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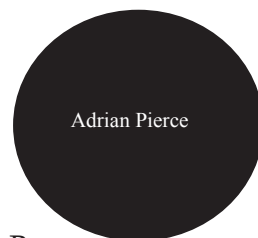
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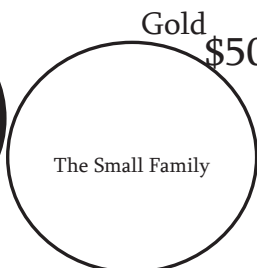
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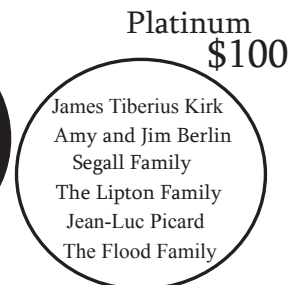
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HANNAH WEST SALUTATORIAN

Academics have always been a focal point for senior Hannah West, and finally, after four long years, her hard work has led her to be awarded class Salutatorian. Hannah consistently had good grades in school, but she knew becoming salutatorian became an attainable goal during her junior year. Many classes taught Hannah the work ethic to get to this point, but two in particular guided her the most. "Sophomore year [taking] Honors English and AP Biology, when I was able to pull off A's in those classes I felt so accomplished that I could just keep going for the rest of high school," Hannah said. Thanks to her exemplary study habits and vast knowledge, Hannah is attending Central Florida University in Orlando to study photonic science and engineering, where she can also apply some of her hard work from AP Biology. One thing is certain, and that is Hannah has had a tremendous career as a Berkley Bear, and she has put herself in a great position to have continued success in the future.



ELI FALK MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Growing up, Eli Falk has always had a dedicated work ethic, giving his peers and teachers the clear indication that he would be very successful later in life. After 13 years of school, students are expected to make a big decision in their lives as they have to decide what the next step is in their academic career. For Eli Falk, the decision is easy. "I am going to Michigan State next year to study science," Falk said. Having a burning passion for science, it is very likely that Eli will be seen in the lab doing medical research down the road, continuing to earn impressive grades and helping others succeed alongside him. As Eli has always been a great peer to his friends, teachers and counselors also enjoyed his presence around the school. "He is a mensch. He works hard and is just all around a great kid," counselor Mrs. Robyn Weiss said. Leaving BHS in just a couple of days, Eli would like to thank his teachers and fellow students for all the opportunities they have given him over the years. "I am truly thankful for the countless opportunities I have been afforded, and the great community I have been able to be a part of here at Berkley these past four years." He added, "I want to thank my teachers, Mrs. Weiss, my friends, and my family for all their help and support."



HANA COON VALEDICTORIAN

When Hana Coon heard the news that she earned the honor of Valedictorian, she honestly felt relieved. Hana explained, "Since I heard the Valedictorian existed in elementary school, I knew that was what I wanted to achieve." She continued, "It was nice to know the many long nights finally paid off." In and outside of the classroom, Hana has been tailoring her experiences towards a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) field. She has been taking advanced math, science and computer programming classes, including Computer Science 1 at Lawrence Tech this year. Along with tailoring her efforts towards a successful career, Hana wants to promote women's equality in her line of work. She explained, "There is a huge difference between men and women in S.T.E.M. fields. I want to help girls who may not be as confident in going down the same school and career path I have chosen." Much to the delight of Wolverines everywhere, Hana plans on studying computer science through the University of Michigan College of Engineering in the fall. Even though Berkley is losing one of its best and brightest, Hana is sure to continue spreading her supergirl charm and motivation throughout Ann Arbor, or possibly soon in her own self-run technology empire.



JACOB BATHISH

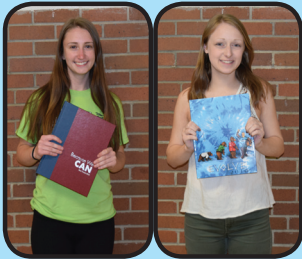
MOST INVOLVED: A HELPFUL HAND



If you have ever needed to stay after school, forcibly or willingly, then you more than likely have encountered Jacob “Jerry” Bathish. He is not there because he was asked by someone, but because he is always going out of his way to help his school. Being the Design Editor of the yearbook, and basically running the class of Advanced News and Broadcasting, there is no doubt that Bathish has a lot on his plate. His teacher for both of those classes, Mrs. Caye Matthews, said, “Jacob’s love for learning and helping others is incredible. He has made the past four years very enjoyable for me.” Projects like nearly single-handedly putting on the Senior Bear Awards, or using his own time to thoroughly run someone through a software program that even he was just introduced to, makes Bathish the guy that he is. When asked how it feels to win the award for most involved, Bathish modestly answered, “It’s nice to feel recognized for the work I do, but even if I weren’t to win the award, I would still act the same.” He continued, “That’s just who I am; I like to help people. That is what I enjoy doing.” Bathish will further his education at Columbia College in Chicago where he will continue his passion for cinema, visual effects, and post production editing.

JACOB BATHISH, CHLOE CHURCH, SHERIDAN KENT

YEARBOOK: CROP IT LIKE IT’S HOT



While students were celebrating the weather and hanging with friends last summer, others were at yearbook camp taking on one of the biggest challenges the school offers: creating the yearbook. “Seems easy right? Think again,” senior and Co-Editor-in-Chief Chloe Church said. “It is almost like a part-time job with all the dedication that is put into this project,” senior and design editor Jacob Bathish said. Adviser Mrs. Caye Matthews added, “We’re always there for each other—if one person needs help, another person is there for support. Our family makes sure that we have a final product in the end that puts smiles on the faces of students throughout Berkley High.” Co-Editor-in-Chief Sheridan Kent said that she’s really going to miss the class. She continued, “It isn’t just any ordinary class; once you get to know your classmates after a few years, they become a big part of your life, and you will miss all the good memories you have made.” While they have made their own memories, they have also been responsible for recording our memories as a school. They took a picture so it would last longer.

VINNIE TENAGLIA

THE SPIRIT, THE SOUL, AND THE MAN OF BHS



The driving force behind Berkley High School’s upbeat energy is its students, specifically, Vinnie Tenaglia. He carries a unique vibe that is extremely contagious to the rest of the student body. Without Vinnie, BHS would be severely lacking in spirit and enthusiasm. At sporting events, he gets the crowd rowdy with the beautiful and musical sounds of the cowbell. He immediately changes the tone of the crowd from slightly enthused to complete level 10 enthusiasm. “I am really going to miss this school; I love all the people and seeing everyone everyday,” Vinnie said. “I’m going to hold on to these memories forever, especially winning the [first ever] lip sync battle.” His spirit runs through the halls, and anyone, including staff and administration, can see it. “Vinnie has got a lot of energy. He definitely makes things more interesting at BHS, and he will be dearly missed,” Assistant Principal Mr. Ron Kane said. Having such a zesty and entertaining person leave our halls—as that is where one might likely find him—will be rough because it is difficult to top the great Vincent Tenaglia.

LUCIE ROSENTHAL

CLOWNING AROUND THE HALLS OF BHS



Lucie Rosenthal: the woman, the myth, the legend. Lucie has been a jokester for all of her life, and she is one of the few who can always make anyone smile no matter what. She credits her motivation as class clown to “just trying to make others less stressed by making them laugh.” Putting smiles on her classmates’ faces is truly Lucie’s passion, and she has been doing it for a while now. Besides school, one can find Lucie at the nearest Leo’s Coney Island, Tropical Smoothie Café, in her bed watching Netflix, or on Twitter making hilarious jokes. As a matter of fact, Lucie’s friends and family are proud of her accomplishments as the class clown. However, Lucie will definitely miss the community of Berkley, and the friends she has made laugh. Sadly, Lucie was denied from Clown College (her pie throw was a little off), but nonetheless, she plans to make others laugh next year at the University of Michigan. As she heads to Ann Arbor, Lucie’s last words of wisdom for Berkley High School are: “Peace out to all my fans.”

ALEX MORRISON DRAMA: LEAD ROLE OF BERKLEY



Alex Morrison has had a passion for acting since the age of ten, and he continued to pursue it at BHS since the very first day he arrived. “I knew from a very young age that I wanted to inspire and influence people by telling stories on stage,” Alex said. During Alex’s time at Berkley, he was in six shows. He said he enjoyed being part of *Footloose* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* the most “because [his] characters were extremely fun to play, and those casts had the best chemistry.” Acting is a part of Alex. It is who he is and what he loves. “I’ve always been in awe of performers that can move audiences to tears and mold the way people think, feel, and view things based on a single performance,” Alex explained. Morrison will take that passion to Wayne State University, and he hopes to end up with Bachelors of Fine Arts (BFA) in acting. With this being his last moments at BHS, he truly appreciates the memories Berkley has supplied him with, and Berkley has too appreciated the memories Alex has left audiences on stage. Hopefully, we will see him on Broadway!

RYAN SCHILDCROUT BAND: THE MAN OF MANY INSTRUMENTS



When thinking about band class, some might picture a room with folding chairs and big, brass instruments just lying in the corners. Yet, in reality, band is filled with classmates coming together to achieve a common goal: make great music. One of these band members would be none other than the talented Ryan Schildcrout: a band member of six years, who will be greatly missed next year. From the beginning, Ryan had an affinity for music. He has been playing the saxophone since sixth grade, been a pianist ever since he was five, and he has been a percussionist since the age of seven. “Music transcends that of a normal education and brings people together in a different kind of way,” Ryan said. “The most rewarding part is definitely the product and the music that I make.” Although Ryan is leaving BHS this year, he will continue his musical career at the University of Michigan, studying both Chemical Engineering and Jazz. “I have had a lot of good memories in band,” Ryan said. He continued, “We live in a community where we are extremely fortunate to have all of the opportunities that we do have—do not waste it.”

LEAH PERNICK ORCHESTRA: STRINGS OF GREATNESS



Leah Pernick has been in the orchestra limelight since a very young age. Starting at age six, she continued to progress all the way up to first chair violin in the symphony orchestra. “I enjoy playing the violin because it is an incredibly challenging and rewarding experience,” Leah said. Her countless hours of practice and participation in multiple youth orchestras make Leah the outstanding violinist she is today. The BHS orchestra gave her many opportunities to pursue her passion avidly; she especially enjoyed going to Carnegie Hall her sophomore year. Thanks to her teachers and peers, she continues to excel. “The orchestra is more than just me, it’s the work the we do together that makes the beautiful final product,” Leah said. Besides the thrill of performing, Leah enjoys hiking, making chocolate cakes, and reading. Although undecided about what school she will attend next year, she plans on becoming a violin performer. Pernick leaves BHS with the following Emma Goldman quote, “This is the age of youth. Youth now has the controls. Let’s see what youth can do.” We cannot wait to see what you do, Leah.

RYAN HURLEY CHOIR: VOICE OF AN ANGEL



Ryan Hurley has been devoted to music ever since he was ten years old. Not only has he been a member of BHS’s A Cappella choir for all four years, but outside of school he has participated in the Rackham Symphony Choir since sophomore year. Throughout high school, Ryan has been motivated by his involvement in District and State Choral Festivals. He finds that it is rewarding to do well in the contests, but it is even more rewarding to be told that his hard work has paid off. Among his various memories from the halls of BHS, Ryan recalled, “Some of my best [memories] have been the little moments every day that I get to share with all of my friends. Speaking at least for A Cappella Choir, we are all so close which makes the experience so much better. It’s so nice to be in a group that works really hard but can also laugh together and enjoy each other’s company.” Next year, Ryan will attend The Juilliard School in New York City to continue with his elite music endeavors. He plans to specifically study voice performance, and hopefully have fun in the Big Apple.

ROBERT BOYD DIRECTOR BERT

When Robert Boyd joined the News and Broadcasting team, filmmaking became a passion of his. "I have always been drawn to filmmaking and videos because it's what I grew up on, so when I found out there was an entire class for that, I took it," Robert said. Over the years of making funny and creative videos for the school, Robert's passion for filmmaking continued to grow. He is planning to pursue filmmaking after high school. "I will not be attending college next year, [and instead] I will be pursuing filmmaking after high school on my own terms." Robert wants to be remembered for taking different approaches and looking at the class in a different way than it has been in the many years it has been around. In his last words to Berkley High School, Robert wants fellow students to "Get weird and wake up." It will be very hard to replace the creative mind and spirit of Robert after he is gone, so people should cherish his work even more while he is still here.



ABBIE BAKER SCHOOL MOM

When one imagines a school mom, they might picture an individual who is kind-hearted with a bubbly personality and takes pride in her fellow students. There is no surprise that our staff chose Abigail Baker for school mom, considering she has been on Student Leadership for three years of high school. Her charisma and ability to accomplish tasks quickly has won over the hearts of many teachers and other students, and all are amazed at her exceptional dedication to her attention to the well-being of her class. With what seems like the whole world on her shoulders, Abbie had a tremendous responsibility to ensure that students here feel as comfortable as possible. "[The school mom] incorporates a lot of aspects of me that I like people to think that I truly am, such as caring and giving. It encompasses everything that I want to be." Abbie will be joining the class of 2020 at the University of Alabama in the fall. She is ready to take the next step in life and become a successful business woman. Abigail Baker, Berkley High School will miss you and your motherly traits greatly.



CALEB MATTHEWS CREATIVE GENIUS

Art has been a big deal for Caleb Matthews since day one, and here at BHS, Caleb is well known for his creative artwork. During his high school career, his art was not only recognized throughout Berkley, but at other colleges, Wayne State University being one, due to being seen in the newspaper. Caleb's love for art started around the age of four when he said he became very involved in visual art, and from there his talent took off. In his sophomore year at BHS, Caleb took his drawing and design skills to the next level through his interest in costume design. Costume design is what Caleb is most artistically devoted to, which is why he wants to go into costumes for productions as a career. "It's really hard because a lot of people want to do that, so I've spent a lot of time and energy getting the skills in order to be able to do it," he said. Caleb will be taking his next step towards a future career in costume design by attending Wayne State University to study Technical Theater. Hopefully, we will see his costumes in a movie one day!



MARISSA BUTCHER ONE OF A KIND

Everyone in the senior class knows the name Marissa Butcher. Yes, everyone. How do they know her name? Maybe it's her "happy-go-lucky" attitude towards everything in school, as she constantly wears a bright smile on her face. Or maybe, her creative side. That same creative side that helped her through challenges like when she didn't want to get her hands dirty eating Cheetos, so she used chopsticks instead. Combining the moments she has made and her personality, she truly deserves the award for "Most Unforgettable" for the class of 2016. "The past four years of my life have been crazy," Marissa said, "and I have to thank the teachers and students for making me feel welcomed in an environment where, at one point, I did not feel comfortable." While we all will miss the eccentric personality of Marissa, she will be attending Oakland Community College for the next few years and, hopefully, will attend Baker College where she plans on pursuing either a degree in English or graphic design. But no matter where she ends up going, it can be assured that she will be able to help out society in a way that is, truly, unforgettable.



2016: THE CLASS OF SLANG

In high school, every student uses an ever-changing set of colloquial words, commonly referred to as slang. These words are used to create a social identity and a sense of togetherness, but the popularity of words or phrases can change at any moment in time. Take a look back at some of the best and worst slang words brought to BHS by the class of 2016.

Freshman-

BOOST

Meaning: Exaggerating a situation

Used in everyday life: “Stop boosting”

Word replaced: lying

Sophomore-

HIGH/LOW KEY

Meaning: When something needs to be said or not said due to importance or lack thereof

Used in everyday life: “High key, I just aced that test,” or “Low key, I just failed that test.”

Words replaced: On the low or everyone needs to know

Junior-

YAAS

Meaning: Used to describe a high level of excitement or a way to agree on an idea.

Used in everyday life: “Starbucks, Chipotle, and Qdoba. Yaas!”

Words replaced: Amazing or yes

Senior-

LIT

Meaning: When something is turned up, or as previous teens would say, popping.

Used in everyday life: “It is lit.”

Words replaced: Great, popping, and fresh

COOKIN' UP A DREAM

For Ari Marcus, his passion for cooking is relatively new. “[I really started cooking] at the beginning of junior year when I got involved with OTEC, and it kind of just grew with me over the last two years, and I decided it could turn into a real career.”

Despite the fact that he has only been cooking seriously for two years, Ari has his career all planned out. “My long term goal is to go into restaurant management... I just have a passion for it, and it’s a career that has a lot of good opportunities.”

This career, he says, would not have come about without OTEC. Ari said, “OTEC helps a lot... I went to



competitions in Grand Rapids and I got to meet chefs, [who were] other kids like me with the same ambitions.”

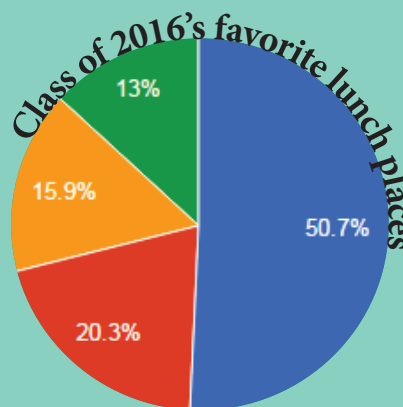
The environment of the OTEC classroom, according to Ari “is really serious, there are no games played.”

Ari plans on attending the Culinary Arts School at Schoolcraft College for two years, then transferring to the Culinary Institute of America in New York where he hopes to earn his Bachelor and Master’s degrees.

BERKLEY GETS AROUND ... AT LUNCH

It’s not a stretch by any means to say that most of the BHS student body enjoys getting out of school for lunch. I do not mean simply going out to a restaurant, but anything that physically involves the act of leaving the BHS campus during our generous lunch period. According to Principal Mr. Randy Gawel, “Our lunch period is, to my knowledge, the very longest in the state of Michigan and maybe in

the United States. At 50 minutes, it is 20 minutes longer than any high school [three in total] that I have worked in.” Keeping this in mind, many seniors and other upperclassmen alike constantly take advantage of the diverse range of restaurants available to them in Oakland County and the surrounding area, as this long lunch allows students to travel beyond downtown Berkley.



- Chipotle/Qdoba
- Blaze
- Noodles
- Buffalo Wild Wings

Water Wars is a rite of passage for second semester seniors. Most underclassmen see seniors everywhere with water guns, and can only imagine how much fun the competition must be as the tournament is something that students look forward to for years. The competition is fierce, stakes are high, and pride is on the line.

This year there were 26 teams of five members each. Every participant had to contribute 15 dollars in order to play, making the jackpot an overwhelming 1,950 dollars for the winning team, 390 dollars for each winning team member. With this much money on the line, everyone goes all out.

People have been hiding in their competition's yards, and even going as far as following someone on a road trip to get them out. All of this competition created difficult situations for senior judges, Celia Somers and Gabe Blatz. Blatz said about being



a judge, "[Water Wars] started off rocky, but once everyone actually started playing fair and understood the rules, my job got a lot easier since I wasn't constantly solving issues between two teams." Blatz continued, "Was it fun? Yeah. Would I do it again? Never."

As of publication date, the finals are taking place and the two teams who have managed to survive the battles consist of: Jacob Murphy, Nolan Givan, Austen Wood, Vinnie Tenaglia, and Ian Melrose versus Eli Falk, Alex Blanck, Caleb Duchan, Cameron Berke, and Sam Hurwitz.

Not only is the competition aspect of the Wars fun, but students are also put against others that they may have not interacted with a lot during high school. It is a friendly way to get to know people in the grade before everyone goes their separate ways. Hopefully, this long lasting tradition continues to bring the senior classes together.

The best apps of high school

When a new app is released it only takes a day or two for everyone to download it. This phenomenon has proven to be true dozens of times over the class of 2016's four years in high school, but some of the apps have had more longevity than others. While apps may not be the most memorable thing about high school, they definitely affect our daily life.

Freshman Year

Freshman year brought apps like **Bike Race** and **Candy Crush** to the hallways of BHS. Both were wildly fun games that lasted two or three weeks, but it is probably safe to say hardly anyone still has either of them on their phone.

Junior Year

Junior year brought a diverse crop of exciting apps. One of the most notable games that released was **Crossy Road**, which was a slightly more complex variation of the classic arcade game **Frogger**. Toward the end of the year the **Makeup Genius** app made a short appearance. The app allowed users to take selfies and then apply makeup filters to see how they would look with different products on their face. While intended for serious use, this was mostly used to fool around and provided a quick laugh for everyone involved. Additionally, **Trivia Crack** was one of the better games students played over the four year journey at BHS. The trivia game was social because you could play against friends, but after a couple weeks people started seeing questions for the second and third time and memorizing the answers, which eventually caused most people to delete the app.

Sophomore Year

The opposite is true about one app that gained popularity sophomore year. **Snapchat** was fully established over the course of the 2013-2014 school year and remains as many students favorite social media platform. Later that year, the popular game **2048** was released and played by many. Although the fad did not last long, the strategic game was simple enough for nearly everyone to get into, and challenging enough to make comparing high scores with friends a real competition.

Senior Year

Unlike the class of 2016, app activity has not exactly gone out with a bang. There has not been many app highlights this year, but one bright spot was **Score! Hero**. This soccer app may not have been as widespread as some of the other apps mentioned above, but for those who started, it was hard to stop until all the levels had been completed. Another app from this year **1010!**, the Tetris variation, is not loved by all, but has stood the test of time for those who got hooked on it. **1010!** does not get boring, and there is just nothing better than finally beating your high score.

As a result of students owning smartphones, many got to enjoy some of the greatest apps of all time during their prime over our four years. While apps may not be the first thing you remember 10 years down the road when you think back on high school, they have had a big impact on our high school experience.

Julian Fetterman

Parsons School Of Design



Since sophomore year of high school, Julian Fetterman has been working to create a career in the fashion industry. A year after deciding that he wanted to make a career out of his passion, Julian took the initiative of contacting the owner of the well-known high fashion merchandiser, Revive, Aaron Cohen, to gain some wisdom on creating a similar business. A few months went by, and on a later date, Julian was offered a sales position at the store.

A year later, Julian has made a name for himself in the local fashion scene and is planning to expand nationally after continuing his education at the number one fashion school in the world, Parsons School of Design. "I plan to major in Strategic Design and Management in hopes of owning my own successful [fashion] business in New York City," Julian said. After earning his degree at Parsons, he wants to continue learning and gain his Masters in Business Administration. Long time friend and senior Ryan DiCarlo commented, "Julian has always been good at what he does in fashion." Julian says that he is most excited for "just being in the city and meeting new people and building new connections." There is no doubt that Julian will continue on to do big things in the fashion industry after his days at BHS.

Advice from Seniors

Carlton Williams

"High school is strictly what you make it. If you make your classes fun and make friends, you will have a more enjoyable experience."

Lucie Rosenthal

"Walk with purpose between classes. Please do not stop in the middle of the hallway to make conversation with your friend."

Marissa Butcher

"If you are struggling emotionally or having trouble in your classes, see your school counselor. They are a tremendous help."

Lauren Angel

"You need to get your life together the second you get to high school. There is not any time to fool around."

Jacob Bathish

"Do your best, but make sure you are still having fun. If you stop enjoying what you do it is not worth it anymore."

Alison Koch

"Find something to love in everybody. It makes life easier."

Eric Gelb

"Keep up with yourself in whatever way that is for you, whether that is getting ahead in class or going in at lunch to get extra help."

Ryan Hurley

"Read all of the books in English. I cannot stress that enough."

Claire Schlusel

"School is important. Get involved in multiple activities and make yourself known. Take classes that you know that you can handle."

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OH, THE THINGS YOU'VE READ!

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OLDEST TEXT: *The Odyssey* (Between 750 and 650 BCE)

LONGEST BOOK: *Great Expectations* (512 pages)

SHORTEST BOOK: *Anthem* (66 pages) *It feels like a trillion though.*

PERCENTAGE OF TEXT THAT ARE BOOKS: 18/29 (62%)

PERCENTAGE OF TEXTS THAT ARE PLAYS: 10/29 (35%)

PERCENTAGE OF TEXTS THAT ARE EPIC POEMS: 1/29 (3%)

SHORTEST PLAY: *No Exit* (60 pages) *Sartre was right, hell is other people.*

AUTHORS MOST READ: William Shakespeare (4), John Steinbeck (2), George Orwell (2), Arthur Miller (2)

LONGEST PLAY: *Romeo & Juliet* (336 pages) *Two teens killing themselves days after meeting always makes for great love stories.*

BOOKS MOST FREQUENTLY CHALLENGED OR REMOVED FROM LIBRARIES BETWEEN 2000 AND 2009: *Of Mice and Men* (5th), *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (14th), *The Color Purple* (17th), *The Catcher in the Rye* (19th), and *The Things They Carried* (65th)

PERCENTAGES OF BOOKS NOT WRITTEN BY WHITE MEN: 6/29 (21%), *The Color of Water* (James McBride), *Anthem* (Ayn Rand), *A Raisin in the Sun* (Lorraine Hansberry), *Fences* (August Wilson), *Things Fall Apart* (Chinua Achebe), *The Color Purple* (Alice Walker)

BOOKS TO ACTUALLY READ (ACCORDING TO SENIORS):

Andrew Stock: *Into the Wild*

Lily Cohen: *Catcher in the Rye*

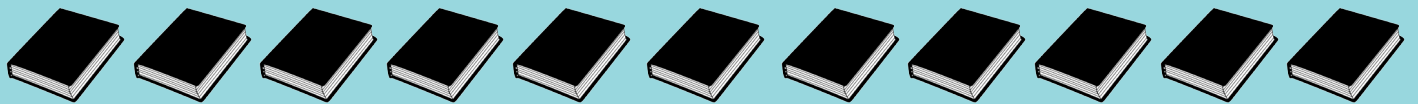
Lucie Rosenthal: *Lord of the Flies*

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Caleb Matthews: *The Great Gatsby*



KIT TAKES DENMARK: THE ENVIABLE GAP YEAR

While most seniors in high school feel obligated to continue their path of education right after they graduate, Kit Charlton is doing something untraditional, yet arguably even more exciting. Instead of going to college right away, Kit will be taking a gap year in Denmark.

For those who know Kit personally, this might not come as a huge surprise. Kit is a wonderfully unique, well rounded individual, who is not scared to take the path less travelled. However, Kit surprised himself and his parents with this decision, yet they were supportive.

“For my whole adolescence, I thought I would take the traditional route and go to an American university right after college.” Kit continued, “In February, I kinda pulled this right out from under me, surprising myself.”

Kit is not exactly sure what he will be doing in Denmark, but no matter what he decides to do, it will be an amazing experience. Kit is very excited just to immerse himself in the culture and see a different way of life. Everyone can learn an important lesson from Kit: never be scared of doing something that is not considered the norm. It may greatly benefit you.



JEROME COBB BOYS BASKETBALL

At roughly 5'7", Jerome Cobb's ability to take over a high school basketball game is astonishing. After his third season on the boys' varsity basketball team, his role as the captain of the team and most valuable player was clear cut, and much of the team's success was derived from his consistent shooting performances and his constant determination to come out victorious. When asked about what motivated him towards success, Jerome said, "I just wanted to make my family and my teammates proud and be as best as I can be." Averaging about 20 points a game, Jerome's senior season was filled with exciting showings, but his personal favorite was his game winning shot to beat Warren Woods Tower with less than a second left. Jerome's work ethic is unmatched and his dedication to the game he loves has paid off, as he plans to further his basketball career at the collegiate level at Macomb Community College until he gets offered by a university. As Jerome departs from BHS, he wishes the best for the program to move forward in a winning direction. On and off the court, as a teammate and as a player, his presence in the basketball program will be missed.



LILY COHEN DANCE

Why walk when you can dance?

Young dancers aspire to grow up and have a dancing career in their future. One dancer in particular, Lily Cohen, started dancing when she was around five and hasn't stopped dancing since.

Lily choreographed two dances as a junior and was the dance team captain for the 2015-2016 school year, leading the team with her valuable leadership abilities. She danced her way through middle school, and spent some time on a competition team before joining the Berkley Dance Team freshmen year. Lily explains that the Berkley High School dance team taught her valuable life lessons regarding teamwork, creative expression, and learning to face her fears. "I have crippling stage fright, but during the dance team showcase, I confronted my fears and performed my best when performing my senior solo," she said.

Dance is one of Lily's passions, and she plans to incorporate it into her life in the future. "I love music and I love dancing, and I'll for sure incorporate it somewhat throughout my life...dancing just feels so good," she said. Next year, Lily is attending Tulane University, and she will continue to dance her way through the streets of New Orleans.



NOLAN GIVAN AND AUSTEN WOOD FOOTBALL

Next year, the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio is hosting Berkley's finest linebacker in senior Austen Wood. Although football has always been fun for Austen, it just recently became a realistic option to continue to play in college. "[In middle school], I didn't even know if it would be possible or not," Austen said. But after his freshmen year, he started putting in the extra effort in the weight room, and the results were tremendous. He rose to an elite status in the league, and earned himself the opportunity to play college football.

Wide receiver Nolan Givan has been mastering his craft since the first grade, and the hard work has certainly paid dividends. Nolan said, "I work very hard, and it shows on the field." Nolan's stellar senior season, including a five-touchdown performance against Avondale, helped propel him to become the superstar he currently is. His fantastic play has been recognized as he committed to play for Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and he will most likely undergo the challenge of converting to tight end. There is no doubt that NG13 will continue to represent Berkley proudly in the future, wearing Ball State's red and white.



ANDREW BILL

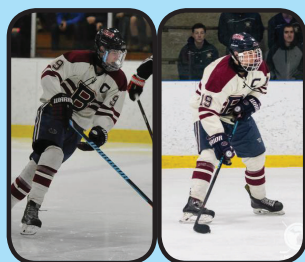
CROSS COUNTRY



It has been decades since Berkley High School had a runner as talented as Andrew Bill. He broke the school record for the 5k and is now only seconds away from breaking the two-mile time record. Andrew will always cherish the time that he broke the 5k record. Recalling the moment, Andrew said, "after I crossed the finish line I just had like a high; it felt so awesome." Breaking records is what both drives and motivates Andrew to push himself to his limits. His dedication to running helped him place 21st out of approximately 200 runners at Michigan's All-State meet this year. Anybody who knows Andrew is familiar with his bright and cheery personality. His friend and running mate, senior Will Sollish, said "Andrew Bill may be the greatest man to ever walk this earth and by far the most dedicated runner ever to live." Andrew will be attending Albion College in the fall and wants to thank Jared Purcell, Mark Keegan, Lester Hale, the Hendersons, and Coach Lawrence for helping him get to where he is today. Many people will miss Andrew next year, both on the track and in the halls.

ZACH LEONARD AND IAN MELROSE

HOCKEY



Next year, the Berkley High School hockey team will experience a huge loss as star forwards Ian Melrose and Zach Leonard end their high school hockey careers and advance to the next level. Ian and Zach are expected to play on the Calgary Canucks next year in the Junior Hockey League. "Wherever I end up, I know it will be a great experience," Ian said. Nonetheless, both players will continue to give 100 percent when stepping their skates on the ice just like they did at Berkley. Zach's 64 points and Ian's 54 points combined to account for more than 50 percent of the team's total points this past season. To pick just one standout between Ian and Zach is nearly impossible, as both had just as much of an equal impact on the program. "[They] were both great teammates, always pushing me to do better on and off the ice," defenseman and fellow senior Jacob Murphy said. Obviously, the team will not be the same without them, however, Zach wants the squad to never stop appreciating the sport. He said, "Love the experience, love your teammates, and love the game. It will make you a better person and provide you with endless life lessons." Good luck and make Berkley proud, boys!

ZACH HOBSON

BOYS SOCCER



The intense nights at Hurley field were cherished by Zach Hobson all throughout his high school career. Having played the sport for 12 years, Zach claimed, "It is a very large part of my identity up to this point in my life." During his time at Berkley, Zach played all four years on varsity, and thought of himself as a strong presence in the middle of the field for his team. In addition, his crucial role also laid the groundwork for learning about the importance of leadership. Zach said, "Soccer allowed me to grow as a leader and mature through learning how to handle adversity." In addition to applying himself off the field, Hobson has felt that soccer taught him about time management, having to balance school work and practice, in addition to reliability, which comes with being on a team. Junior Grant Laramee said, "Getting to play with Zach was a great opportunity to learn. His aggressiveness on the ball made [him] the strong force in the middle that he was." Next year Zach is off to Wittenberg University, a Division III school in Ohio, where he will further his soccer career and continue to develop as a player and as a student.

ANNA TREPPA

SKATING



For the past 14 years, skating has been a big part of Anna Treppa's life. She said, "[Skating] has really been my passion. I don't know what I would do without it." Anna has been on the varsity team for all four years of high school, and she was a co-captain during her senior year. Anna went on and said, "I think being there for support no matter what helped our team go far every year. Everyone could really count on each other." Skating has taught Anna a lot, including the importance of bouncing back after you fall, which has helped her throughout her life. Next year, Anna will be skating at Bowling Green University, where she said she does not know what to expect. "Overall, I think the college transition will be tough, but it will be a great experience in the end," Anna said. As expected, it will be troublesome leaving the rink she has skated in for her whole life with all of the people she has come to know in that vicinity, but she is confident that everyone on the team has gained from their collective skating journey, and they will retain the bond that they have formed.



OUR FINAL WORDS...

“It was a good run! Thanks for the four years, Mullins!”

-JOSH RADOM

“Thank you Ms. Mullins and the amazing staff! You have made these last four year unforgettable.”

-EMMA WEISBERGER

“I would like to thank everyone who has picked up a copy of The Spectator during my four years on staff.”

-COREY LIPTON

“I want to thank Ms. Mullins who has been one of my role models the past four years, and to everyone on staff who has put up with my meltdowns.”

-NICOLE DOCTOROFF

“For four years, Ms. Mullins told me I couldn’t play games during journalism. I am so happy to have finally gained that hour back to play games.”

-JAKE KREINBRING

“Thank you to all my teachers and friends who have made my four years of high school great.”

-BENNETT HART

“Thanks to everyone who taught me all I hold dear: reading, writing, and making generic quotes.”

-KIT CHARLTON

“I want to give a big thanks to Ms. Mullins and the entire Journalism class for making my time with everybody the best. Starting the website was so much fun, and I’m sure Annie will do an amazing job with it next year. I will miss every one of you!”

-COBIAN GLEASON

“Thank you to the staff and students at BHS who made my four years amazing. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here and look forward to the future.”

-CAMERON CECE

“I would like to thank all English teachers for inspiring students to write and engage in all kinds of texts.”

-WILL SHULAK

“I love Ms. Mullins. Even though I was only a member of The Spectator for one year, she and my classmates made an extremely positive impact on my high school career.”

-AARON BERLIN

“I want to thank my classmates and Ms. Mullins for making me regret not taking this class earlier in my four years at Berkley High School. This has been one of the best experiences of my life.”

-MAX FIELDS

“Thank you to Ms. Mullins and the staff for making my first and final year on staff enjoyable. I have learned that teenagers can be really annoying.”

-JORDAN MCGEE

Taking our talents into 2017: the new kids on the block

As the final issue of the 2015-2016 Spectator is distributed, an era comes to a close. The countless hours of hard work and dedication are coming to an end, and as the 2016-2017 school year is already approaching, we must say goodbye to those who have been with us for their entire high school career. Josh Radom, Emma Weisberger, and Corey Lipton are much to thank for the immense amount of success The Spectator has had these past years. These three individuals have put everything they can offer into the paper and they will not be easy to replace. However, these three are not alone as Nicole Doctoroff, Bennett Hart, and Kit Charlton were right by their side the past few years. These six seniors have provided the school with an impressive newspaper month after month, and for that, they will never be forgotten.

With that being said, The Big Three, consisting of Drew Leshman, Adam Yaker, and Josh Segall, alongside Senior Copy Editor Justin Flood, rise to the top of the staff. We are honored and excited to be the next editors of The Spectator. After three years on staff, we feel entirely prepared to tackle this challenge and perform to the fullest for our community. We understand the importance of being the eyes and ears of BHS, and we promise not to disappoint. However, we are not alone. Copy Editor Flood, along with our fellow staff members, will be right by our side as we conquer the 2016-2017 school year. We have some big shoes to fill next year with 13 seniors leaving us, but we feel prepared and, most importantly, excited to provide the Berkley community with current events and interesting articles.



THANK YOU TO ALL FOR EVERYTHING

Corey Lipton '20, University of Michigan

Throughout my four years on staff, I have written a lot of articles for this paper. However, as I sit in my room, thinking about what I should write my last ever column on, one thing seems more important than everything else. I would like to take the rest of this column to say something I probably should have said more often during my 17 years on this planet: thank you.

My first thank you goes to anyone and everyone that has picked up a copy of *The Spectator* during my four years on staff. Without you, this paper would be meaningless. The readers of a paper keep it alive, and because of that, I want to thank everyone who has read anything produced by us.

Next, I would like to thank my parents. Mom and dad, I honestly have no idea what I would do without you. Mother, you are my rock, my spiritual guide, my everything else. Thank you so much for all of the hard work you have done to raise me the way I am. I will never forget all of the advice you have given me, the laughs we shared together, the good times, the bad, and everything in between. Thank you, and I love you.

My dad has taught me many lessons, but one thing was always more important than everything else to my father, and that was my mother. To my dad, I want to thank you for teaching me not only how to love my mother, but showing me the definition of unconditional love. I will always remember how you loved mom, and I will do my best to teach my kids the same. Thank you, and I love you.

To my sister, thank you. Thank you for sticking by me through thick and thin, and thank you for always being yourself. You have so much talent, and the ways which you use that talent continues to amaze me every day. Never stop being you, and come visit whenever you can.

To my doggers, thank you. The positivity with which you view every day inspires me. Also, I don't know how, but you are the only things on this Earth that love my mom more than my dad. Thank you for always keeping her company, and thank you for always spreading joy wherever you go.

Continuing on with family, I would like to thank both sides of my family. To my dad's side, the Liptons, thank you all. You know as well as anyone that it takes a village to raise a child. Keeping that in mind, I know that I am the way I am because of you. Specifically, I would like to thank my aunt Jody and uncle Geoff for being my second parents. You always opened up your home to me, and I will forever cherish the time I spent at your houses growing up.

To my mom's side of the family, the Cogens, thank you all. Even though I didn't get to spend as much time with you as I would have liked, the lessons you taught me will last forever. Thank you for teaching me how to handle extreme loss with the utmost grace. Aunts Lynn and Rena, thank you for being the best sisters in the world to my mother. Thank you for helping her and the rest of your family deal with tragedy. To my grandparents, Bebe and Poppy, thank you for always supporting me. Again,

the grace with which you handled the passing of your youngest daughter was truly extraordinary for me to see. I will always love you all, and hopefully will be able to visit soon.

Sticking with people who raised me, I next want to thank some family friends. To our neighbors the Barons, thank you so much. Whether it be driving me home from Sunday school when my family forgets me, or making me try some new, weird type of food, thank you. Tony, you have always been like a second father to me, and you have provided me with little bits of wisdom that I will always cherish.

To the Newmans, thank you. You know as well as I that when the Newmans and Liptons get together, it was going to be a good time. Our vacations were (and hopefully will continue to be) amazing, and the love I have for all of you is more than friendship. We are and always will be one big family (emdash) whether you like it or not.

To my friends, thank you. You have made these last four years amazing. I would not want to go through high school with anyone else, and I will always remember the times that we had together.

To my girlfriend, thank you. The past two years with you have been the best years of my life, and I will never forget you for as long as I live.

To my teachers, thank you. I have grown an enormous amount as a student since I first walked into BHS, and I have nobody else to thank but all of you. Specifically, I'd like to thank Mr. Weingarden for three wonderful years of math, Mr. Duffy for changing the way I see the world in PA, and Ms. Mullins for four years that helped mold me into the person I am today. Without all of you, I honestly do not know where I would be, but I do know that the knowledge that you all have given to me is invaluable as I take the leap from high school to college.

To Josh and Emma, my Co-Editors-in-Chief, thank you both for everything you have done this year to allow me to focus on writing and editing. Even though I don't say it nearly enough, I greatly appreciate the time you both put in designing the paper and making it look as good as possible. I truly believe that the three of us have revolutionized the paper during the past four years, and I know I wouldn't have been able to do that without both of you.

And finally, I would like to thank anyone that read any of my pieces. As I previously said, a paper is nothing without its readers. Well, an author is even less without readers, so thank you to all of my readers over the last four years. LIPTON OUT.



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