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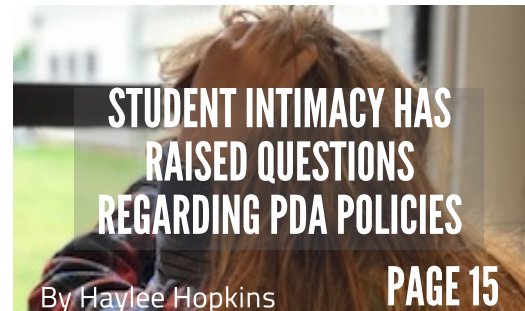
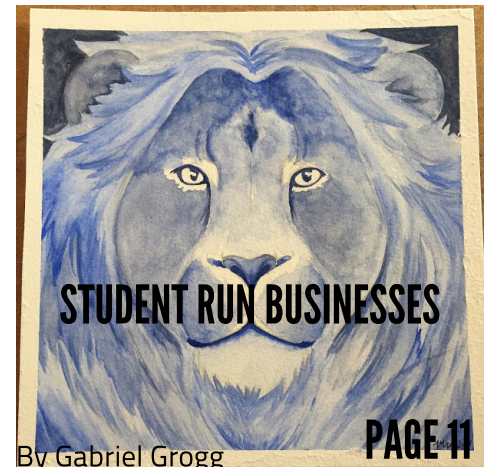
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Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Scappoose High School will be making the transition to the Northwest Oregon Conference (NWOC) for all sports. From now on, Scappoose will be competing against 5A schools instead of 4A.

The move to 5A is due to the population, or enrollment at Scappoose High continuing to rise. Divisions are decided by enrollment numbers. The more kids attending a certain school, the higher the likelihood of having more successful athletes, which allows teams to compete at a higher level.

Scappoose's student enrollment has reached 774 in recent years, while this year's total student body stands at 758. The minimum requirement for 5A is 665 students

and the maximum is 1199, leaving Scappoose on the lower end of this division, yet pushing the limit for 4A. The average enrollment for 4A schools is around 550 students, while 5A schools tend to have around 1000 students.

Due to our recent success in sports, such as multiple trips to the championships in sports like women's soccer, football and basketball all happening within the past four years, it seems like 5A is better suited for our athletes to compete in.

Along with the shift to 5A comes another shift in Scappoose sports. Many of our current programs are undergoing a coaching change. While that will surely change before the seasons begin, for the time being, a lot of students do not

know who will be coaching them in the coming season.

Some of these teams include volleyball, men's basketball, as well as track and field. While men's basketball has seen a few coaches come and go over the past few years, this comes as big news for the other two sports, which haven't seen new head coaches in over ten years.

When asked about how moving to 5A would impact the search for new coaches, athletic director Robert Medley said, "It doesn't change a thing about the hiring process. We will still go through the same procedure as we would normally do."

In order to fill the gaps in our coaching staff, the school board will issue an ad online and state the position needed.

Once they get applicants they will review them and narrow it down to those who are qualified. They then put together an interview committee to perform a formal interview. Interview committees typically include teachers, administration, board members and student athletes from the respective programs.

We shouldn't expect any difficulty in finding coaching candidates due to our location relative to Portland. Many of our current staff and faculty lives in or around the Portland metro area. Scappoose is only a 20 to 25 minute commute to the most densely populated area in Oregon, many rival schools don't have these same advantages.



"TELL MY MOM I'M SAFE AND MY FRIENDS I'M A LEGEND."

BY KAITLYN BAKKENSEN

All photos by George Kilman

Scappoose senior, Gillis McDonald went on a vacation to New Zealand, and didn't board the flight home.

ON MARCH 21

Scappoose seniors Gillis McDonald and George Kilman left Scappoose for a two week trip to New Zealand. McDonald's father was working there as an emergency room doctor, and requested that his son come to visit sometime while he was abroad for six months. In New Zealand, McDonald and Kilman spent time riding in a helicopter to the top of a glacier and visiting places like Auckland and Blenheim. The highlight of the trip however, was its conclusion.

As McDonald and Kilman waited for their return flight to board, McDonald left their gate, and said he was going to buy food before they took off. Boarding started and McDonald had failed to return, so Kilman messaged his friend, "Hey man, we started boarding you should probably get back here." Kilman received a response telling him to board without McDonald, "Just board without me, don't wait for me," so Kilman just told him to hurry.

At this point, Kilman did not suspect that anything was amiss.

"I figured he passed some sort of checkpoint and that he had to wait to get back through."

Kilman boarded the plane and waited for his friend to join him.

Eventually, Kilman got another text from McDonald saying, "I'm not gonna make it, tell them to leave without me."

When boarding concluded, security asked if anyone knew where a Gillis McDonald was. 'While they're looking for him, I tell them that he's my friend and that he isn't gonna make it. After explaining they told me, 'OK we need to have a talk with you, bring your bags.'

"[At the front of the plane] they were basically interrogating me and I told them the story but they wanted to

know where he was. I didn't know, so I went back to my seat. But then they call for me again so I go back to the front of the plane and this time there are twice as many people there. So then I have to explain the story again [and this time they searched my bag] thinking he tampered with it and that was the reason he wasn't boarding. They asked if we have any checked bags too."

Kilman had tried texting McDonald but couldn't reach him, and did his best to comply with the security.

"Once I got a hold of him he [kept saying that he was busy and couldn't talk] in the midst of unloading my bag, he



texts me saying, "Yeah I have an apartment in Auckland." And then, "The USA just isn't for me." I was so confused."

Kilman returned home and McDonald stayed behind in New Zealand.

According to multiple friends of McDonald, he had stated on several occasions as to how he never really wanted to live in the US anyways.

"He always talks about how he likes traveling and the outdoors," said Kilman.

"He was texting me about a volunteer service in Australia and New Zealand that you can refer people who are visiting overseas

like students and stuff. So you can study a bit, but then you do like outdoor cleanup work, around New Zealand and Australia. So if you board with them they'll like transfer you around and stuff."

McDonald's visa lasts 12 months and as long as he doesn't work a permanent job he is allowed to stay in New Zealand.

McDonald's family says they did not know that he wasn't coming home until it was already too late and they weren't too happy when they found out. However, due to McDonald's age, he can legally live by himself so his parents had no control over his actions

when he rented a temporary apartment. He originally told his family was that he was going to spend a few days in Auckland then go back to Blenheim with his dad and eventually fly home when his dad returned to the United States. However, his dad recently returned home while McDonald stayed in New Zealand. About two weeks after that, McDonald did fly home to the United States, in

order to be at a friends wedding.

"I'll be staying here a while, but then I'm going back ASAP and never coming back," he said.

"I started thinking about staying here about 5 days after we arrived. New Zealand is the least corrupt country in the world and it's cheap to live there. Plus there are palm trees there and I like palm trees," said McDonald.

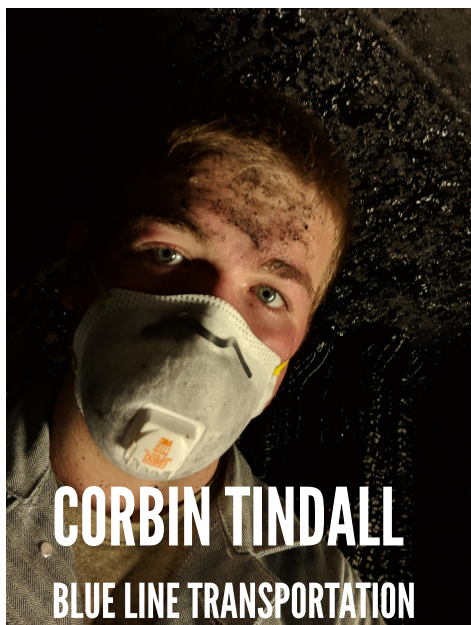


“I got lucky to get such a good job in high school and really enjoy what I do.”

- Senior Jacob Munoz

ODD JOBS

BY SHANNON LAL



Senior Corbin Tindall works at Blue Line Transportation which is a trucking and asphalt manufacturing plant. At the plant he wears coveralls and has to wear protective gear like gloves, safety glasses, and a respirator.

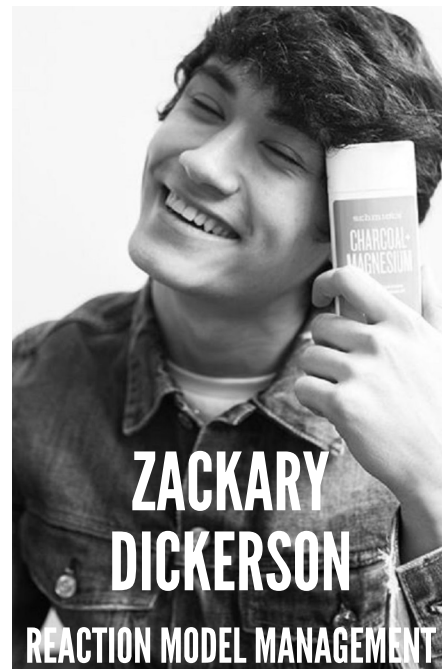
Tindall works in tankers with a air hammer and scrapes. There, he loads product like asphalt, dust control, and stabilizers into trucks, and breaks up the hard asphalt on the floor with the air hammer and scrapes the ceiling. After removing all the asphalt, he sweeps it clean and seals the tanker.

□□ **It's hard work but I enjoy doing something most high schoolers have never heard of before.** □□



Senior Jacob Munoz works at the Transwestern Aviation for Senator Betsy Johnson and her husband John Helm. He refuels aircrafts ranging in size from small planes to military helicopters then he pulls their plane forward to make room for the next aircraft and then collect payment from the first pilot.

Some of his other duties are to sell parts, direct air traffic when necessary, report information for OSHA and the state, taking messages for the Senator Betsy Johnson, occasionally running errands for her and feeding feral cats



Senior Zackary Dickerson works with Reaction Model Management.

His modeling agent, Jeff, finds him modeling gigs that are a perfect fit for him and his skills. Then he has the option to accept and go to the location to audition for the gig or to decline and not go.

The modeling jobs usually pay \$500 plus.

□□ **I recommend it for anyone looking for a unique way to make cash and a fun lifestyle.** □□



WELL THAT HAPPENED

A COLLECTION OF FIRST DATE STORIES FROM SHS STUDENTS

BY RYLIE HORRALL

My first date, I had to go on a double date with my dad and his girlfriend.
-Mya McCollum

I went on a date with a girl named Felicia and we went to DQ on December 8, 2016. It was her idea to go to DQ, I thought we should have gone to McDiddle's but I really wanted her to like me so I went with it. When we stepped in it was awkward because almost no one was there and we didn't know each other very well so we didn't talk much.

While we were there I ordered a corn dog combo [and] she got ice cream. I said 'Hey isn't it kind of cold out to get ice cream, it's like the dead of Winter.' And she replied, 'Why are we eating outside?!' And I was like, 'No of course not!' So she replied, 'Then it doesn't matter. Also did you know corndogs cause more fatalities a year than sharks or lightning strikes combined!' So I

said, 'Cool, but I'm not too worried. I have a lot of experience eating corndogs.' She replied, 'Gross, you don't even know what's in it! It's just a meat log on a stick!' So I yelled back, 'At least I don't eat ice cream in December like a freak!' So she then got up and charged through the door with her ice cream in hand, and I waved my arm and belted 'Bye Felicia!'
-Anonymous

Drove to maze. Walked into maze. Laughed at funny jokes in maze. Went out of maze. Elizabeth got food. Waited while Elizabeth ate food. Drove Elizabeth home. Drove myself home. The end.
-John Kavulich

Well my first date was almost 16 years ago and it was at 11:37 p.m. on May 13th, 2002. I don't remember any of it but that was the first date I was alive.
-Violet Ebert

We hadn't really talked at all before the date so the ride there was a little quiet. I remember him tapping his thumb the [entire] ride there and we just talked about the most random things. We went to Santa Fe on NW 23rd.

We ordered our food and I sat down at the table first. There were 4 chairs at the table so I sat at the one closest to the wall. He got his food then sat down. Not across from me, but the one diagonal from me, [and] I was like, seriously[?] So I sat basically alone eating my food while he was across the table on his phone and sucking down his burrito. Not the best first date, but surprisingly we're still dating to this day.
-Riley Nuss

Cameron and I hung out at Petersen and just walked around, talking and getting to know each other more while hanging out for the first time in person.
-Rhianon Canary

Our first date was at the pumpkin patch in Sauvie Island. Our moms are best friends and they've always been trying to get us together. I decided to DM him on instagram while running a bake sale at a football game. He answered later and gave me his Snapchat. We hit it off from there and decided to go to the pumpkin patch, [a nice public place near our houses].

We were both really shy and awkward. The feminist spirit in me insisted on paying for my half. He has a stutter when he's nervous, so I could tell we were on the same page. He ended up ruining his Nike Pros in the corn maze and we got his car all dirty with our muddy shoes. I had [a] great time and I guess he did too because we've been dating ever since.

-Natalie Kenoyer

-WASHINGTON-

Washington State University

- Savannah Ganiere
- Ross Parsons
- Trace Alsenil

Lower Columbia College

- Monroe Myers

-Oregon-

George Fox University

- Jacob Muñoz
- JC Gross
- Dylan Newcomer

Southern Oregon University

- Kaylee Mcgivern

Portland State University

- Lacey Parral
- Steven Hensley
- Jerad Toman
- Jack Eggers
- Jonah Kubecka
- Victoria Becker
- Alyssa Baird
- Linnaea Kavulich
- Hannah Owens

University of Oregon

- Hannah Galey
- Mikayla Price
- Haylee Hopkins
- Natalee Irwin
- Karlie Ragan
- Tevin Jeannis
- Mackenzie Ela
- Nicky Gill
- Ciara Dreezen

Oregon State University

- Joey Wagenknecht
- Elizabeth Riutta
- Shannon Lal
- Caden Verzino

Western Oregon University

- Megan Dews
- Avery Morley
- Kristina Barnes
- Rylie Horrall
- Grace Comer
- Cheyenne Taylor

Portland Community College

- Kenda Erickson
- Klair Nelson
- Katelyn Geier
- Ashley Johnson
- Steven Troxel
- Kyle Stratton
- Nate Burbank
- Jason Bailey
- Justin Hight

Mt. Hood Community College

- Hadley Enos
- Shasta Howe

Oregon Tech

- Madalynn Hall

Eastern Oregon University

- Jimmy Jones

Pacific University

- Corey Tobin

Concordia University

- Daphney Sleightam
- Joe Wright
- Abagale Hopman-Becker

Southwestern Oregon Community College

- Kaylee Wegner

Oregon Coastal Community College

- Ashley Brust

- Shabri Van Loo
- Anna Kangas
- Allison Vanderzanden
- Mckenzie Worthington
- Brianna Smith
- Krystal Esterly
- Hannah Ragan
- Austin Schwalge
- Josh Stofiel
- Kira Kistner
- Adam Nickel
- Josh Odom
- Cade Heiges
- Erin Baker
- Erin Gann
- Janae Meyer
- Eimile Manuel
- Leif Stencil
- Robert Walsh
- Rebecca Nosack



SENIOR DESTINATIONS

Central Oregon Community College

- Paris Wallace
- Jackson Burum
- Kayla Mullican
- Georgia Jory
- Jesse Porter
- Joe Abbott
- Katie Sandstrom
- Chris Tobin
- Jake Haddon
- Isaac Cook
- Gabriel Grogg
- Robyn Stewart
- Lucas Elliot
- Chase Bakkensen

1, New Hampshire
2, Vermont
3, Massachusetts

7, Delaware
8, Maryland
9, West Virginia

4, Rhode Island
5, Connecticut
6, New Jersey

University of Portland

- John Kavulich
- Kaitlyn Bakkensen
- Kamryn Erickson
- Annabelle Broderick
- Georgia Benner
- Ashley Johnson

-U.S. Army-

Oklahoma

- Jillian Burum

Missouri

- Gunnar Dague

Georgia

- Aidan Steele
- Corbin Tindall

South Carolina

- Sariah Napa'a

-IDAHO-

University of Idaho

- Nate Maller
- Morgan Hall

Boise State University

- Danner Pilakowski
- Bradley Verbout

-Montana-

Montana State University

- Benji Davidson

-Colorado-

Colorado State University

- Karly Packineau

-New York-

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Benjamin Warren





BY CHASE BAKKENSEN

DANCE COURTS for the 2017-18 school year have generated discussion among the student body, with a general consensus that many students on court this year were not the usual 'popular kids'.

In the fall, seniors Jack Eggers and Abby Martian were crowned King and queen of homecoming. "This election created the most controversy," said junior Jaiden Heaton, "Some people liked that she won, others didn't and the rest were jealous they didn't win."

Later that winter, seniors George Kilman and Kristina Barnes were selected as the winter ball King and Queen. Senior Kelsy Heller thought Kilman becoming King was a real surprise, "I expected someone else to win."

This April, seniors Quinn Luna and Cheyenne Taylor became the 2018 Prom King and Queen. "I was so happy Quinn won, it was awesome. I'm super proud of him," said Junior Cassidy Anicker when asked her opinion on the Prom King.

This year, we saw a variety of students represented on court as our Kings and Queens. Only half of

the elected Kings and Queens participated in sports this year and of those individuals, only a third were male. All of the Queens this year participated in theater and two thirds of the Kings and Queens participated in the final play of the school year, The Imaginary Invalid.

Last year we saw very different courts, all of the male students and two thirds of the female students participated in school sports. None of the students on court participated in theater.

A survey of the student body found that 53.9% of students reported the court selections as being different from what they expected. Of the students who reported this, 66.7% reported the difference as positive.

Martian said that being on court was an interesting experience. "Others on court were really good friends and I didn't really know anyone."

Martian was happy to represent the theater program, on court and as homecoming Queen, as she believes it is overlooked.

When asked about this year's

dance courts 2018 prom King Quinn Luna said, 'it's weird that a lot of the people that were on court were outside the norm and didn't go around campaigning for court.'

Not many people campaigned to become King or queen, but an exception to this was senior Shabri Vanloo with her feebreeze themed flyers. If people campaigned, it was the form of verbally asking friends and acquaintances to vote for them.

Not everyone thinks that the influx of "non-popular kids" on court is something out of the ordinary.

"Those elected onto court this year may be very different from those you may see in a modern day movie but I don't think it's out of the ordinary for theater people or any specific personality type to get onto court now," said Prom court princess Cheyenne Taylor.

This prospect of a different court could change the way students decide to cast their votes, says Martian and could impact who is crowned King and queen at next year's Homecoming, Winter Ball and Prom.



STUDENT RUN BUSINESSES

BY GABRIEL GROGG

OVER THE COURSE of high school, many students begin to get their first jobs. This tends to be for different reasons, such as saving for college, getting extra spending money, or just to get their first work experience. Many students get a job at local grocery stores, local restaurants or fast food joints, and some get summer work at nearby farms.

However, there are always jobs that aren't traditional and these students have found jobs that range from babysitting businesses, catering and even knife forging. Many of these are able to bring in a consistent income, where students are able to make enough for these to be a competitive alternative option to the normal high school jobs.

A junior here at Scappoose, Mikala Leshley, follows her own passion and does her own art commissions. "Paintings are my main focus, I have the most experience and enjoy doing them more than drawings. I am able to do both acrylic and watercolor," said Leshley.

While she is still in the process of getting her name out and getting more offers to do work, she has already made a substantial income from the work she has done. Prices for her work vary depending on the size of the piece, as well as the type art they want done. She even offers

custom magnets that she laminates and prepares herself.

When asked how she felt about her job, she said, "I envision myself doing this for the foreseeable future. I want to have a future in the art business and I think this is a good place to start."

You don't have to go into it thinking about the money, if you have a service that you enjoy doing and are good at, the odds are others will appreciate ... your work and want to inquire about it.

Freshman Nicole Johnson has her own candy making business. What started out as a fundraiser where she tried to raise money for a camp she wanted to attend, has now turned into a profitable job.

"I started out just trying to raise some money so I made an Instagram post about some candy I was making. I got some feedback and since then have raised over one hundred dollars," said Nicole.

While some of these jobs aren't as steady of an income, or as profitable as others, many of them can be maintained as part time work or hobbies that students can do for fun. The extra money and passion for the work can go a long way.

MUMMEY MAKES A WISH

BY MORGAN HALL

YOU MAY KNOW Scappoose senior Jared Mummey for being a very genuine and truck savvy person, but you may not know that last year on his seventeenth birthday, he was diagnosed with stage 2B of Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Hodgkin's Lymphoma is a type of cancer often caused by a viral infection which induces a mutation in the DNA of white blood cells called B lymphocytes. He was diagnosed June 1 last year and fought cancer for six months before he found out he was cancer free. During those six months he went through four rounds of chemotherapy and three weeks of radiation.

Mummey believed his chances of making it through cancer were low, but he thought of himself as lucky because the severity and type of cancer he had could have been much worse. The worst part for him was accepting the fact that he had cancer. Mummey felt he had no control of what happened and it was very hard feeling for him to show or explain.

"It's not really an explainable feeling until you actually go

through it. You're just helpless and relying on your doctors and nurses to save your life," said Mummey.

Mummey had to act completely normal, even when his life was the complete opposite and he was living every day of his life as if it was his last.

"Learning that you have a cancerous tumor in your chest that is literally 1/3 of your chest is very traumatic, I was in disbelief. I asked myself over and over for about a month 'why me'. I felt bad for myself for a long time and thought I was going to die."

Since being diagnosed, he was given a wish from the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Make-a-Wish is a non-profit organization that grants wishes to individuals who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. The non-profit gives individuals a chance to do something they have always dreamed of doing.

Many rumors were spread throughout the school about Mummey and what he is using his

wish for.

"I did what I wanted all summer... It's an experience I'll never forget but in the end it gave me a better appreciation for all the little things I used to take for granted," said Mummey.

The most common rumor was that Mummey was going to use his wish on truck parts so he could build a motor for his truck. However, that is not the case.

"My first thoughts on what I was going to do with my make-a-wish were to get a built motor for my truck, but I decided on asking for school tuition so I could better myself," said Mummey.

He has chosen to use his money for tuition to the Universal Technical Institute in Sacramento, California. He has decided to attend UTI next year to become a diesel mechanic.

Mummey has experienced something that most people will never have to experience in their lives and throughout it all he was able to overcome cancer and change his life for a brighter future.



WILL 5A SLOW THE INDIANS NEXT SEASONS?

BY SETH VAUGHN

AS THE SPRING SPORTS season draws to a close with league, districts and state competitions, Scappoose High School's time in the 4A Cowapa League nears its end as well.

As part of the OSAA Classification and Districting Committee's decision, at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year Scappoose will become a 5A school, competing in the Northwest Oregon Conference. This league includes the powerhouse Wilsonville Wildcats and seven mile war rival St. Helens along with La Salle Prep, Hillsboro High, Milwaukie, Parkrose and Rex Putnam.

There will also be some 6A teams who have requested to play down in NWOC for football, including Forest Grove, Benson, Cleveland and Wilson.

Scappoose has been in the Cowapa League since 1970. Scappoose won state championships for boys basketball, girls soccer and boys baseball in 2015.

One of Scappoose's stronger sports is football. Since 2013, Scappoose football has never fallen below 14th in OSAA state rankings. The least amount of points scored in a season during this time period was 304 points in the 2016 season and the most scored was 562 during the 2015 season. Head coach Sean McNabb has maintained this level of performance by focusing on developing athletes within the program.

Dennis Olstedt, Assistant Football and Track coach gave his views of moving to 5A.

"I think the level of talent will be better. Not to knock down Cowapa League because the

Cowapa League has probably been the most dominant football league in all of the 4A's. But we're gonna play against better schools and better talent. Better coaches, honestly I'm all for it."

Olstedt's comments were followed by McNabb explaining the optimism he has for his players. He believes this transition will be difficult but that if his players continue to work hard in the weightroom and during workouts, the team will be competitive within the NWOC.

"I feel that we're gonna make a run at the title. I know this isn't the best 5A league with some 6A's moving down, and Wilsonville will be favored. But I feel we'll be right in the hunt."

OSAA is splitting the NWOC into two divisions: West and East. Scappoose will be in the West division along with St. Helens, Wilsonville, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Benson. The East will include Cleveland, Hood River Valley, Milwaukie, Parkrose, Putnam, Pendleton and La Salle Prep. The only crossover game has to play this year at home is against Pendleton who was previously in the 5A Columbia River Conference. They compiled a record of 5-5, and had an exit in the play-in rounds.

Scappoose basketball will also have its own difficulties this year with teams in the conference like Wilsonville, who have won the NWOC league title for the last 4 years. Additionally, Wilsonville has claimed two of the last three 5A state basketball championships.

NWOC also has several basketball programs looking to build off success from last season, namely Parkrose, St. Helens, La Salle Prep. Other teams included are Putnam, Milwaukie and Hillsboro.

junior basketball players Jordan Buchanan and Gavin Larsen gave their thoughts going into next season.

"I think it will be a challenge for us next season, but I believe if we continue to work hard and put in work in the offseason, I believe that our team make a splash next year in league play." Buchanan said, describing what he believes is the key is for basketball staying competitive in 5A.

"Yeah I would agree. In order for us to really have a successful season, we have to work hard and play together as a team." Larsen added.

With track coming to an end and many of the seniors moving on, the team has some spots to fill. Assistant Coach Olstedt believes the younger athletes already on the team and new athletes coming in will help the program replace the talented senior class.

"I think there are going to be a couple of sports that hit the ground running. We only have 85 track athletes but it's just a down year," Olstedt said, "It depends on who wants to work. We have a lot of talent, and there may be a drop off but at this point it's about accepting the challenge."

Competing in a bigger class and more competitive conference could leave coaches feeling a bit apprehensive of what looms next year and in the years beyond in 5A, but there seems to be a feeling of confidence in their young athletes and the offseason training they do to keep the athletes locked in.

PHOTO BY JACK KAVULICH

FLY ON THE WALL

BY GEORGIA JORY

A COLLECTION OF STRANGE, INTERESTING AND FUNNY THINGS PEOPLE
HAVE OVERHEARD AROUND THE SCHOOL

'If the river runs towards the ocean, then the ocean is south of us.'

'Are cold wars only fought in the winter?'

'Do you think they wear their watches on their left wrist or their right wrist?' 'I don't think they wear watches at all, they're just dogs.'

'Golf is a white people sport.'

'I think you just lost some chromosomes.'

'Dude, there's a season 8 of My Little Pony.'

'Urethra'

'What about a camel?'

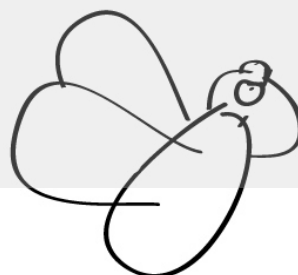
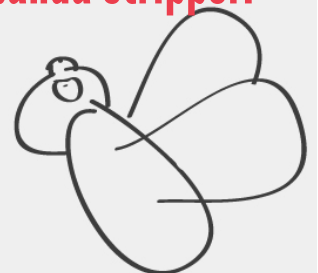
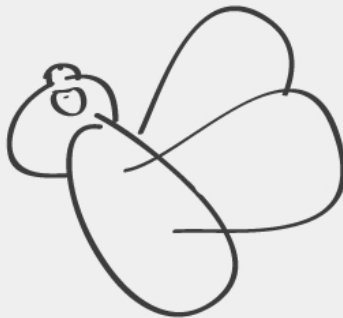
'I wasn't drunk. I was just very tipsy.'

'Thor has a nice butt.'

'Wait, is France a part of the UK or Great Britain?'

'Draw me a panda stripper.'

'Wait, Is Spain in Italy?'





STUDENT INTIMACY HAS RAISED QUESTIONS REGARDING PDA POLICIES

BY HAYLEE HOPKINS

BETWEEN CLASSES at Scappoose High School, students can often be seen holding hands or sneaking kisses in the doorways of classrooms. But recently, talk amongst students has revealed that these displays of affection may be more serious and far-reaching than previously assumed.

As concerns about student intimacy throughout the school are raised, it has been found that there are no current, in-depth policies and guidelines regarding public displays of affection at Scappoose High School.

Since the beginning of the school year, word has spread of intimate activities and potential sexual relations between students that have taken place in unattended parts of the school during free time from class.

"A lot of it's just talk, but I know that stuff has definitely happened in S7. I don't know about now, but it used to be empty all the time during lunch. Kids will go in there for a quickie or whatever," said SHS senior Mikayla Price.

Although there is no validity to these rumors, it does raise a question of school policy and management. In the Student Handbook, listed under 'Consequences For Inappropriate Behaviors,' the only mention of policies regarding public displays of affection are a brief statement that describes the minimum and

maximum consequences that students who violate this code will receive. However, there is not a report on how the school defines public displays of affection or how punishments are determined.

Because the high school does not have any published guidelines and descriptions concerning public displays of affection, the handling and punishment of individuals who violate this policy is left up to the interpretation of the administration. Although this could possibly lead to biased and unequal treatment on the part of disciplinarians, Principal Jim Jones does not believe this to be the case.

According to Jones, when serious violations of these rules occur, the administration fully evaluates and compares the situation to previous cases. When determining a punishment, the administration refers to prior incidents and decides a fitting punishment for students.

"We have general guidelines, but it's flexible. We try to be fair and I try to have parents involved ... Life happens and we need to have some flexibility to be able to work within the scope of that," said Jones in a recent interview.

The Scappoose High School administration plans on updating and adding a brief policy description on public displays of affection in the Student Handbook.

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