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Despite risk, drug use lingers

By Catie Edmondson

In our rapidly changing society, the leisure activities students engage in shift from novelty to novelty. Yet one constant continues to lurk in the sphere of teenage interest: recreational drug usage.

Principal Mr. Huggins said that North's "population is, to some degree, a reflection of society," but believes that the level of drug usage at North is comparable to that of other high schools in the Fox Valley.

"We need to do whatever we can to keep North a drug-free school environment," Mr. Huggins said.

Drug sweeps, investigations, questionings, and tips from students, staff, and the community allow the administration to discipline offenders. Drug sweeps are conducted about twice a year, but can occur more frequently if the administration feels it is necessary. The sweeps cover both inside and outside the building, and involve law enforcement as well as canine units.

"If a student is caught in possession of an illegal substance, it can lead up to expulsion from school as well as legal repercussions," Mr. Huggins said. "We do not take it



Graphic by Abbey Edmonds

lightly."

According to Assistant Principal Mr. Mueller, during the 2010-11 school year, seven students at North were referred for possible expulsion for possession of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance, the intent to sell, or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Huggins also stresses the importance of referring students found under the influence or with possession to a program where they can get

help. North's Student Assistance Program (SAP) provides help to students struggling to deal with drug or alcohol issues. School social worker Mrs. Strick also encourages students struggling with drug use to talk with her. Everything discussed is confidential, she said.

One North student who admitted to using marijuana, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said North's administration "chooses to ignore the drug issue," saying

"I know people that come to school high on a regular basis and teachers do not do anything."

Mr. Mueller disagrees: "We don't turn a blind eye. We try to be as proactive as possible. We (Student Services) do everything in our power to deter students from bringing drugs on school property."

Student views on the issue of drugs at North are varied.

"I know people that use drugs," said senior Damon Dickenson. "Drug experimen-

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tation in youth is normal, but the problem at North is out of hand."

Junior Blake Miller agrees. "There's a problem, honestly. It impedes a lot of kids' ability to learn," he said. "It penetrates every level of the social circle; there are a lot more people than you would expect." He noted that hard drugs are not as present at North, "mostly just weed," he said.

Sophomore Sydney Bollenbeck said she knew some people who use drugs, but didn't think the issue is out of control. She said she thought administration does "a good job trying to prevent it."

Freshman Becca Bailey said she had not "seen anything drug-related" and thought administration is doing a good job handling the problem.

The reason drug usage is so

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Link Crew adapts to better engage freshmen

By Jessica Stohr

Team work takes on new meaning for this school year's Link Crew.

The group, which helps freshmen transition successfully into high school, is working closely with the new freshmen teaming program that piloted last year and plans to build on the number of freshmen activities such as monthly meetings and team bonding sessions.

"In the past, Link Crew sometimes has lost touch with freshmen throughout the year," says Link Crew Commissioner Shweta Wahal. However, the plan for this freshmen class is unique in several ways.

One development is how Link Crew helps the newly formed freshmen teams. Each freshman belongs to either the Blue, Silver, or Gold team. All stu-

dents in a team share the same core teachers. This idea was tested last year with a group of freshmen called "the team."

Monthly meetings are another new aspect to Link Crew's involvement with freshmen. On one Wednesday each month during Reading Time, Link Crew leaders will lead a freshmen class in a group activity. These activities will be based

on the book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. The introductory meeting took place Sept. 14. The other seven will each focus on a habit from the book. According to Link Crew advisor Mrs. Baker, the goals of these lessons



Shweta Wahal



Mrs. Baker

are "to have the freshmen put more meaning into what they're doing while they're in high school."

Link Crew also will watch a video and work on team bonding in the gym with the Gold team Oct. 21. The Blue and Silver teams will have the same opportunity on Nov. 10.

One main connection with students that Link Crew has not changed is the freshmen orientation. This August, 75 percent of the freshmen class attended the event. According to a survey given to some freshman Communication Arts classes, 83 percent of these freshmen thought that the orientation assisted their transition



Link Crew welcomes freshmen to North during summer orientation. Photo by Leroy Mrotek.

at least somewhat. However, a few indicated there is opportunity for improvement. Some students thought that the tours of the school could have been more helpful and that some time could have been used more constructively. Getting to know others in their grade and the pep rally were definite highlights, many freshmen reported on the surveys. "I had a lot of fun and [the orientation] helped

me get more comfortable," one freshman said.

Link Crew will also help with other activities, such as the "Cocoa and Cram" study sessions, and tasks such as tutoring and helping ninth-grade gym classes belay during the rock climbing unit. Wahal said the focus of this year is for members of the organization "to be active participants in [freshmen's] lives."

Highlights of Summer News

Debt deal marks contentious summer of national politics

By Christian Bakken

Perhaps the most important, though not necessarily monumental, national political event of the past summer was the debt-ceiling deal passed by Congress at the beginning of August. With the Tea Party gaining control of Congress on a platform of drastically cutting government spending and debt, it was inevitable that when the U.S. debt limit would be reached in August the first major debate on how to reduce America's trillions in national debt would be a contentious one. While previous debt deals had passed with bipartisan support and little argument, this time the Republicans threatened to vote no to any debt increase without enormous spending cuts, which would have led to America's first ever debt default, causing major losses in the global stock markets and potentially sending the struggling economy into an even worse depression.

It was a last-minute compromise by President Obama, Speaker John Boehner, and several Congressional leaders that solved the debate after weeks of heated but fruitless



President Obama gives a speech describing the deal on July 31. Photo by cntv.cn.

negotiations, though the specifics of the deal lived up to no one's hopes. The deal cut approximately \$1 trillion by initiating spending caps for government agencies, with another \$1.5 trillion in savings slated to be dealt with by November by a bipartisan committee, with large cuts to both defense and Medicare if a solution is not reached. However, it did not make any changes to the major causes of the current deficit, out-of-control entitlement growth, the convoluted and inefficient tax code, and the war in Afghanistan.

Despite this solution, however, plenty of people still had reason to complain. Liberals

complained of a plan without tax reform that makes the wealthy pay more, libertarians and tea partiers claimed that the debt limit should never have been raised at all, or that the spending cuts should have been greater, and experts who want a large debt increase with both raised taxes and spending cuts were disappointed by the small steps.

Politically aware North students echoed these grievances, with senior Killian Kvalvik stating "The debt ceiling has been raised hundreds of times...without any issue. The conservatives in Congress are using this to further their own agenda." Senior Bill Hackett presented the opposite position when he said that "It was irresponsible...and it is the fault of Republicans and Democrats that the debt ceiling needed to be raised and we need to re-evaluate the role of government in the lives of Americans."

Regardless of political views, however, Americans can only hope this deal begins to make a major impact on our debt and is not the harbinger of a new era of viciously partisan government.



Libyan rebels demonstrate in Benghazi. Photo by guardian.co.uk.

Libya's crisis at center of international news

By Marit Bakken

The uprisings in Libya in the spring led to around the world in-depth news coverage and created a chaotic situation in which many other countries, including the U.S., intervened. The heroic tale of poor-as-dirt rebels overthrowing a cruel and tyrannical dictator struck a chord with many people around the world. But, as the rebellion stretched on and on, it seemed like many people lost interest in the Libyan crisis. However, the Libyan rebellion didn't stop. Here is what has been happening overseas.

After popular movements overturned the rulers of Tunisia and Egypt, Libya experienced a full-scale revolt beginning on February 17, 2011, against its dictator for 42 years, Muammar Gaddafi. Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, oldest son of Muammar Gaddafi, spoke on Libyan television on February 21, of his fears that the country would fragment and be replaced by "15 Islamic fundamentalist emirates" if the uprising engulfed the entire state. Still, as of early March, much of Libya had tipped out of Gaddafi's control, as a coalition of opposition forces, including soldiers who defected to the rebels, conquered most of Eastern Libya, centered on the vital port of Benghazi, while Tripoli and its environs remained in dispute. In several public appearances, Gaddafi threatened to destroy the protest movement, and his government armed pro-Gaddafi troops to

kill protesters and defectors against the regime in Tripoli.

The United Nations condemned the crackdown as violating international law. The United States imposed economic sanctions against Libya, followed shortly by the United Nations Security Council, which also voted to refer Gaddafi and other government officials to the International Criminal Court for investigation. On February 27, the National Transitional Council was established under the stewardship of Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Gaddafi's former justice minister, to administer the areas of Libya under rebel control, marking the first serious effort to organize the opposition to the Gaddafi regime. On June 27 the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Gaddafi, alleging that Gaddafi had been personally involved in planning and implementing "a policy of widespread and systematic attacks against civilians and demonstrators and dissidents."

Throughout the summer, much of the fighting was in a stalemate, but by August 22, in a surprise turn of events, rebel fighters had entered Tripoli and occupied Martyrs' Square, the main square of the city. Meanwhile, Gaddafi has asserted that he is still in Libya and will not concede power to the rebels, despite evidence he has fled to neighboring Algeria. The Libyan rebellion has been deadly, with over 30,000 recorded deaths. And both sides continue to fight, with many pro-Gaddafi strongholds still remaining.

Wisconsin recalls see mixed results

By Christian Bakken

On August 9th and 16th, thousands of Wisconsinites went to the polls in the largest recall election in national history. This was just the latest extension of the political chaos that enveloped Wisconsin after Governor Scott Walker unveiled his plans to strip benefits and collective bargaining rights from public workers.

Though this plan passed,

Democrats held out hope that when they brought on recall elections for six GOP state senators who voted for the



Gov. Walker

plan they would be able to gain at least three state senate seats and stop or impede Walker's agenda. Republicans also collected enough petitions to force recalls for three Democratic senators who had fled the state to block Walker's bill.

The results of the recalls,

however, were mixed, as only two of the nine targeted senators, Republicans Randy Hopper and Dan Kapanke lost their seats, not enough to change control of the Senate.

Democrats have vowed to push ahead with an effort to recall Walker next year, but Republicans claim the recall failure shows the public is disinterested in these measures.

Nonetheless, the passing of this final chapter of this momentous political year will hopefully mark a return to normalcy in Wisconsin politics.

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hard to quell, according to the anonymous North student, is because it is so obtainable outside of school. "It is extremely easy to get drugs, marijuana especially," the student said. "If you get in good with a dealer and he or she doesn't think you'll snitch, they'll sell

to you." The student would spend \$20 a week and smoke marijuana five to eight times over the seven day period, all outside of school.

The student was never scared of administration finding out about their drug usage—the student felt protected

by reputation and appearance. The student quit "due to the social and academic impact," and as a result of a guilty conscience.

"Using drugs regularly, or at all for that matter, can ruin an individual's life," the student said. "It just isn't worth it."

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Noctiluca Editorial

American Jobs Act offers solutions to pressing problems

Without a doubt, we are in difficult times; without a doubt, these difficulties require solutions. A gridlocked Congress has not yet been able to agree on any solutions to problems with unemployment, decreased value of the dollar, increasing debt, drops in the stock market, and general recession, and so ideas which wholly bridge the political gap are necessary, but are in short supply. However, a new bill, the American Jobs Act, has the potential to ultimately fix the most pressing of these problems, and thus has the ability to rejuvenate our vulnerable economy.

The main points of the bill are relatively simple: provide payroll tax cuts for the working class and small businesses, and provide jobs through the modernization and expansion of infrastructure across the country. This is reminiscent of the New Deal legislation under President Roosevelt, and lends a great deal of credibility to the bill; we worked our way out of the Great Depression with widespread job creation in construction and infrastructure, why not do the same in the so-called Great Recession?

The White House has pro-

vided a great deal of online resources relating to the bill, outlining individual state benefits. Wisconsin can expect over 100,000 small firms to get payroll tax cuts, over \$575 million invested in state infrastructure projects, creating (at the minimum) 7,500 jobs statewide, over \$536 billion in order to prevent and reverse educator layoffs as well as police and firefighter downsizes, as well as the creation of around 7,400 such jobs, as well as additional investments totaling over \$1 billion for the overhaul of local communities via construction projects, and the modernizing of community college facilities and campuses. The current unemployment insurance system is also undergoing reform as part of a process to keep the long-term unemployed in viable conditions to find new jobs, and to keep recently unemployed workers from losing benefits in their first six weeks of unemployment. Under a proposed 'Pathways Back to Work Fund', money will be set aside for Wisconsin to provide jobs to 2,000 adults and 7,100 youths. Additionally, only adding to the already substantial list, the average Wisconsin household, earning \$51,000

a year, will receive around \$1,580 in payroll tax cuts, putting more money in the pockets of consumers and keeping the economy running.

The only way to solve our problems is through compromise, and compromise is exactly what this bill provides.

These are not short-term patches; these are legitimate and long-lasting fixes that can revitalize our economy and prevent further recession and unemployment. Perhaps the best feature of this bill, and a feature that should not be forgotten by Congress, is that every reform in the bill has been supported by politicians in years past – politicians on both sides of the aisle. This is a bipartisan bill, with parts designed to appeal and appease both Democrats and Republicans. For example, tax cuts are a traditionally Republican policy, and are included for their benefit of relieving stress on working-class families. Support for the unemployed,

on the other hand, is a commonly pushed by Democrats, and is included as relief for the millions of Americans without work. This is precisely what the country needs right now; the only way to solve our problems is through compromise, and compromise is exactly what this bill provides. In his speech outlining the bill, President Obama felt the immediate passage of this bill so important that he told Congress that they should "pass this bill, right away" a total of fourteen times in his speech. We are not Congress, and we cannot directly pass this bill, but as constituents, we have voices. We can contact our representatives and tell them that it's time for the change we were promised – it's time for Congress to take action, to quit political grandstanding and ignoring the needs of the people, and pass the American Jobs Act.

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Cheers and Jeers

By Laurel McKenzie



Cheers

The new lampposts on the patio – for protecting us from late night muggers and making us feel like we're in Narnia. Sort of.

In-a-cup macaroni and cheese – for making lives of the busy and the harried a little easier and a lot cheesier.

Link Crew – for making a new effort to help assimilate freshmen to the high school environment.

Pilot G-2 (07) pens – for being the inkiest, blackiest pens around. My hat off to you and your wonderful usefulness.

New editors – for doing really well jumping into the whole "thang" of *Noctiluca*. Keep up the good work!



Image by
Andy Barta

Jeers

Minnesota – for not keeping its air to itself. C'mon, we've got a smoking ban over here.

Dirty contact lenses – for being unreasonably uncomfortable and annoying.

Winter – for not actually being here, but looming ominously on the edge of fall and bringing the temperature to around 40 degrees in early September.

Colds – for being incurable and while not exceptionally fatal, still remarkably annoying. Curse you, nasopharyngitis!

The Common Application – for deleting the hard work of stressed-out students as they try to ensure their futures.

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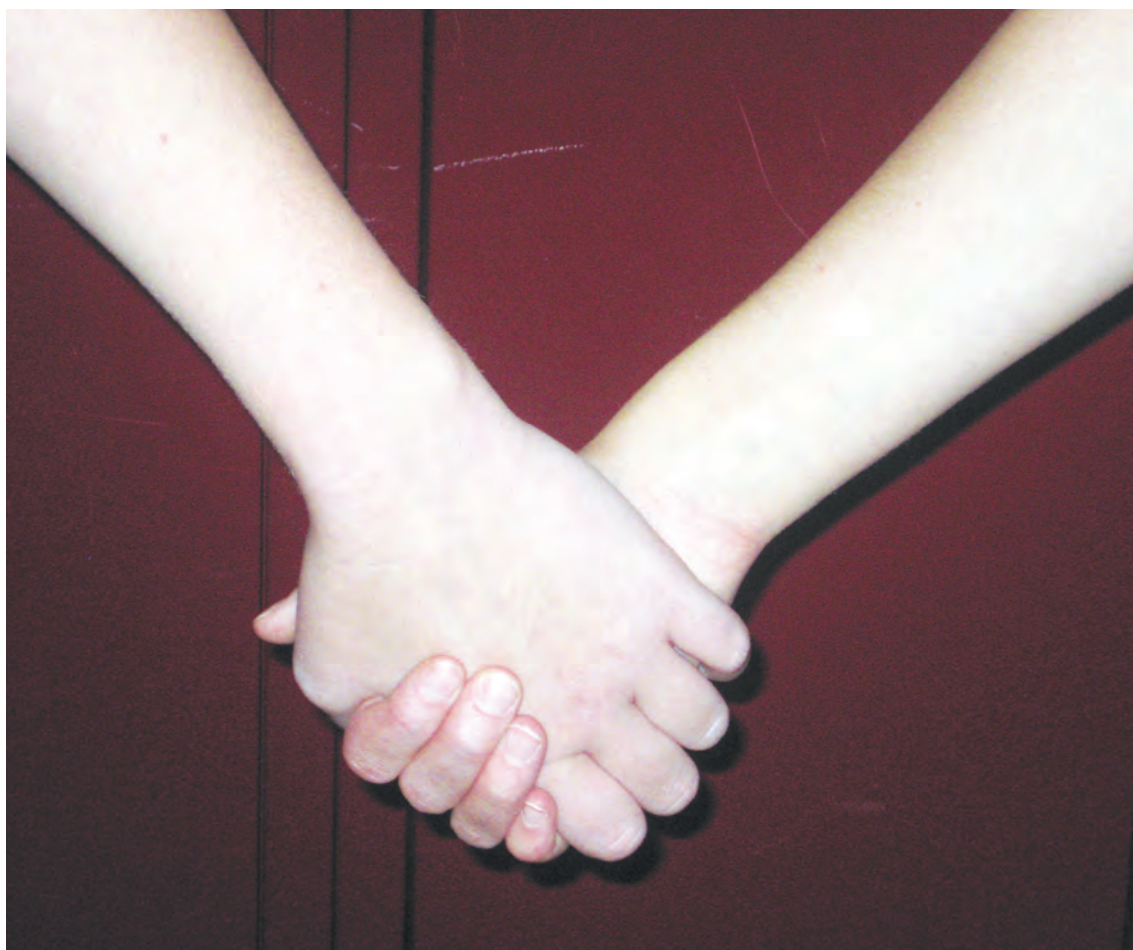
Public displays of affection unwelcome at North

By Nate Long

Whatever happened to just holding hands and talking to each other in the hallway?

Now I would like to make one thing crystal clear before I continue. I didn't write this article to attack your relationship or your significant other. I have no problem with teenage relationships, nor am I attempting to stereotype those in them. Furthermore I have no issues with hand holding or hugging, but that's not what I'm referring to, and I see no reason why anyone should go past those boundaries at school.

There is a rule listed in your student handbook's "behavioral expectations" section that outlines rather explicitly "displays of romantic affection in public are not appropriate." That rule is not there to control your relationship, its there to ensure that every student feels comfortable in the classroom, commons, or hallways. School is meant to be a place to learn, practice music, play a sport, study for tests, talk with friends, read a book, or eat. It does not matter whether the student is



Students are often seen holding hands at North, which is included under the "displays of romantic affection" rule in the student handbook. Photo by Nate Correia.

straight or gay, single or in a relationship; they should not feel uncomfortable, ever, at school. Students should be free to pursue any of these activities, or any other activities they desire without con-

stant close encounters of the romantic kind.

You're in love? Fantastic! But that does not mean you have special privileges to kiss before each class, or spend passing time clogging

the hallway. Just because you are dating someone does not mean that society is going to give you new automatic rights. Sorry if I have to be the one to break it to you.

If I politely ask you to

stop, please don't claim that I don't understand you or your relationship. I have no problem with you doing it privately, but if you are blocking my locker, we are going to have a talk.

In a learning environment, public displays of affection are an unwelcome distraction that has become increasingly commonplace.

In a learning environment, public displays of affection are an unwelcome distraction that has become increasingly commonplace. I am glad you have found that special someone who you want to be with, and whatever you do on your own time is fine, but the moment you begin doing it in a public place you cannot expect it to be treated like a private matter.

There are others trying to take advantage of what high school has to offer, and you are violating their right to a school free of discomfort and distraction.

Discussion and learning key to a healthy mind

By Rafe Allen

If we went back to the year 1600, picked a person at random from say Western Europe or the steppes of Russia, or Africa perhaps, and questioned them on how far they have ever ventured from home the answer would likely (after conversion) be less than 50 miles.

The changes that have taken place in the world since that time are obviously mind boggling, reaching to every extent of modern society. Of course, in the year 1000, there was no Internet or cars or roads that would have been capable of carrying our vehicles. People were scraping out an existence with every ounce of productive time to simply stay alive and better their own lives. Yet these people that were living in what today we would call third world conditions had the same humanity and tendencies that we have

today. In their communities, it would make sense to have the assumption that there was more opportunity to have real significance within a proto society than in today's immense global civilization. Unfortunately the mindset of many people especially teenagers today is that, "It's my life and my choices. I don't care what goes on in the rest of the world because it doesn't affect me." Or "It's too difficult and I'll never understand so why even try." Individuals that see life this way seem to be the ruler of their own kingdom, their life. I find this sad. In a nation such as ours, in a time such as ours, with such opportunity to enrich ourselves mentally and actively, there are still those — who happen to be the majority — who simply do not care. An enlightening conversation is close to impossible with many people because the only thing they have knowledge enough



Discussion keeps the mind healthy and active, and is necessary for communication. Graphic from google.com.

to discuss is what goes on in their kingdom. This means gossip, personal troubles and maybe little bits of other things here and there. Though these topics are a normal part of everyday conversation and often necessary, only talking about these things would be akin to a life idle. Without

exercise the body and brain waste away. Discussions of philosophy, politics, science, news, arts and culture are vital to daily engagement to keep the brain working and to enrich the individual.

Conversing on these topics is also pertinent to having a well-defined worldview

and for establishing your own ideals. Though the workings of many global and national issues are far too complex to master fully, having a picture of what they are and at least an amateurish knowledge of how they work and interact with other systems is extremely important to forming an opinion on these things. Far too often I hear someone talk about one of these massive topics with a little bit of information then draw an uninformed conclusion.

Be curious, be engaging, and think. We have an enormous capacity for knowledge and discovery that we did not have before — take advantage of this. You will find that you understand more, that you enjoy conversation more and that you will have more to talk about. You will find that although it is a big world, knowledge is power, and there is a lot of knowledge to discover.

Cellular Gadgets: Android vs. iPhone

By Arpita Wahal

The Motorola Android and Apple iPhone are two innovative gadgets that have made simple tasks such as making a reservation or booking a flight possible within a matter of seconds. These are two of the hottest cell phones on the market which are pushing the standards of ordinary cell phones as innovators work to create a whole new generation of cellular devices. Both phones are similar in many ways, but have several differences one may want to factor in while choosing a smart phone. Applications are a crucial element in all smart phones.

"The Android has a lot of apps but is kind of slow," said Nycole Fassbender, sophomore at North. The Android is far more customizable with 70,000 applications- over half of which are free, including many designed by Google itself. The iPhone, however, takes the lead, with an outstanding selection of over 230,000 apps, but only of which a quarter are free.

When it comes to social networking, iPhone users are at a

disadvantage. Android phones have customizable widgets useful for uploading music and social networking. Users with Facebook and Twitter widgets have social updates fed at a

much faster rate.

In many other areas, however, the Android falls short of its competitor. With access to the iTunes music store, the iPhone dominates in streaming

music, TV, games, and movies.

When it comes to purchasing a smart phone, it mostly comes down to personal preference to influence one's deci-

sion. Two of the greatest technological corporations in the world continue to compete as they push to produce some of the most technologically advanced smart phones yet.



Global warming dispute continues: Man-made disaster or man-made myth?

By Arpita Wahal

Politicians continue to question whether global warming is a topic of concern or a scientific misconception. It's no question that humans play a large role in impacting Earth's climate.

It all began around the time of the Industrial Revolution in the mid 1800s, when

climatologists noticed a slight increase in temperature.

During the 1950s, they had enough evidence to support the claim that deforestation and the emission of fossil fuels had caused a global phenomenon they would later refer to as global warming.

According to climatologists, many effects of global warming could include

droughts, thunderstorms and erosion in coastal regions.

A month ago, European nuclear research institute CERN implemented the CLOUD experiment which helped them reach the consensus that the sun was the driving factor which was responsible for the extra warming on Earth.

In the experiment, they discovered that cosmic rays,

which resulted in the formation of clouds, counteracted the heating effect of the sun's rays, in turn, cooling the earth down.

However, over the past few decades, there has been evidence suggesting Earth has been lacking cosmic energy. This has been allowing the sun's rays to escape into Earth's surface.

Some political figures are taking a stand in the debate. Texas' Governor Rick Perry states that billions of dollars are being wasted by scientists who support a false theory. Many others disagree.

As different political figures express their views on the topic, scientists continue their hunt for the scientific truth.

Sudoku

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Horoscopes: Libra



By Maya Murzello

Aries (March 21-April 20)
Try to be more environmentally friendly. Unplug your cell charger immediately after you're done using it.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Go for a hayride and pick pumpkins at the pumpkin patch.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)
Don't be too absentminded. Try to stay on top of things.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)
Wear bright colors to school sometime this week. It will lift your mood.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 21)
Attend the football games and cheer for Lightning.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)
Take time to appreciate fall colors before they are gone.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22)
Get some friends together and enjoy the weather outside before it starts getting cold.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Go apple picking and bake some apple pies for your teammates.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)
Your summer reading book is calling to you; finish it.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)
Join a Zumba class. You will meet someone special.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Sit with someone new for lunch and you will have a new friend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Step out of your comfort zone and order a new cuisine next time you go out to eat.

Moving On Up

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Each year in high school has its own unique events and is an experience all in itself. The *Noctiluca* wants you to be prepared for what each grade level has to offer. Here *Noctiluca* writers who have experienced the grade level give their perspectives on moving through high school.

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Joining the Big Leagues

By Isabella Lucas



Hey there all you freshmen! Do you have questions about what this year has in store for you? Whether it's school work, extra-curricular activities, or even just the normal day to day high school experience, this article is here to answer some of the most common questions always wondered by freshmen students.

With all of the events and opportunities throughout the year, it can be difficult to decide what to take part in. There is a total of 13 sports along with 35+ activities and clubs to join, which means there is something for everyone, including freshmen. It is highly recommended to try something new but not to overload yourself with extra-curricular activities when academic work remains the priority. It is always a surprise to meet the type of people who have the same interests as you and who knows, you just might meet your new best friends! In addition, take advantage of all Link Crew activities to get involved in Appleton North even more.

A lot of freshmen worry about how much homework they will have to do, but also how difficult it will be. Truth be told you may get more homework than you would prefer some days, but with

time management and determination the homework you receive is nothing but an opportunity to reinforce what you have already learned.

Along with the amount of homework, another worrisome subject is grade point average (GPA). It may not be a daily thought such as what to wear or eat, but always have in the back of your mind your academic standing. The grades earned during freshmen year do affect your overall GPA, so listen to the advice of family and teachers when they continually stress this point.

Although high school can be intimidating, there's always something to look forward to; from homecoming to playoffs, Improved to musicals, school events are highly anticipated.

Some minor changes from middle school to high school are in the bell schedule. On Wednesdays make sure to have a book to enjoy for 33 minutes during reading time. Also, on Thursday attend homeroom after 2nd hour to receive important documents and be sure to check in before heading to other club meetings.

Remember to always have fun and make the best of each opportunity, and put your best foot forward... when rushing to your next class.

Sliding Into Second

By Sarah Dalglish



By sophomore year all the jitters of freshmen year are gone and the newness of the school has worn off. The new novelty becomes everyone's "sweet" sixteen and all the turning of age entails. The biggest change that people will look forward to is getting their drivers license. There are many companies that offer driving education in the area, Cornerstone, Tri-County, and Driver's Education of the Fox Cities are a few of many options that cater to the region.

After being taught in the driving class that green mean go and red means stop it's time to get behind the wheel. A word to the wise, practice with a parent before getting in the car with the instructor; it is a lot less embarrassing to have your family yell "break" as you take a turn at full speed than it is for the driving instructor to yell in a car full of strangers. As you approach your sixth behind-the-wheel go to the Outagamie County DMV website to schedule a driving test. Schedule the driving test as soon as possible because dates fill up fast. On the day of the driving test don't freak out, nerves are the enemy. No one wants to get behind the wheel with someone who is shaky and twitchy. Buckle up, Signal your intentions, keep to the speed limit, correctly park up and down hills, smile, say

"cheese", and hope you don't look like a dork on your driver's license.

Once you begin wielding four thousand pounds of metal there are new responsibilities that come with it. Go to the main office and fill out a form for a parking sticker. All you need is your name, license plate number, car make, and car color. And please, please don't be that kid who rear ends people in the parking lot, because they have snow covering their whole back window. Keep a scraper in your car once winter hits, because unfortunately it will get put to a lot of use.

Another rite of passage as a sixteen year old is getting a job. Some unlucky folks will need to start paying for car amenities; others will find the urgency to begin saving for college. Whether you fall into either of those categories or not, getting a job is a great step in asserting more independence.

Unless you're content with working minimum wage, getting a job rejuvenates the drive to go to college and find a suiting career. Sophomore year is the time to further exploration of future career paths. Students will be assigned times to meet with their counselors and discuss the future as well as make sure they are on the right track for graduation. Graduation really does sneak up on you, so balance preparing for the future with enjoying the moment and watch as time flies.



Graphic by Jack Pairin

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Man on Third

By Sara
Duesterhoeft



Junior year, what a doozy! As juniors at Appleton North High School, you may feel confident that you know the ropes; however, it may help to know what to anticipate junior year at North. As rumor has it, junior year is one for lots of hard work and very often, a very weighty class load. Well, the rumors are true; but not to worry, with proper time-management and a few acquired techniques for stress management it will all be under control. To help with time-management and organization, utilize off hours and the student planners to keep assignments straight.

With all the hard work that will be put into studying, it is nice to have a break in the day. Second semester offers the opportunity of leaving campus for lunch, affording a great opportunity to relax and break up a long day of studying. Also, if your grades are maintained, you are awarded junior privilege, where you are no longer assigned to a study hall room but still cannot leave campus.

Since juniors are now upper-classmen, it is in your best interest to begin thinking about plans for after high school. If college is in future, begin researching schools and finding a college that could be the right fit. The website Wisc Careers is a great resource for finding college and career information. You will get an opportunity to browse Wisc Careers in the mandatory class, Personal Finance Management (PFM). Junior year is the first opportunity to take PFM which is a very

practical and helpful class when it comes to career and college choices.

Once you have some colleges picked out, plan times to go and tour those different colleges. College touring allows you to experience and get the feel of the campus, talk to important college officials, and get answers to any questions you may have. It is difficult to know what a college will truly be like without visiting and experiencing the environment of the campus firsthand.

Be sure to sign up for ACT and SAT tests as soon as possible so there are plenty of opportunities to retake it if desired. Also consider taking an ACT or SAT prep class, as they teach you vital test taking strategies.

Just like the ACT and SAT, extracurricular are an important part of a college application. If you have not been involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities, it is not too late to start.

Alright, enough with the tough stuff, as juniors there is still fun to look forward to. As sixteen going on seventeen year olds, that seventeenth birthday is special for one reason, R-rated movies. Now is the time to see great movies like "The Hangover" and "Bridesmaids" without being accompanied by Ma and Pa, but don't forget that ID.

There will definitely be a lot on your plate this year but remember to enjoy high school and have fun. If you are able to stay focused and do the necessary hard work that comes with junior year, you will be rewarded with a bright future and an enjoyable high school experience.

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The Homestretch

By Brooke Resch
Appleton North 2011
Graduate



Reaching the twelfth grade and getting to kick back and enjoy senior year is the end-game for many students. While it is natural to look forward to this final stage of high school, it is also important to understand that just being a senior is not entering the promised land; walking across the stage at graduation is.

So grab some face-paint, a Burger King crown, and hold onto that senior-slacker-schedule for dear life, because this is what to expect out of the final year of high school.

Yes, being a senior is fun. No, it is not an excuse to waste nine months of life. Senioritis plagues the hallways as soon as the first assignment is given out in September, and it is an all-out epidemic by the time college acceptance letters start rolling in. Many students feel as though junior year was "the important year"—and it is a very critical time—but senior year also is important. Keeping good study habits helps keep young-adults studious for college. Challenging class-schedules can help in receiving AP credits or keep minds sharp for college placement tests.

And teenagers who plan on entering the workforce after college have a lot to take advantage of, as well. At this age, there are plenty of job-shadow and volunteer opportunities to help improve a resume.

While it might be in a senior's best-interest to stay focused and driven during this school year, no one is expecting that all twelfth-graders surrender their social lives upon reading this article. In fact, enjoying the final days at Appleton North is good for everyone.

So expect senior year to be a lot like all the others... only better! Expect to win all spirit competitions. Enjoy being the example for the other grades. Plan on taking a lot of pictures, and taking pride in yourself for coming this far.

Good luck, class of 2012. This year may be a lot of work, but it'll be more laughter and tears than any of other time of your life. This is senior year; what more could you expect?

Brooke Resch is a freshman at UW Madison. She is a 2011 graduate of Appleton North and was the previous *Centerspread* Editor of the *Noctiluca*.

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A way to contact and connect with our editorial staff

Editor-in-Chief



Laurel McKenzie, senior editor-in-chief, has been involved in Noctiluca since she was a sophomore. She joined the editorial staff last year as the opinions editor, and is working hard now with her co-editor-in-chief Abbey to organize the paper. In the past she has been known for her pithy Cheers and

Jeers and her exuberant coverage of the events concerning the theatre department. Now she writes whatever is necessary to produce the paper. In her opinion, the Noctiluca is a wonderful way to get involved at North. Writers, artists, and photographers need not contribute every issue, but are invited to try out new ideas, sections, and subjects. A new schedule this year has been instigated to give more time to fully develop content, and Laurel hopes this will lead to even more quality work published. To contact Laurel with questions or comments, you can find her on Facebook under her given name.

Editor-in-Chief



Abbey Edmonds, junior editor-in-chief, has been in the Noctiluca since last year, when she edited the culture section. She is cooperating with Laurel and the other editors in order to write and publish an issue each month. Abbey has dabbled in several sections, and is well known for

her realistic approach to the latest trends and topics. She is also proficient in the graphic design and works hard to give the paper the most professional look possible.

Abbey is always eager to have more people express their talents through the Noctiluca. Her experience in culture ensures that she always has an eye out for someone interested in reviewing a book, movie, or band, or discussing his or her interests in fashion or food. She has also been hoping to begin an advice column. You can talk with Abbey on Facebook under her given name.

Opinions Editor



Austin Herrling is a senior, and is the opinions editor for the Noctiluca. He began working with the paper his junior year as a writer and contributor, and applied for the position of opinions editor after attending a newspaper conference at UW-Oshkosh, a trip that greatly influenced his decision to become more involved.

Any and all opinions on nearly all subjects will be considered for publication. Despite the trends towards more political issues in recent years, the opinions pages are open for student opinions on topics of their decision. Additionally, unsigned editorials are published periodically by the editorial board, and the topic of these editorials is also influenced by student response. If you have an opinion on something you haven't seen in the paper, or you disagree with something that has been published, feel free to contact Austin on Facebook with letters or suggestions.

News Editor



As a freshman, Catie Edmondson wrote primarily news stories. Covering the process of an attempted book ban piqued her interest in investigative journalism. In covering that story, she was able to attend the meetings, interview the key figures in the story, and scooped the local newspapers. An article she also enjoyed working on depicted the

student population's attitude towards plagiarism. She wrote a couple of Opinions articles, which are a great outlet for news writers to release their personal thoughts.

As the Co-News Editor, she assigns articles that pertain directly to North as well as Appleton—local news. She is looking for excellent writers who are interested in writing about issues that matter to North's population. If you aren't interested in writing an article, even suggesting article ideas would be appreciated. She religiously checks Facebook, so if you wish to contact her, just shoot her a message. She looks forward to meeting some new contributors!

News Editor



Christian Bakken, co-news editor, is a senior. He has written news articles for Noctiluca for the past two years, stepping up to be an editor this year, and has always had an interest in current events, politics, geography, and writing. Thus, it is natural for him to focus on major state, national, and international news and how they can relate to North students as well as people directly affected by the event.

Anyone with interests in factual writing and events the world over would be a perfect fit to write for his section of the paper. Please contact him via Facebook or another editor with any ideas you feel passionate about.

Centerspread Editor



Sarah Dagleish, senior, has been a writer at the Noctiluca since junior year. Having always possessed a passion for writing she felt compelled to try out the multiple facets of it, including journalism. This year she is stepping into the role of centerspread editor.

As a new editor she is looking to establish a group of go-to writers. Centerspread is a great section for people who need to be given a concept to write about, but still want the freedom to find the new angle for the story. If interested in trying your hand at writing feel free to contact her on Facebook.

Photo Editor



Nate Correia, junior, started writing for the Noctiluca his freshman year and continued contributing through his sophomore year. He has become the newspaper's photography editor for this year.

The Noctiluca is always looking for photos, so if you have any North event photos which you would like to be considered for the paper, please feel free to send them to him. Examples of these types of photos include, but are not limited to, sports games or theatre productions, that happen at or involve Appleton North. To submit these photos please submit them to him over Facebook (search Nate Correia) or email them to him at correia.nate@gmail.com.

Sports Editor



As a sophomore, Andrew Vanden Boogaard began his journalism career writing various stories encompassing topics relating to sports. From that point on, he became a frequent sports contributor to the Noctiluca throughout the remainder of his sophomore and junior years.

What he primarily looks for in his sports section are writers who enjoy staying updated on information pertaining to sports issues, whether they be at a district, state-wide or national level. Also, he is constantly open to suggestions from other students on how to approach a certain topic in a more effective manner. Finally, you can contact him through Facebook under his given name.

Culture Editor



Sean Lyons is a senior and is this year's editor for the Noctiluca's culture section. He has been writing frequently for the Noctiluca since moving from East as a sophomore, and worked for East's newspaper, the Courier, before his transfer. Having been a contributor once, he would strongly encourage anyone to at least ap-

proach him with an idea they have, or topic they wish to write about. He would strongly encourage giving culture a shot, as he wouldn't have even considered writing for the opinions page if his editor hadn't persuaded him to give it a try. He is looking to expand the culture section's dimensions to better fit a more eclectic selection of the likes of movie reviews, fashion trends, art projects pertaining to the Fox Valley, concert and or album reviews, band showcasing, the works. He is willing to give just about any idea an ear and an honest opinion. He aims to give "culture" a wider definition when it comes to our newspaper. So please, no hesitations. Remember, "First thought, best thought." You can talk to him on Facebook.

Features Editor



Arpita Wahal is a sophomore and the Feature's editor for this year. This is her second year involved with the Noctiluca. She usually contributes to all areas of the Noctiluca but writes most frequently for the features and center spread. She also enjoys playing tennis and the piano.

If you need to contact her, add her on Facebook. You can also contact her via email at arpita155@gmail.com. She is looking for writers who can contribute things like horoscopes, gadgets, and comics. The features section is also used to discuss holidays and celebrations. The possibilities are endless, so just let her know if you have any ideas. Come join the Noctiluca if you like to write and voice your opinion.

Off and running with North's Cross Country team

By Max Edwards

The Appleton North Cross Country team is "up and running" for their 2011 season, and participation is at a record high. This fall, more than 60 young men and women, including returning athletes as well as some new to the sport, are under the direction of head coach Annette Jadin along with Coach Doug Davis and Coach Stephanie Van Lanen.

"New runners are adjusting well with the great leadership of upperclassmen."

-Coach Jadin

The Varsity team for both boys and girls has a nice mix of veteran high school as well as up-and-coming young runners. There has been quite a bit of shuffling between athletes on the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels of competition especially at the start of the season. Boys who have ran at the Varsity level this season include: Matthew Hen-



Jenny Jones and Kendra Jensen pace Girls Varsity runners. Photo by Max Edwards.

drickson, Calvin VanRyzin, Austin Herrling, Nick Luedtke, Max Edwards, Russell Doupe, Jordan Knapp, Gunner Goeden, Tanner Daines, Conor Tarnowski, and Justice Jentz. As for the girls Varsity team, not as many changes have been implemented in the line-up between meets. Girls who have raced at the Varsity level at some point

in the season include: Jenny Jones, Mary Kate Ontaneda, Elizabeth Braatz, Whitney Shapiro, Gabrielle Kiefer, Katie Flood, Kendra Jensen, Maggie Burneske, and Kaitlin Squier.

Coach Jadin is enthused about the potential of this group. "The Lightning Cross Country season is well under way and both the boys

and girls teams have several young runners new to the high school distance," she said. "New runners are adjusting well with the great leadership of the upperclassmen."

The Seymour Invite on October 6 is the last cross country meet prior to the FVA conference meet which will take place at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna on

**Support the Cross
Country Team!**

**Oct. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
Countryside Golf Course
in Kaukauna**

October 13. All runners will be aiming to hit their season-best times for this race which is on a fast, flat course.

On Friday, October 21, the sectional meet will be attended by all Varsity runners. Placing in the top two teams at the meet will guarantee a trip to the WIAA State Meet on Saturday, October 29. Last year, both the varsity boys and varsity girls took third narrowly missing the opportunity to represent their school by running at the state level against some of the best competition.

Coach Jadin adds, "Both [boys and girls] teams are working hard in order to be running their best come the middle to end of October for the conference and sectional meets with hopes of qualifying for the state meet on October 29."

One-on-one interview with North's new Athletic Director



Mr. Herrling, the new activities director, is excited to be working with North students. Photo by Nate Correia

By Andrew Vanden
Boogaard

Appleton North's recently-introduced Athletic Director Kevin Herrling is set to take over the Lightning athletic program. While filling an administration position in an unfamiliar school for the first time may be overwhelming, Mr. Herrling is excited to begin working, learning and experiencing what Lightning athletics are all about.

Q: What inspired you to take this Athletic Director position at North?

A: I've always been interested and involved with athletics throughout the area, and the thought of being an Athletic Director has been a career goal since I was in college. Plus, Appleton North is a great school with a known high profile in many areas of athletics.

Q: Besides accepting this position at North, what

other educational appointments have you held around the area?

A: Well I started out working in special education, but afterwards I transitioned to teaching Health and Physical Education at J.R. Gerrits Middle School in Kimberly. After that I spent 3 years as an assistant principal at Sunrise Elementary in Kimberly and then progressed to acting as an assistant principal for another 3 years at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha. My last three years were as Principal at Gegan Elementary School.

Q: Along with teaching at a number of schools throughout the Fox Cities, have you held any specific positions as a coach for any sports?

A: I coached both track and volleyball for a time, but for the most part I focused on coaching basketball. At one point I was being the Assistant Varsity Coach for Girls Basketball at Kimberly High School.

Q: What new, unique ideas do you plan to implement or bring to Appleton North?

A: Both Mr. Engen and Mr. Pynenberg have some very important and impressive things going here right now, but as for my first year here, I really just want to listen, learn and get a feel for what the school and what the students here need. Obviously, North has a particularly solid athletics program and they have a number of terrific things going for them. So I don't feel as though I need to turn everything upside down and make any huge changes.

"I've always been interested and involved with athletics throughout the area, and the thought of being an Athletic Director has been a career goal since I was in college."

-Mr. Herrling

Q: What part of this job are you most looking forward to?

A: What I've always enjoyed is working with kids, and

since this is my first year and the school year has just begun, I'm really looking forward to working with the students and kids here at North.

Q: How do you feel about the latest WIAA move to create and begin the Valley Football Conference?

A: It was definitely a controversial decision to create this conference and although neither I nor anyone else at North has any jurisdiction over the recent change, we still look at it being an uncertain and precarious decision primarily because of kids' safety. For example, having fans and students driving back at a late hour in bad weather can certainly be a frightening thought and we, overall, just want our fans, students and kids to be safe.

Q: Lastly, what differences, if any, will there be between you and our former Athletic Director Mr. Pynenberg?

A: Both of us care greatly about kids and athletics has always been a passion for the both of us as well. Altogether, I feel that we differ very little.

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Despite slow start, boys soccer looks toward a state run

By Trent Tetzlaff

The boy's soccer season is under way at Appleton North High School. The season has come with some very high expectations after a strong finish at state last year. "Since the team took second at state last year, we started off the season a little cocky but as long as the guys shake off the slow start and work even harder, we should have no problems putting the ball in the net," said Junior forward Gunnar Springer, on the team's early season scoring problems. The team started out the season with a 10-5-1 record, with losses to Kimberly, Green Bay Preble, Muskego and a tie with Stevens Point.

**"The conference is very tough but wide open this year."
-Adam Hermesen**

"Our team is very close," explains Ryan Carey, a Senior midfielder, "The good chemistry built at activities like team dinners helps us on the field when working together." Nevertheless, the squad this year is



Boys varsity soccer takes a quick break before rejoining the action taking place against Oshkosh North. Photo by Nate Correia.

a new one. A total of eight seniors were lost from last year's state team. According to Senior forward Sam Fischer, "this team has more than enough talent to go all the way. However, we need to take the season one game at a time and keep working hard."

With many difficult games remaining on the schedule, the Lightning won't find a return trip to state such an easy ride.

"The conference is very tough, but wide open this year," said Senior defender Adam Hermesen about the team's outlook, "so despite our ups and downs to start this year, we still have an opportunity to win the conference and return to state again." With the returning talent for North this year, no one thought the Lightning would have any sort of struggles. "The slow start with our new team this year has

made us even closer, and given us more chemistry to be just as good, if not better, than last year's team," said Senior forward Chris Whalen about turning the season around.

With such a tremendous run last year the season can really be hard to forget. But according to Senior Ryan Carey, "Despite our high expectations from last year, we need to forget about that and work hard

for what's coming up next on the schedule." With a team at full strength for the remainder of their schedule look for the Lightning to bear down and try to make a repeat run all the way to Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. With Appleton North and Neenah both ranked highly in the FVA Conference, expect nothing less than a dog-fight between these two teams to decide a conference champion.

Quick hits: Athletes' and teams' outstanding performances

By Andrew Vanden Boogaard

ANHS Football:

Senior Quarterback Nate Otto was 11-of-22 with an explosive total of 183 passing yards and 3 touchdowns in a Valley Football Conference divisional game against D.C. Everest on September 2.

Otto's 3 touchdown passes included two passes to Alex Hayes of 50 and 21 yards, while Clark Eagan also hauled in a 22 yard pass to help execute a 28-21 win.



Nate Otto scrambles out of the pocket while looking for a receiver downfield. Photo by Mike Panzer.

Girls Swimming & Diving:

Sophomore swimmer's Andrea Bryson and Meghan Wilson won two events apiece in a Lightning Dual Meet on September 13 with cross-town rival Appleton East.

Bryson was victorious in the 500 Freestyle as well as in the 100 Butterfly, while Wilson triumphed in the 200 Freestyle and 100 Breaststroke.



Meghan Wilson



Andrea Bryson



Aaron Rodgers is swarmed by teammates. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Green Bay Packers Football:

Aaron Rodgers & Co. began the defending of the Packers February Super Bowl victory with a regular-season 42-34 triumph over the New Orleans Saints on Thursday, September 8.

Boys Soccer:

Senior Forward Chris Whalen and Senior Midfielder Ryan Carey combined for 5 goals and 4 assists in a 6-2 non-conference soccer victory against Whitefish Bay on September 9.



Chris Whalen



Ryan Carey prepares to send the ball towards the net. Photo courtesy of The Post-Crescent.

Milwaukee Brewers:

Thanks to the efforts of star outfielder Ryan Braun, slugging first baseman Prince Fielder and notorious center fielder Nyjer Morgan (formally known as "Tony Plush"), the Brewers are on the verge of clinching the NL Central division for the first time since 1982.



Nyjer Morgan celebrating a victory. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

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Senior Class:
Jon Brum

“Pale Blue Eyes”
– The Velvet
Underground

“Prodigal Son”
– The Black Angels

“Pharaoh’s Dance”
– Miles Davis

“Stlyo”
– The Gorillaz

“Maybe My Baby”
– Stevie Wonder



Super Senior Class:
Austin Reed

“Blood Oath”
– Suffocation

“Jackal”
– Warbringer

“Wolves of
Chernobyl”
– Municipal Waste

“Total Extinction”
– Mammoth Grinder

“Repulsive Salvation”
– Skeleton Witch

From Page 11: Anniversary of Nevermind

everyday people could break into the mainstream culture. No more were the Rock Gods of the Eighties, such as Poison, Warrant, Ratt, and Guns and Roses; all that remained were just four chords and the truth; and plenty of flannel-wearing rock bands, like Pearl Jam, Sound Garden, Mudhoney, and Alice in Chains, who were leading the charge on Pop Culture from the newly discovered Seattle music scene, a scene, which until Nevermind garnered its immense success, hadn’t been given nearly the amount of attention its artists deserved.

It’s been seventeen years since Cobain’s death, and yet Nevermind and the legacy of Nirvana remain in the public opinion as something to be treasured, a strange fact when considering how Nirvana was only famous for roughly two and half years. It’s a success story that won’t ever happen again; for the reason that this band was something of remarkably unique chemistry, and because of the out of the blue genius that they exhibit on this album. Nevermind still stands after twenty years as a perfect blend of Punk Rock and Pop music. Where one song’s chorus will make you feel like dancing, another’s will make you want to take up playing the guitar. But for all of the accomplish-



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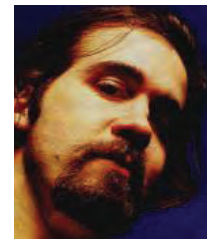
ments, came the increments of stress that accumulated in Cobain. Who eventually wanted nothing more than to be anonymous amidst the sensations of what his music

Above: Nevermind, the album that brought rock and roll back from the dark ages of hair-spray and synthesizers. **Left:** Cobain roughly five months before his death. Photos by Google Images

After Nirvana
Catching up on the
band’s former rhythm
section:



Dave Grohl
After Nirvana, Dave Grohl went on to form his most successful band yet: The Foo-Fighters. He remains today at the age of 42 as the band’s frontman, and frequently lends his drumming skills to other bands.



Krist Novoselic
After Nirvana, Krist Novoselic kicked around in other bands like Sweet 75 and Flipper, but eventually quit music almost entirely to become a journalist. His most recent position was writing a weekly music and politics column for the Seattle Weekly. Now, at the age of 46, he attends Lower Columbia College and plans on earning a law degree.

created.

The fact of the matter is that there isn’t a weak song on the album; from the well-known “Smells Like Teen Spirit” to the abysmal “Come As You Are,” or from the stripped-down acoustic “Polly” to the apocalyptic thrash anthem “Endless Nameless.” Find a copy, give it a listen, and realize that the popularity of “Alternative Music” rests upon this collection of songs.

From Page 11: On the Death of Amy Winehouse

house, was that she died of an apparent seizure due in part to the immense stress of quitting her drug habits. In the end, besides her tragic death and brilliance despite, the only thing that’s left to say about Amy Winehouse is actually a lyric she wrote roughly five years before her death, which appears from her song: “You Know I’m No Good,” located near the end of the chorus, which she sings: “I cheated myself... Like I knew I would.”



Amy’s Essentials

A shortcut into the musical styling of Amy Winehouse.

Movie Review: The Help

By Abbey Edmonds

Aibileen, like her mother before her, is a black maid working in Jackson Mississippi. She’s raising her seventeen child, when she meets Eugenia “Skeeter” Phelan (Emma Stone), a wealthy white socialite. Recently graduated from College, Skeeter returns only to discover her maid Constantine has disappeared.

Determined to learn the truth about the woman who raised her, Skeeter discovers what it’s truly like to be “the Help.” The film adapta-

tion stays true to the novel allowing the humble narrative, and powerful acting to carry the story. Celia Foote (Jessica Chastain), a white trash farm girl from Sugar Ditch, is completely oblivious to the social customs of Jackson, and while the character might easily have been portrayed as a tawdry blonde cliché, she serves as a reminder that racism is taught, and not inherent.

Minny (Octavia Spencer) Aibileen’s best friend reluctantly agrees to assist Skeeter and Aibileen write a tell-all novel about life in



Emma Stone plays Eugenia “Skeeter” Phelan.

the south, and despite overwhelming fear, other maids volunteer to tell their stories. As Skeeter comes to understand the scope of racism in Jackson, she gradually pulls away from her friends, especially Hilly Hallbrook (Bryce Dallas-Howard). Hilly drafts

the Health Sanitation Initiative, a law requiring all private residences to have a separate bathroom for the help. Adapted from a novel that echoes Harper Lee’s classic, this must see is a beautiful and heartbreaking story.

1.) Back to Black

With a rhythm that mimics a funeral procession, and with the seeds of misery relating to failed romance sewn into each line. Beautifully arranged, and layered in 1960’s espionage guitar lines soaked in tremolo.

2.) You Know I’m No Good

With a hip-hop esc. beat, Winehouse describes being plagued by indecision, with a taste of guilt of relationships past. She sings as if she’s being interrogated by the old good cop-bad cop routine.

3.) Wake Up Alone

A portrait of a mundane suburban life, a struggle to stay sober, and depression all wrapped into a low-key jam with an underlying feeling of isolation. Amy’s brilliant voice perfectly communicates her inner struggle.

4.) Me and Mr. Jones

This song sounds like it was written in 1960. With Frank Sinatra behind the mixing board. The soulful vocals draw you in, and are perfectly paired and interwoven with complex harmonies which compliment her voice.