

Powderpuff Returns to P-CEP



All Powderpuff teams and coaches at the end of the event

Photo by Rachel Paul

By Cora Wallen
Editor-in-Chief

Powderpuff: an all girls flag football tournament between juniors and seniors, where most of the money raised goes to charity. This is a relatively common event across the United States and Canada, yet it has not happened at the Park in a long time. That is, until this year.

On Oct.13 juniors and seniors from Plymouth, Canton and Salem gathered in teams to be coached by Varsity Football Boys. To get a feel for how the event went, The Perspective talked with Carly

Schwinke, the Canton senior that started powderpuff this year.

The Perspective: When was the last time PCEP had a powderpuff game?

Schwinke: Powderpuff hasn't been school approved at PCEP for a very long time. The last event was in 2012; however, it was off campus, tackle and not school sanctioned.

The Perspective: What made you decide to start it up again?

Schwinke: My whole high school career I've always wanted to play in a powderpuff game! A bunch of my

friends from other schools always have done it, and it seemed so fun. So, for my senior ISP [Independent Service Project] Chloe Parana [Salem senior], Taleen Vartanian Gibbs [Salem Senior] and I decided we wanted to do powderpuff! We had a lot of obstacles in the way... it took 4 months to finally get it approved, and then we only had 3 weeks to plan the whole event!

The Perspective: What was the charity for and how much did you raise?

Schwinke: We raised 3,378 dollars. We have \$500 going to Sunshine Football Club.

The rest of the money we had planned going to Mental Health Awareness, but now with all the money we raised we are thinking of donating to more local charities.

The Perspective: How satisfied are you with your event? Who were some of the key people who made it a success?

Schwinke: I think the event was extremely successful! We had over 120 players and coaches from all three schools. Some key people were my two ISP partners (Chloe Parana and Taleen Vartanian-Gibbs) and our supervisor Mrs. Le. I also could not have done it without my

mom who made sure all the little details were taken care of. The players and coaches also made it very successful! A huge thank you to the Salem football coach Mr. Reed and Canton coaches Mr. Lafata and Mr. Sexton for reffing all the games and making sure no problems occurred.

The Perspective: And most importantly, was it fun?

Schwinke: The event was extremely fun! It was great to see the student body supporting each other in a new, different event. All the players and coaches I talked to loved it; they even want to have a spring event! I am so glad

we got to bring this tradition back, and hopefully it continues to occur in the years coming!!

The hard work put into this event produced a lot of fun and money towards charity. Time will tell if this stays alive at the Park for the years to come, although it appears that many would be eager for it to continue.

Rambling Rock

By Cameron Lindsay
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On September 8th, seventeen Cross Country teams traveled to Willow Metro Park to race at Rambling Rock. The Salem Cross Country hosted invite included the Canton girls Cross Country team. Salem boys and girls won the invite earning 32 points for the girls and 37 points for the boys. The Canton girls Cross Country team earned 178 points, placing eighth out of sixteen other teams. Thea Schley, a freshman

Canton girls Cross Country runner, placed second with a time of 18.58. Other notable runs include the third place runner Regan Justice Salem, sophomore who ran 19.06, breaking a new school record.

When asked about his team, Dave Gerlach, Head Coach for the Salem Girls Cross Country, said, "A tradition of hardwork and determination," to which is one of the main points of Rambling Rock and the Salem boys and girls teams. This year being the ninth rendition of the invite, it was important for the athletes to maintain

a theme of tradition and hardwork.

When asked about tradition both Hallie Younglas Salem, senior and Marisa Henry Salem freshman talked about how their families run. Running was important to them not just as a sport but also to maintain the tradition in their families.

Similarly, hardwork and determination were major motivators for the Salem boys and girls. When asked why he runs, Bryce Paine Salem, junior said, "The running comradery of my teammates and the friendships I've made on my team," leav-

ing a sense of determination in Paine's mind as he raced this past Saturday.

Agreeing to the sentiment, Regan Justice, Salem, sophomore said, "It was a really good race - tough, but nothing's better than being here with my teammates."

As the Salem teams prepare for the rest of their seasons, the ideas of tradition, hardwork, and determination will follow through the upcoming races.

New P-CEP Field Hockey Team

By Amanda Mancuso
Staff Writer

Over the summer, a group of female athletes worked together to form the Girls Field Hockey team here at P-CEP. With a Junior Varsity squad and varsity squad, the team consists of around 40 athletes. Girls from all three Plymouth-Canton high schools are welcome, and there are no requirements of any previous experience of Field Hockey. Practice is attended at Discovery Middle School on Monday through Thursday from 4-6 p.m.. The team plays against different high schools in the area one to two times per week.

In an interview with P-CEP Field Hockey team captains Adrienne Vala and Nina Pacheco, they describe their experiences on the new found team.

Q:What made you decide to play field hockey?

Adrienne: "I wanted a no-cut sport that wasn't Cross Country. Field Hockey seemed like a fun sport and it's similar to other sports like Soccer, Hockey, and Lacrosse, so I thought it'd be fairly easy to learn."

Nina: "I decided to play Field Hockey because my friend started the whole thing and it's new and interesting."

Q: What is your favorite part of being on the Field Hockey team?

Adrienne: "My favorite part of being on the Field Hockey team is meeting new people and having fun being active and learning to play a new sport. I would've never met most of the girls if we hadn't been on the same team."

Nina: "My favorite part of playing on the team is the people, I love the team and the coaches."

Q: What is your responsibility as a team captain?

Adrienne: "As a captain, I mostly lead warmups and basic drills. The coaches rely on us to get practice going and to coordinate with the players to make sure everything runs smoothly."

Nina: "Some of our duties as captains are running warm up, organizing team bonding and community service activities, and making decisions for the team."

Q:What is the team culture like?

Adrienne: "Our team started off kind of static but as the season has gone on we've really become close. Everyone talks to everyone and we all laugh and have a good time, it's a lot of fun. It's amazing to see how close we've become in just a short period of time."

Nina: "I would describe the team culture as supportive. Every game and practice you can hear us constantly cheering each other on. When someone needs a ride or has a question, the girls don't hesitate to help out. Everyone is just so spirited and friendly, I love them."

The student created club is now thriving, and hopes to grow over the next school years.

Fun Fall Activities

By Lilli Kheen
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#8: Fall Festival

Fall Festivals are always a fun time. With activities ranging from carnival rides to games, there's something fun to do for all ages. Sometimes these festivals even have arts and crafts stations that you can go to if that's something you enjoy doing. You can't forget about the amazing food they have either. Whether it's a funnel cake, or a caramel apple, you can always find something yummy to eat!

#7: Nature Walk

Technically speaking, you could go on a nature walk in any season, but you can't see some of the things in winter or spring that you can in fall. An example of this being the pretty fall leaves falling from the trees. Walking along a trail with some friends and looking at the brightly colored leaves fall is something very fun. You could even pile up the leaves that you see and jump into them. Depending on the weather, you may have to bundle up for this activity though. As long as you plan ahead, you should have a great time.

#6: Corn Maze

There's something about getting lost with a group of friends while being surrounded by huge corn stalks that's just so much fun. This activity is sort of like a fall version of an escape room! You have to work together with your friends to figure out how to get out of the maze. There are also some haunted corn mazes if you want to add some spook to your adventure.

#5: Movie Night

Movie nights often gets overlooked when thinking of something to do. Getting a group of friends to come over for the night to have a movie marathon can be so much fun. You can make fun fall themed snacks and watch scary or goofy movies. Sit down, put your feet up, and relax with some popcorn and a caramel apple as you watch Hocus Pocus on your big screen.

#4: Haunted House

Yes, this is one of the basic things to do in the fall, but it's also a classic so it had to make the list. There are so many different places you can find a haunted house. They even have varying levels of

scariness so you can decide which one you want to go to. Grab some of your closest friends and go on over to a nearby haunted house for some screams, scares, laughs, and ultimate fun!

#3: Pumpkin Patch/Carve Pumpkins:

Not only is this a fun activity to do, but you can get some great pictures out of it too. Going to a pumpkin patch can be so much fun, no matter how old you are. Finding the perfect pumpkin to take home and carve is amazing. If you go early enough in the season, you'll still have a wide range of pumpkins to choose from so you really do get the best pick. Taking it home and carving it can be a fun thing to do with either just your family, or some of your friends too.

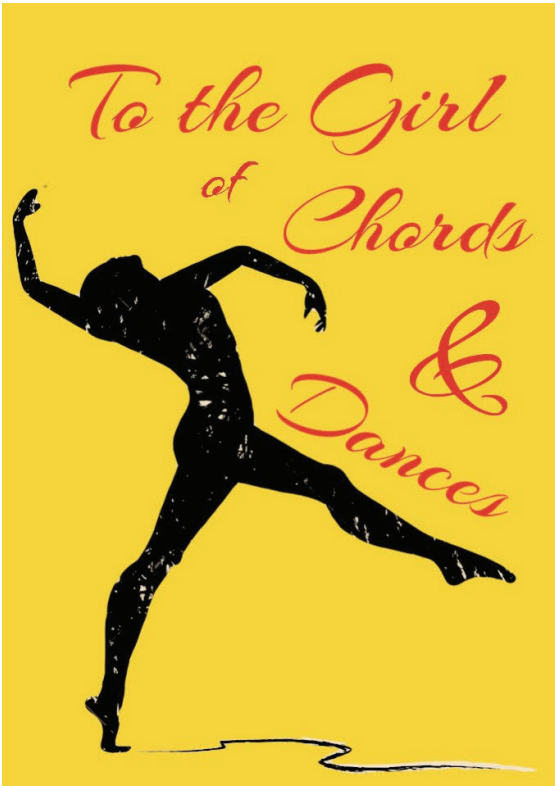
#2: Bonfire

This is another activity that you can technically do in any season, but it's different to do it in fall. With a summer bonfire, it's too hot outside so everyone is backing away from the fire. With a winter one, it's just too cold to stay outside for too long. In fall, the weather is perfect for sitting outside with friends and roasting some marsh-

mallows. Gather round the fire, cuddle up with a blanket, and tell some ghost stories; you should be set for a fun night.

#1: Apple Orchard/Cider Mill

As basic as this activity is, it will always be the ultimate fall adventure. There's nothing better than the first cider mill trip of the season. With things like taking a hayride, going apple picking, or just sitting down to eat and drink some cider and donuts, this fall activity never ceases to be an immense amount of fun. There are so many mini activities within the large one as a whole. And the best part of it all, there are hundreds of great photo opportunities at apple orchards and cider mills, so it's perfect to get all your social media ready for fall too!



P-CEP Author Debuts First Book

By Maria Angelosanto
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Carina May Preston lives inside her own head, which- mind you -is usually a raging storm of complete panic- for good reason, too. Every heart she breaks splinters the earth beneath her. This novel tells the tale of every shattered piece: the small cracks in the pavement to the canyons and valleys miles below the ground. Pain is hidden... or is it? What happens when pain becomes too great? What happens when the Earth begins to fall apart beneath our feet? Anna-Casey Morozcin reveals this in her debut novel To the Girl of Chords and Dances.

The 406 page book took almost two and a half years to write, according to the author of this novel, who is just 15 years old and currently a sophomore here at the Park.

"It's all about revisions and looking back on the things I've written in the past," Morozcin tells the Perspective. "Like, 'Oh I could fix this, or add this'. To me, it's all about putting yourself in the perspective of the reader- how they would feel about and react to the content." From troubling situations like abusive relationships, to mental illness and depression, this novel deals with heavy subjects, including suicide, and is not recommended to any person who may be personally triggered by this kind of content.

Morozcin describes the choice of subject matter as "spreading awareness", and hopes to shed light on what it's like to live with OCD or panic disorders, topics also mentioned in the book. "The main character [Carina Preston] deals with many mental struggles throughout the book; It's not just incidental things, its long term pain and experiences that don't just happen once," Morozcin explained. One of the most prominent details Morozcin wanted the audience to understand is: although a novel this heavy was started by a 13 year old, age doesn't protect you from trauma, and people of all ages may relate to the matters portrayed in To the Girl of Chords and Dances. "[Creating this novel] took a lot of experience in the real world. Even though I'm 'just a kid', I've had a lot of real life experiences. Writing this book was my outlet during those times. Writing has always been my escape."

To the Girl of Chords and Dances is to be released sometime in January. Cost projection is estimated to be \$25, and all copies are hard-cover (unless otherwise specified). If you're interested in buying and reading To the Girl of Chords and Dances yourself, you can contact Morozcin through her business email: annacaseymorozcin@gmail.com, or, perhaps, see her around campus sometime yourself!

HOSA: Future Leaders in Healthcare

By Diya Banerjee
Features Department Editor

P-CEP's renowned club, HOSA, is bringing in a new group of students passionate about the medical field. HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America. I sat down with Farwa Akbari, the president, to understand what makes HOSA the special club it is.

She described HOSA as a club focused on interacting with others to explore different careers and learning to make an impact on the world. I asked Akbari how HOSA relates to her interests. She responded, "I have always wondered what my role in the world would be and how I would make an impact. I knew that I wanted to go in the route of medicine but I didn't know how or what I would do, and HOSA helped me help find the specific way I could contribute."

HOSA has stated that their mission is to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and it is proving to do just that at the Park.

Akbari began to describe her goals for this year, "Personally, I would like to be successful with my team on creating

awareness for substance abuse." She went on to the club as a whole, "We hope to adopt a HOSA chapter for places affected by disaster so that those students may have the same opportunities as we do."

Elaborating on her experiences, the president explained her role in HOSA. "My group (Finding Light) chooses a cause that we would like to create awareness about." She added that they contribute to alleviating negative effects of those issues. "For example, last year, we chose youth depression as our cause and hosted seminars and activities to help educate our community on this widespread problem. We made it to international competition, and this year we hope to contribute by educating our community on the effects of substance abuse."

If you are interested in all of the opportunities that HOSA brings, email hosapcep@gmail.com.



Finding Light hosts a benefit concert for teen depression awareness.

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Humans of P-CEP

Amelia Joss



Photo by Nina Joss

September is National Suicide Awareness month; so, when Amelia Joss saw her opportunity, she ran with it. Joss joined forces with To Write Love On Her Arms, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting those struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide. With a personalized donation page, a 150 dollar goal, and a feeling of determination, Joss began her fundraiser for TWLOHA on Aug. 20. As she promoted her page on social media, donations started rolling in faster than she anticipated. “I was absolutely blown away by the support my fundraiser received,” Joss said. “A lot of unexpected people donated and that really inspired me.” The month of September continued on, and Joss surpassed her original 150 dollar goal. Soon she was looking at a total of 854 dollars raised on Sept. 12, when her fundraiser came to a close.

By Fiona Hughes
Editor in Chief

“The issues that TWLOHA supports are so prevalent in our society. All of the money raised will go to scholarships for people who need help, but can’t afford treatment,” Joss said. She mentioned many of her friends struggle with depression, anxiety and suicide so the fundraiser hit close to home. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States. The P-CEP community recently experienced this loss. “If you or anyone else you know is struggling with mental health or substance abuse, please get help,” Joss said. “You are beyond worthy of this life, so please take care of yourself and your loved ones. This month is a time to honor those we have lost, fight for those who can’t fight for themselves, and initiate difficult conversations on topics like this.”

Clubs of the Month

By Kealani Tapp, Jordyn Audi, and Morgan McCotter

With all the clubs at PCEP it may be hard to get to know even a portion of them. So we are going to show you a few of them. First, we have Middle Eastern Student Association or better known as MESA. MESA, is a club that brings people together to learn about Middle Eastern culture and to meet new people. This club is also provided with learning a traditional Arab dance that will be performed for COD (Celebration Of Diversity). The dance also contains some American dances with a mix of Arabic or even Spanish music. Students will meet in Mr. Belch’s room the first and third Thursday of every month. We spoke to Hazaar Miri, a Senior at Canton, who had this to say, “This club has really impacted my life, and I’ve made so many new friends along the years; it was been a great experience.” The club is welcomed for anyone with any ethnic background. Next, we have Students for Social Justice. The main focus of Students for Social Justice is actually making change in the community. Members discuss major social issues and how to solve them. Students for Social Justice formed halfway through the 2017-2018 school year. Last school year, members collaborated with Real Reps at the women’s shelter First Step volunteering during the holidays. “We wanted to give the kids the feeling of a normal holiday.” Said Raleigh Nolan, Canton Senior.



Photo by Rita Saad

One event the club has planned for this winter season is a sock and underwear drive for homeless shelters. The first meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 8 at 2:20 p.m. in Plymouth room 113A. The meetings run for approximately an hour, but students may leave earlier. Students on all parts of the political spectrum are welcome; however, only “healthy debates” will be tolerated. Those looking to find new perspectives and end injustice will find a home here.

What We Don’t Know About Swimming

By Diya Banerjee
Features Department Editor



Photo by Kattie Priester

The first Salem swim meet started off with a blur and scramble of several girls trying to figure out what stroke and when they were swimming. Upon observing the team, I saw the unbreakable bond between them. Practically every girl was up and cheering when anyone from Salem was swimming; none were on their phones. That night, I had witnessed several close races, with swimmers being out-touched to the walls by hundredths of a second. Less experienced swimmers swam their hardest, and many beamed when they beat personal bests. Salem lost, finishing with 88 points compared to Hartland’s close 92. Even after their loss, the girls’ honorable attitudes shined through. They cheered for Hartland and hugged one another, none with a grumpy disposition. Salem Senior Captain and State swimmer Sarah Griffiths touched on the situation with me. “The week following the Hartland meet, we had just increased our practice and that may have taken a toll on the team. We went into this meet

ready to do our best, no matter what the outcome would be. We tried our best and didn’t get discouraged, because we knew we had done the best we could do.” Salem senior Captain Ellie Repp elaborated on practices. “The hardest days at practice are typically a morning practice day when you’re already tired and sore, and then given a set you’ve never done before,” says Repp. “In the beginning, you’re not sure if you’ll finish it or make the times you’re supposed to, but eventually, it’s over and you can take a nap.” Upon hearing this, I was inclined to ask what made her so passionate about the sport when it is so grueling. Repp responded, “Honestly, nobody really wants to spend three hours in a pool, 5 hours at nerve-racking meets, and wake up at 4:30 am to work out before school, but for me it’s a no-brainer because of my team. When I watch a teammate get the cuts they were practicing for, it feels just as fulfilling as getting it myself because I know they worked just as hard as me.”

Griffiths now addressed dealing with pressure. “Sometimes the pressure gets to me, but most of the time I try to think of why I swim. I swim because I enjoy doing it, so I can’t get too worked up with the pressure that is on me. Also, there will always be more opportunity if it doesn’t work out, so I try to not get too pressured.” Attending this meet showed me things that others may not know about swimming. There is an incredible amount of effort and time put into the sport. Learning about the girls’ perspectives and how they deal with the toughness of the sport is worth listening to. Salem Swim and Dive is a hardworking team, full of determination and exemplary teamwork. While they didn’t win the meet, the Salem swimmers are ready to take on the upcoming meets and persevere through the swim season.

‘Tweak’ Book Review

by Kealani Tapp
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“Tweak” is not for the faint of heart; Nic Sheff holds nothing back when delving into his history with addiction. On several occasions it was hard to read because the writing is so raw. Sheff forces the reader to feel his desperation as he relapses on methamphetamines. The ability to evoke this much emotion proves Sheff’s immense talent and brilliance.

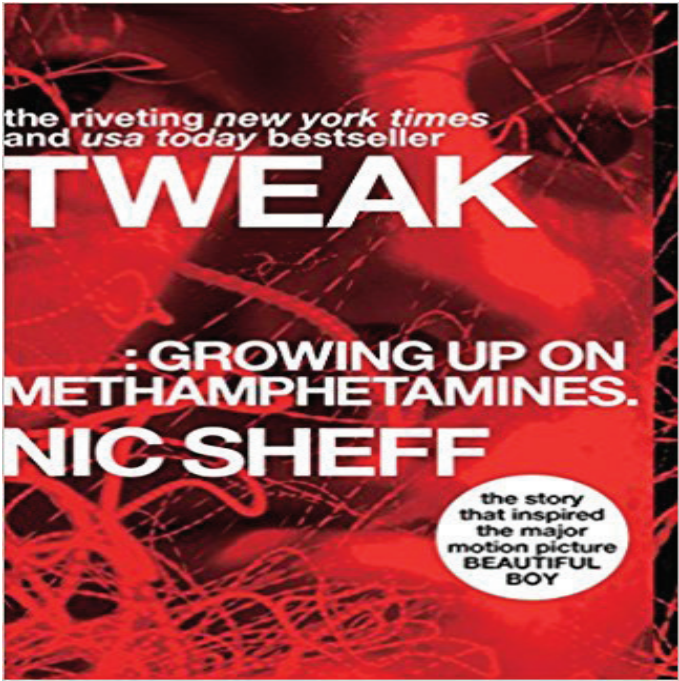
Sheff reveals past trauma that added to his struggle to stay clean during his early twenties. The reader gets a look into

Nic’s rocky relationships with his aggressive step father, distant mother and reckless, but caring father. Although, he never places all the blame on these people. He remains completely honest about the wrongs he has committed. The stories from his childhood are not used to justify his behavior, but to provide an explanation of how his addiction began.

The tone and style in which the story is written feels very natural. The dialect changes with each transformation Nic makes on his journey to recovery, which helps draw

distinct lines in the story’s plot that assist the overall flow tremendously. The language when Nic is on drugs is sloppy and loose. In comparison, when he is clean his language is more developed.

“Tweak” is gaining importance by the day as the drug epidemic worsens. At times “Tweak” can feel disturbing, but it is important that the reader experiences this discomfort. Addiction is not easy, it is uncomfortable. All Americans should consider reading this book in order to end the ignorance surrounding drug abuse in the United



It Ain’t Easy Being Cheesy

by Morgan McCotter
Promotion Manager

After the heartache that was “Infinity War” it may be harder to get people to go and see “Venom” with you, but don’t fret! The Perspective team is here for you!

If you want to ask someone out you can say, “Would you make it a marvelous night and go on a date to see “Venom” with me?”

If someone is going to see “Venom” without you! You could say, “Have a marvelous day!”

I know, I know people may have a bad reaction to these jokes, but I was at “Venom” the other day and I had the marvelous idea to Loki

tell someone a joke about Thor, but I didn’t want to hammer it in. That was really cringy, but don’t worry I’ll shield you away from my Captain America puns.

I’m sorry Marvel fans, but I have one more joke for you . . . “The DC Cinematic Universe.”

Once again my name is Morgan McCotter and I guess you could say I’m a punishment to be around!



Review of ‘Tha Carter V’

by LawrenceYang
Staff Writer

The world of hip hop has changed a lot since Lil Wayne first burst into the scene in the late 1990s, before many of us were born. At first, he was known for his metaphors and loaded lyrics. He poked fun at mainstream society and the shallow pursuit of wealth and women. This was highlighted in Tha Carter I where Wayne took a more serious tone. He was critical of many issues including race relations and education; however, over the years, Tha Carter albums have transitioned to a much more simplistic view. In 2018, Wayne now raps about how he is doing well and his raised socioeconomic status.

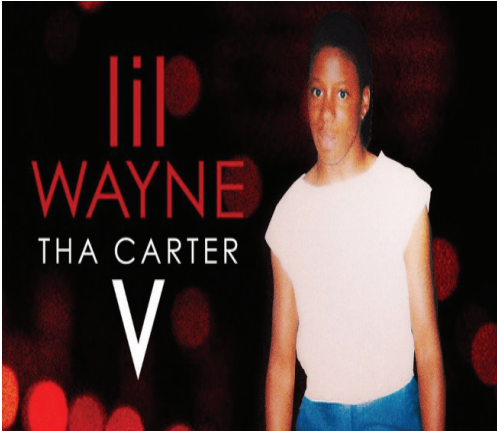
Tha Carter V was released as a part of the rap/hip hop category, featuring songs like “Don’t Cry” and “Mona Lisa.” Wayne spent five years on the production of the album, and the unique beats reveal this. Taking inspiration from Caribbean vibes and old school blues, the instrumentals reveal Wayne’s illustrious background and deep roots in African American culture. With critically acclaimed soundtracks, Wayne has one half of the formula for a memorable album.

The lyrics differ greatly from the previous albums in the series. Wayne attacks the mantle of a modern “mumble rapper,” an artist whose music stems mainly from the beat; however, he raps about issues in his personal life rather than addressing society as a whole. For example, Wayne focuses particularly on lines pertain-

ing to his suicide attempt at the age of 12. This pushes listeners to sympathize with Wayne’s point of view, albeit in a less profound way.

Tha Carter V also includes many featured artists, bringing more publicity and popularity. Notably, Wayne features XXXTentacion and Kendrick Lamar, both of whom are known for their powerful lyrics and controversy. “Don’t Cry,” which includes a verse from XXXTentacion, was a widely anticipated song following the featured rapper’s death. The album also covers topics such as Wayne’s relationship with his record label and fellow artists. He chronicles time spent with Cash Money records as well as recruitment of Nicki Minaj to his label.

With the album freshly released, we urge you to give it a listen and form your own opinion. Overall, Tha Carter V earns a 3.5 out 5 stars in my book.



‘Night School’ Review

by Brett Caldwell
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“Night School” is a goofy movie about Teddy Walker, played by world-renowned comedian Kevin Hart, a high school dropout who has to go to night school to earn his G.E.D. in order to get the job he wants after his former workplace burned down. As the movie continues Teddy grows closer with his night school classmates. At a point in the movie they even steal the answers to the G.E.D. test together. Later in the movie, Teddy is picked by his classmates to give a speech and he delivers an inspiring speech, or at least as inspiring of a speech that can be found in a comedy movie.

Carrie, the night school teacher, played by Tiffany Haddish, is a very tough, but caring teacher who wants to see her students succeed and will go to extreme measures to do so. This includes beating up Teddy in a UFC like hexagon while at the gym and whipping him with a belt.

As always, Kevin Hart is hilarious. Rob Riggle who has had a supporting role in many great comedies did a fantastic job in Night School. Romany Malco plays Jalen, one of Teddy’s night school classmates. Even though Jalen has a very minor role in the movie when he speaks it’s comedy gold. Jalen has amazingly witty one liners than can only be matched by Creed Bratton from “The Office.”

This movie like most comedies doesn’t seem to have a very well thought out plot. It is jumpy at times, seems to change scenes way too quickly and is not focused on building up the climax. On the other hand, there are tons of laugh-out-loud moments throughout the whole movie. Like anything with Kevin Hart, this is great to watch when looking for a good belly laugh. Overall, this is a great movie to go see with friends or on a date night.



‘White Boy Rick’ Review



by **Morgan McCotter**
Promotion Manager

In the 80’s the “War on Drugs” was running rampant among America like a college freshman’s first week at school. Running around, causing trouble and making mistakes that they will regret for the rest of their days. Richard Wershe Jr. is one of Michigan’s mistakes. He is was used as an informant for the FBI at the age of 14. He was used until they had enough information to throw Wershe out on the curb. Once he outlived his usefulness in 1988 Richard Wershe Jr was convicted of possessing cocaine by the same people he had helped. He has served the longest sentence for a non-violent drug offense in Michigan.

To be honest, you will not enjoy this movie unless you know everything about Wershe. Well, to be completely honest, you probably still wouldn’t have liked it anyway. It is so slow, nothing is explained, and Sony Pictures seems to just want the viewers’ butts in the seats. With a running time just under two hours the viewer becomes very aware of their butts in said seat. The actors were a complete disappointment. Matthew McConaughey sounds like a Southerner trying to sound like a Michigander and not a person who grew up his whole life in Michigan! In addition, Richie Merritt delivers a lackluster performance in the title role. His

acting is immature and he delivers his lines if he learned his dialect listening to Cookie Monster on Benadryl. A definite thumbs down on acting chops alone. White Boy Rick fails to bring home the glitz and glamour of the Detroit drug scene in the 80’s. One is left trying to figure out who’s who in a long line of generic intercity drug figures. If you do go and see this movie, just make sure you know the terrible history that was White Boy Rick.

Hozier Hits New Album Out of the Park

by **Fiona Hughes**
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After waiting four years for new music, Hozier fans were delighted when he released a new EP, titled “Nina Cried Power” Sept. 6. American gospel singer, Mavis Staples joined forces with Hozier to record the first single on the EP, “Nina Cried Power”. The song has a strong undertone of historical political unrest, mixing Hozier’s angry, powerful and raw vocals with Staples’ gorgeous gospel tone. “NFWMB” is the second song on “Nina Cried Power,” and it took a couple of listens to understand the meaning behind the lyrics. A complete turnaround from the start of the album, “NFWMB” seems to be a profession of love while the world is burning down. This is the first time Hozier has sworn in one of his songs, which was surprising to listen to. The song is slow and slightly terrifying, like the suspenseful music before a jump-scare in a horror movie.

“Moment’s Silence (Common Tongue)” follows “NFWMB” on the album, which snaps the listener out of their melancholy reverie. “Moment’s Silence” is by far my favorite song on Hozier’s new album. Most of the singer’s new songs are completely different from the music he’s made before, but “Moment’s Silence” has a familiar tinge to it. “Nina Cried Power” ends with Hozier’s fourth song, “Shrike.” The song is about not knowing what you have until it’s gone. Although Hozier sings of love, his lyrics contradict each other, constantly referring to the lover as dangerous or predatory, as if the proclamation of love was the most terrifying thing about the relationship. “Nina Cried Power” has songs that could easily climb to the top of the music charts. You might as well listen and learn the lyrics before the songs are put in heavy rotation on the radio.



‘Sierra Burgess is a Loser’ Review

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Teen romantic comedy films seem to be never going out of style. Netflix has managed to bring its fair share of these movies to the table over the past few months, the most recent being “Sierra Burgess is a Loser.” Written by Lindsey Beer and directed by Ian Samuels, “Sierra Burgess” took to the Netflix screens Sept. 7. The film’s main tagline being, “just be you,” it focuses on what it’s like to be a teenager and not like who you are as a person, but learning to accept yourself and understanding that there is no one like you so why try to be someone else. Actress Shannon Purser plays the main character, Sierra, in this film. She is joined by actor Noah Centineo, who plays the role of Jamey and actress Kristine Froseth, who plays the character of Veronica. Spoiler alert: There will be some details of the plot revealed in this review. If you wish to watch the movie on your own time and don’t want anything ruined for you, it’s suggested you stop reading here! The plot of “Sierra Burgess is a Loser” is your basic high school movie plot. There’s a popular mean girl who turns nice, an unpopular “nerdy” girl who has a crush on a boy and the all star athlete who is stuck in the middle of the two. The execution of this however, I feel was done quite well. In the beginning of the film, Froseth’s character, Veronica, is approached by Jamey who wants her phone number. As a joke, Veronica gives him Sierra’s number instead. Jamey later that day texts who he thinks is Veronica. When Sierra receives it, she is surprised, confused and excited. The two begin to talk and form sort of a text only relationship. When Jamey asks to meet up with Veronica, Sierra panics and realizes she needs to get the real Veronica’s help. Veronica only agrees to help if Sierra will tutor in her math class. Throughout the chaos of the two girls talking and helping each other, they start to become friends. Toward the end of the film Jamey sees Veronica at a football game. Him not knowing that it isn’t actually Veronica who likes him and who he’s been talking to, goes over and kisses her. Sierra sees the kiss happen from inside of school and is overcome with rage and jealousy because she doesn’t realize the kiss wasn’t initiated by Veronica. Blinded by her fury, she makes a terrible decision to hack Veronica’s Instagram and post a picture of her and her ex-boyfriend saying how she got dumped by him at a party. The

picture gets around to everyone at the football game in less than 5 minutes and is posted by a school member on the football screen. Extremely embarrassed and furious with Sierra, Veronica confronts her and yells at her. Her most memorable line being, “You whine about your looks, but you’ve no idea what it’s like to be me. I told you things I haven’t told anyone. You think I’m mean? You should check the mirror, because your looks are the least ugly thing about you.” The overall execution of the movie I feel was done quite well. Purser, Centineo and Froseth all did a job well done on their acting and their ways of portraying their characters. In the beginning of the movie, and throughout the film, there was retro music that was played. Some of the songs played include: “The Other Side” by Betty Who, “Kid Wonder” by Allie X and “I Don’t Change” by K.I.D. I’m not personally a fan of this genre of music, and I also don’t think it was the smartest decision for the film, being that it’s set in modern time. A big issue I had with the plot was the ending. Spoiler alert folks: Jamey and Sierra still end up together. I’m aware I hold the unpopular opinion on this, but I don’t think that should have happened. Sierra catfished Jamey throughout the entire movie and when he found out he just brushed it off like it was no big deal and took her to homecoming. I don’t really follow on how they were thinking this would make sense, especially in today’s world. If someone catfishes you, what are the actual odds you’re going to say, “oh oops that’s okay I still like you?” Yes, I understand that the catfish wasn’t intentional and no one set out to hurt another person, but after Sierra found out she wasn’t who Jamey thought she was, she clearly had the choice to tell him the truth; a choice that she didn’t make. Overall, I would rate Sierra Burgess is a Loser as a 6/10. It wasn’t the worst movie I’ve ever seen, but by no means was it the best either. There were good choices made and there were bad ones as well. I still look forward to seeing what new movies in this category Netflix is able to create and how they compare/contrast with this one.





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