'D. I leave you the discussions and sessions of consciousness-raising. I leave you a group of young women who will amaze you with their wisdom every time they speak. You will learn so much from freshmen and seniors alike in GLAM'D; I leave you this fantastic and powerful club. I also leave you the GLAM'D instagram, which kinda died -- but I know you have the faith to resurrect it! Keerthi, you are one of the most inspiring people I have ever met. You put 110% into literally everything you do; I really admire your passion. Grace, I always love hearing what you have to say in GLAM'D. You always speak with insight and are wise beyond your years. I am going to miss you both!

To Mr. Maset, I leave you the knowledge that no advisory is ever going to top ours. I also leave you a HUGE thank you for tolerating me over the past four years. I have a feeling I might have been the most annoying advisee ever but I have really cherished having you as a mentor. Thank you for keeping me sane in moments of anxiety and stress. Thank you for making me absolutely love APUSH, a class I was completely expecting to despise. But before I go, are you finally gonna tell us what happened in Indiana?

To Caroline Johnson, I leave you the next 3 years of high school. It really does go by so quickly; enjoy every minute (even the CHP)! I know you're going to do amazing things and I'm gonna miss our morning carpools!

Spring & Summer

BY ISABEL KIM
ART EDITOR

Warm weather has arrived and with that comes spring and summer fashion! There are many new trends to rock this season. First, matching sets are in! Whether they are floral, striped, plaid or plain and simple, when you wear them, you will be stylin'. Australian stores like I AM GIA and Princess Polly are a perfect place to find your next matching set. Second, Vintage sunglasses that are clout or cat-eye are perfect for a trendy outfit, in addition to protecting your eyes from the sun. Check out Amazon or Urban Outfitters to find sunglasses that are cute and inexpensive. Off-the-shoulder tops have been a trend for a while, but they aren't going away! Whether they're ruched or flowy or floral, they look perfect with a denim skirt! And the best part is, you can find off the shoulder tops basically anywhere! Straight neck camis are also a trendy clothing piece and are perfect for hot days in the spring and summer. The Are You Am I one is pretty expensive ($119), but there are plenty of inexpensive alternatives at stores like Forever 21, ASOS and Garage. Next up, plaids are the hottest new trend. Whether its a skirt, pants, a top, a dress--you name it--everyone is grabbing their share of plaid this season! I AM GIA has a ton of plaid things, but Urban Outfitters also sells some for less! Last but certainly not least, cuffed mom shorts are an everlasting trend.They look amazing with wrap tops, especially floral ones. Brandy Melville sells a ton of flowy wrap tops, but you can also find some on Lulus and Urban Outfitters. So the next time you're scrolling online for clothes or you hit the mall with some friends, be sure to keep these trends in mind!

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KELSEY BURROWS

Frozen Summer Treats!

BY NAOMI GORDON, GRACE KANE, & MAGGIE STANTON
PUBLISHER AND STAFF WRITERS

Creamery Raspberry Ice Pops

Ingredients:
1 ½ cup fat free milk
1 package instant sugar-free vanilla pudding mix
1 cup fresh raspberries
2 cups raspberry sherbet

2 cups whipped topping

Directions:
Pour 1 cup of milk into a bowl, and stir in the pudding mix. Beat the mix with an electric mixer about 2 minutes until it has thickened. Place the remaining milk and raspberries into a blender and puree until smooth.

Pour the raspberry puree into the pudding, and add the whipped topping. Stir together until incorporated. Stir in the softened sherbet. You may either mix it in completely, or leave it swirled.

Divide this mixture evenly among 10 molds or small plastic cups. Place a wooden craft stick into each, and freeze for at least 3 hours.

Key Lime Ice Pops

Ingredients:
6 graham crackers
¼ cup (½ stick) of unsalted butter - melted
4 oz. (½ package) cream cheese at room temperature
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon grated lime zest
¼ cup lime juice
1 cup very cold heavy cream
12 3 ounce paper cups
12 craft sticks

Directions:
This can be done in either a food processor, or in a plastic bag by hand: crush up the graham crackers and add in the butter

Beat the cream cheese on a low speed with a mixer until smooth. With the mixer running, gradually add the condensed milk, the lime zest, and lemon juice

Add the cream and increase the speed until the mixture is thick and soft peaks form. Divide the mixture among the cups. Top with the graham mixture.

Transfer the cups to a small rimmed baking sheet. Push a wooden stick halfway down into each cup. Freeze until firm - at least six hours. When done, peel the cups away from the pops.

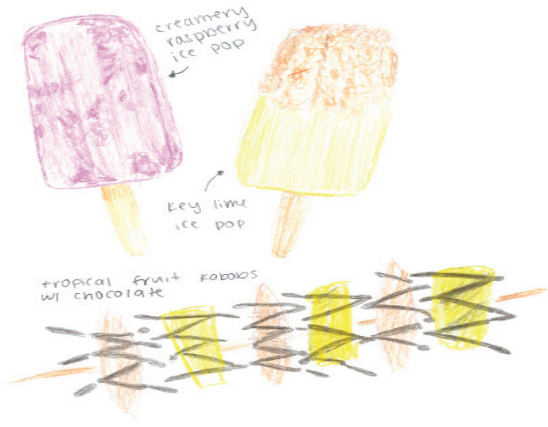
Tropical Fruit Kabobs

Ingredients:
2 small mangos, cut from stone and halved
1/2 small pineapple, peeled and cut into triangles
1 lime
2 oz. white chocolate, chopped
4 Bamboo skewers

Directions:
Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Cut each mango half into 4 slices. Thread the mango onto bamboo skewers, alternating with the pineapple; transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Finely grate the lime zest into a small bowl, cover, and set aside. Squeeze the lime juice over the fruit and freeze until firm, at least 4 hours.

When ready to serve, in a small microwave-safe bowl, melt the chocolate on 50 percent power in 20-second increments until smooth. Transfer the frozen fruit kebabs to a serving platter, drizzle with the chocolate, and sprinkle with reserved lime zest.



ART CREDIT:
ISABEL KIM

Senior Wills

Chloe Gonyea

I have been fortunate enough to have many sisters at Kent Place (blood related or not).

To Ellie and Grace, I leave you the upcoming underclassman to lead and love. You both will be amazing role models and Senior Sisters!

To all the lacrosse underclassmen, I leave you our obnoxious, loud, and excessive cheers. You must BELIEVE!

To Eve and Margot, I leave our car rides that are filled with gossip and young YouTube sensations. To Eve, I leave the driver's seat and Margot, I leave you the aux cord.

To Riley, I leave you all of Kent Place. The friends, the teachers, the good, the bad, you get it all. I have seen you grow so much in only one year, so I can only imagine what three more will do. I am so proud and happy to not only be your biological sister but also your KP sister.

Abby Jonathan

To the soccer team, I leave numerous pep talks and the shirts that you made (WWAD), play hard but most of all have fun and love each other. To the basketball team I leave CPK dinners, hilarious bus rides, and my AMAZING playlist (haha). Try to always remember that there is no I in team and that being good comes from working hard together. Jos, I leave you Athletic Association. You keep me in check and are always taking charge. Never stop being you because you take people places and change outcomes. To Phoebe Eccles, I leave our orchestra sectional. Thanks for always believing that I had musical talent even though we all know I do not! You are a wizard on that cello. Never stop making people smile! To Ariel Lashinsky, I leave our bracelet. Don't ever doubt yourself because you are amazing inside and out. Keep cheering everyone on and being competitive because winning is awesome. To Nikki Patel, I leave you my smile because you always have this way to make me smile. Never change and always text me. I always love hearing from you! To the juniors in Block A free (you know who you are), I leave Granny. Let's play when I am home because I do not think I can ever play alone :/. To Jill, I leave behind torturing you in the hallways and treating you like a sister. I wish I could have gone to school with Amanda because that would have been funny. Thanks for always doing the favors I ask of you. Maybe I will buy you a calculator for all the times I have used yours :). To Keili Murphy, I leave late night talks when I am driving home, visits to Ms. Ray, heart to hearts, car rides to and from the train,and my mentorship, lol. I am always here if you need me. I also leave you Murray but you cannot let her forget me. I am just one facetime away, call me whenever you need me! To Clare and Lizzie, I leave you Keili. Keep her sane for me!

Libby Owen

Isabella Racioppi, I leave you Another Day of Sun and the best of luck on your senior project. Ethia Hu, I leave you 4 years of rond-de-jambes to make up for me. Eleanor Kanengeiser, I leave you white sneakers that don't scuff the dance floors at all. Paulina Kachalova and Chelsie Nacelus, I leave you La La Land (keep chasing all the lights that shine!). Mikaela Rice, I leave you bird costumes because you'll probably need them again next year. Sarah MacDowell, I leave you all the Delbarton shows I never had the guts to audition for. Tarika Bansal, I leave you aesthetically pleasing math notes and problems written down incorrectly. Last but not least, Vlada Taits, I leave you my prized possession, Cargoes. I can't wait to see how you put your own spin on the 2019 book; I'm sure it will be amazing!

Mary Woodall

To Annie, my little sister, I leave KPS. You're in charge of ruling school now that I'm gone. To Isla, I leave the fhockey goal, even though you already own it. To Audrey, Maddie, and Stacey, I also leave the fhockey goal. Treat Isla well. Kill it in the cage! To Keili, I leave the job of being the resident administration kid. It's a hard position, but you already do it so well. Don't go too crazy! Don't fall down the stairs after evening study hall! To my laxers (you know who you are), I leave endless cheering on the sidelines. To my freshman sisters, Maya and Sophia, I leave the future. You made it through ninth grade. You can do anything now. To my Peer Ed freshmen, I leave DMC's room and yummy snacks. And don't make any bad choices! And finally I leave Environmental Club to my loyal juniors... be fearless eco-friendly warriors!

Hannah O'Loughlin

To Kent Place, my alma mater, I wouldn't be the person I am today without you.

Ms. Stevenson, thank you for being a positive and enthusiastic advisor.

Ms. Lenti, thank you for helping me find my voice -both literally and figuratively-. I cherish our lessons.

Shefali, enjoy high school and the friends you will make. I hope your time in the Upper School gives you the confidence and knowledge it gave me.

Tyler, I think I might miss you scaring me in the hallway just by calling my name.

Andra, good luck next year partner. No one can replicate your fairy laugh.

Tarika, find someone just as strong-willed as you to continue Study-Bake.

Kailee, I leave you lane one.

Jilly, bonté du ciel! I will miss your doe eyes, angelic voice, and kindness. I hope to leave you Environmental Club but I will leave you with one word: "China."

Jacqueline Pothier

Madison and Sophie-I leave you Mock Trial. You know what to do. (kick butt-take care of the team).

Lit Loose I leave to everyone who loves to read. Take the time and be around the people who love reading too- it's worth it.

Katherine and Sofia- I leave chorale. Always have extra stockings and be prepared to show up at school on a Sunday to get forgotten music and love every minute of it.

Whitney and Lizzie I leave you each other. Take care of yourselves.

To everyone I didn't get to mention- I leave you the 150 word count.

Catherine. I leave you Sam, the litter box, the dishes, my dorm room floor (+the spare blanket you said you'd knit) and most importantly, my bedroom. There's so much left for you and so much I wish I would be here to see. I'm so proud. I love you.

Summer 2018 Polls!

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With summer around the bend, we decided to send out some polls on what the KPS students love most about summer! We asked them to choose between a variety of summer objects and activities to get a feel for what the KPS community likes to do during their vacation! Ice cream or popsicle? Flip flops or sandals? Pool or the beach? Smothie or milkshake? What would you choose?

If YOU'RE curious about what your fellow dragons had to say about summer, check out this poll! And thanks for reading -- we wish you all a happy summer break