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Legislative Pages Gain Valuable Political Insight

By Raegan Winder

On January 10, 2017, the 92nd South Dakota legislative session began, and with the session comes the legislative pages. Legislative pages are junior or senior students from around the state who serve terms as assistants to the legislators and capitol staff members.

The students are chosen based on their GPA, class rank, extracurricular activities and awards and honors. They serve during one of five separate sessions; the first four being two weeks long, and the last only a week.

A page's duties include, but are not limited to, delivering messages, distributing materials, making copies

and running errands. These may seem like tedious tasks, but the students get a chance to be a part of the action of the legislative process, and it is a fantastic opportunity to get your network, or develop contacts with staff who could one day help you to get a job or promotion.

Pages are required to

report to the capital each morning at 7:15 a.m., and



First-term pages with Governor Dugaard and the First Lady. (courtesy)

they usually leave anywhere between 5 and 8 p.m. Pages are paid 50 dollars a day for their services. Be-

cause many pages are from out-of-town, they stay with "host" families throughout the Pierre area.

Many upperclassmen from T.F. Riggs do take the opportunity to page. Arden Koenecke, a junior, served during the first two weeks of session. She shared her thoughts on paging.

"Paging gives you amazing insight as to how the government works, and it overall helps to understand the process better. I didn't really know what went on at the Capitol before this—I just knew it was really super important business stuff. Now I know how committees are run, how bills are passed and how

important the process is."

For many, missing two weeks of school is scary and might seem unrealistic. Koenecke however, found a way manage it all.

"As far as missing two weeks of school... oh boy. It's overwhelming, to say the least. I've been dividing up my work, doing an hour of Pre-Calculus here or a couple chapters of Honors English there, and not trying to do it all in one or two days. I think I'm holding up pretty well, but we'll see what happens when I come back to school."

Good luck to all the upperclassmen that serve as pages this session, both when they are paging and making up homework!

So You Think You've Got Talent?

By Kailee Schultz and Claire Mohr

Talent shows are a staple for high schools, summer camps, TV shows and individual fantasies of getting up on a stage and rocking out. Riggs receives a good number of performers for their big night of talent each year. People look forward to seeing what song someone is going to sing, what dance

someone is going to perform, and what surprise act might work its way into the show (everyone's looking at you, Mr. Kippely).

Every year, the talent show includes the standard acts, such as singing and playing an instrument. Nevertheless, these acts still stir up a lot of excitement—especially the finale with the return of the Bob Gill Band. This year the

band consists of seniors Nolan Ortbahn, Nate Hill, Kara Brusven, and junior Sami Gortmaker. Oh, and don't forget the infamous Bob Gill himself.

Many other participants will be sharing their musical talents as well. Sophomore Sabrina Kintz will be playing piano, and freshman Eli Houdyshell, juniors Judah McKinley and Carsten Mueller, and

seniors Nate Hill and Nolan Ortbahn will be singing together.

Many out-of-the-box auditions appeared this year which always promises an exciting show. For example, junior Chloe Ryan, freshman Isaiah Hand and senior Brittani Snow did a board breaking act.

The two responsible for the talent show are Mr. Bauck and Ms. McKeithan, who decide

which performances are fit for the big night.

Whether participants prepared for a half hour or a few hours, each performer has put a lot of work into preparing for both their auditions and the show itself. If you want to see all the acts mentioned and even more, make sure to be in the theater at 7 p.m. on February 23 for the talent show.

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Shoutouts by Steph

We are one month into the new year, and with no surprise, it seems as if more and more amazing people at Riggs are popping up. One would think that I may run out of people to give a shoutout to, but that is completely incorrect. So let me begin.

My first shoutout this month goes to the Oahe Capitals boys hockey team. If you weren't aware, the

team put on a night called Pink the Rink on January 7. Of course they played a hock-

ey game, but they also raised close to \$4,000 for cancer. Not only did they show a great deal

of kindness, but they set an example for all to give to others. They may be tough hockey guys, but they obviously have a heart. Thank you for thinking of others.

It is no secret that KOH is right around the corner. So here's a shoutout to all the KOH candidates. Those candidates from Riggs are Connor Gerber,

Trey Dravland, Brody Hultman, Drew Norwick, Bradley Dean, Aaron Hoelscher, Nolan Ortbahn, Jordan Lutmer, Andrew VanGergen and Spencer Sarriagar. They are all very deserving of this nomination and have proved themselves to get to this position. Definitely go to the dance and support them.

My last shoutout goes to our previous resource officer, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has unfortunately decided not to continue his presence at Riggs, but that doesn't mean that he doesn't deserve some credit. Mr. Johnson is one the kindest, most thought-

ful and welcoming individuals I know. He reaches out to students, and he wants to help and

make them feel like they are cared for. Mr. Johnson goes above and beyond for others, especially those at Riggs. He is an excellent role model in our school and community, and his presence will be greatly missed. Best of luck, Mr. Johnson!

Riggs continues to shine more and more with each month, and it makes me so happy! Please continue to strive to do the best thing for those around you. I can guarantee you that it will be worth it.



Capital hockey players all "pinked" out for their Pink the Rink night. (Todd Thompson)

Surviving the Fifty Shades of Winter

Hello to you all, Welcome to the dog days of winter! The holidays are over, and now we begin the long, cold march to spring. Our world almost seems to be in different shades of gray (no, not fifty). Our outside world is monochrome, but that doesn't mean your wardrobe has to be. Although the weather outside might be icy and cold, your fashion sense doesn't have to freeze over.

After what was probably too much holiday spending, the very last thing you want to do is go shopping. Shopping

will only add to your debt and minimally help your closet. As usual, I've got some tips that could possibly be helpful to you and that might just pull you out of your winter gloom.

Tip #1: Avoid black and other monochromatic colors. Yes, I understand that this is extremely hard. I am not even going to try and say that I am not guilty of breaking this tip at times. The majority of us is most comfortable in black. It's easy and practically stainless. Black goes with everything, and most like-

ly it's the color of your soul. Although it's an easy color to work with, it can make us look like the walking dead with our pale winter skin, not to mention the fact that it can get boring after a while. Instead of dressing like lifeless zombies, let's add some color to this frozen tundra. Nothing too bright because it is still winter, but jewel tones such as maroon, olive green or even dark purple are totally in. They are mut-

ed enough to be acceptable, but just as effortless as black and equally as flattering.

Tip#2: Accessorize. I've given this advice before, and I am more

than willing to give it again. We all get lazy and for-

get that we can add to our daily outfits. Accessories are important! If you are dead set on not following tips #1 (we all have a soft spot for black clothing), this tip might be more suit-

The Basic Blonde FASHION

EDITORIAL

ed to you. We all get lazy—especially when it's cold and dark in the morning—but a little accessorizing never hurt anyone. Even if it's a simple gold chain necklace or some fun earrings, it can really make a difference.

Tip #3: Inspire yourself! In the age of smartphones and social media, the world is at our fingertips. If you're feeling stuck with your style, there is nothing wrong with looking for fashion inspiration online. Sites such as Pinterest, Instagram, Polyvore, spe-

cific fashion blogs and even magazines can provide tons of inspiration. You can use this inspiration to fix your drab winter wardrobe, but always remember to make it your own. There is really no need to fear the grayness of winter. With these pointers from your self-proclaimed expert (hardly), you can hopefully avoid the winter fashion funk. After all, life is way too short to wear boring clothes. So bring on the snow and ice; they may put your cars in a rut, but not you.

How Do I...KOH?

Dear Ava & Ally,
I'm a senior and I have never been to KOH. I really want to go this year since it's my last chance. A group of friends have invited me to go, and I also want to take a date. The problem is I don't have any guy friends.

**Ava and Ally
ADVICE**

How do I approach the situation and not make it awkward? Also, how do I go to KOH and have fun at the same time without becoming stressed? Sincerely, Unsure Senior.

Dear Unsure Senior,
We can see why you are adamant on attending this year. There has definitely been a ton of hype this year, and the masquerade anniversary is certainly a crowd-pleaser. We can also understand your hesitation—KOH can be extremely stressful and confusing.

Do you have to pick up your date? Buy two tickets? Groups? Gluten? Corsages? Dress? Pictures? Pant-suit? Toe shoes or high heels? Scarf? Pockets? These are all questions we have asked ourselves at some point or another during this time of year.

The answer to all of these questions is simple: do what makes you comfortable and most of all happy. We all want to have a good time, and if you

are not comfortable then there is no reason for you to be putting yourself through it. For example, if you want to wear a pantsuit with toe shoes and your date doesn't want you to, you can either

go stag with your group or let your date

deal with it. Moreover, if your date is gluten free and they are trying to control what you eat, drop them. They don't have the power or the right to control you unless you give it to them.

Now onto the actual date part. Again, choose someone with whom you are comfortable. If you are not having a good time, you will regret even going through the trouble. Also, it is not all that uncommon to go solo. Though it may not seem like it, many more people go alone more than you probably realize.

As for stress, it's going to be there no matter what you do. Controlling it will make all the difference. You should take time for yourself and remember that the whole point of the dance is to give us teenagers an opportunity to bond and have fun.

Good luck with your endeavours, and we hope to see you at KOH.

-Ava and Ally

Taking an Underground Railroad

"Stolen bodies working stolen land. It was an engine that did not stop, its hungry boiler fed with blood."

This quote is one of the many ways

author Colson Whitehead describes slavery in his novel *The Underground Railroad*.

The book follows Cora, a slave in Georgia, who is an outcast on her plantation after her mother disappears. She is approached one day by Caesar, a new slave from Virginia, who talks to her about running away. Attempting to escape is the worst crime a slave could commit, and it is punished with a slow, painful death. Cora has seen slaves punished before in many different gruesome ways, tor-

tured for days before an excruciatingly painful death, but the lure of freedom is stronger than the threat of punishment and Cora and Caesar set out on the

Underground Railroad toward their freedom.

The journey is full of twists and turns for the pair, as they meet new friends, adopt different identities and elude the slave hunters that are looking for them.

Told mainly from Cora's perspective, *The Underground Railroad* paints a gruesome yet honest picture of slavery and the prejudice against African-Americans in the South. The novel portrays the railroad as an actual rail-

road that snakes through tunnels and stations that leads all the way to freedom in the North.

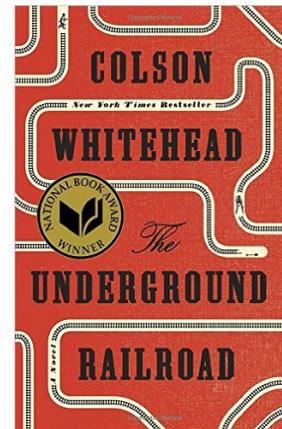
While the depiction of the railroad may be a bit more on the fictional side, the account of slavery and the tortures that slaves underwent

is accurate. This book doesn't skimp on the details of the punishments and deaths of slaves and the unpleasant realities of the South that are sometimes forgotten.

The book also contains some graphic language that, while unacceptable today, was used commonly in that time period. The style of writing draws you into the story and makes the pages fly by.

The plot never has a dull chapter, and though the changes in narrators can be a bit confusing at times, the story is told quite well.

While this book is not for the squeamish, once you read it you will be able to see why it is not only a Goodreads Choice winner, but also a National Book Award recipient.



**Moina Syed
BOOK REVIEW**

An Exciting Start to Legislative Session

The South Dakota state legislature began its 2017 session January 10 at the State Capitol in Pierre. I know what you're thinking: this is going to be a boring article about stuff you don't care about. And you could be right. But somewhere among the many boring bills about budgets and government agencies, a few interesting ones are hiding.

This year legislators have introduced bills relating everything from drones and hair braiding to gun carrying rights, drugs and alcohol and even the controversial bathroom bill. One bill that has already passed

the Senate would allow people to own drones weighing less than fifty-five pounds without registering them with the state. That's right, you yourself could be the proud new owner of a brand new unmanned aircraft system.

Another bill, HB 1048, would allow salons to operate without a license if they only do "natural" hair braiding. The bill allows natural hair braiding to include cornrows, beading, extensions, weaves and other hairdos. HB 1048 has passed both houses.

One bill would allow "constitutional carry," or the right to carry a concealed pistol without permit— Wild West-style.

And of course the bathroom bill, which would require those using bathrooms and locker rooms in public schools to use the one corresponding to their biological sex. Last year, a similar bill passed both houses but was vetoed by Governor Dugaard. This bathroom issue is sure to become increasingly controversial as session continues.

**Amanda Pugh
POLITICS**

The most disputed issue so far is Initiated Measure 22, passed by the people of South Dakota this November with a little over fifty-one percent of the vote. IM 22 requires candidates to report campaign finances, as well as limit donations. Republican lawmakers have called the initiative sloppy and unconstitutional, and several measures have been introduced to improve or repeal this law.

As the legislative session continues, we will see which bills succeed, which fail and which become hard fought battles lasting to the bitter end.

The Class of 2017 Prepares to Say Goodbye Riggs, Hello World

By Gracie Jones and Tayler Larsen

Four years, 24 months, 720 days, 5,040 hours, high school appears to consume a student's life—until it's over in a blink of an eye. Seniors in their last semester of high school are frantically attempting to get their future plans in order. Visiting post-secondary schools, applying for scholarships and preparing to say goodbye utilizes what little free time seniors have.

Senior year also introduces new challenges and decisions that will affect a student's life forever. The often asked question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" is no longer a far off concept, but a strikingly close reality. The comfort and normality of Pierre, South Dakota, is soon to be a memory for most graduating seniors. Some seniors know exactly where they plan to go and what they plan to do. For others, those commitments are not so finalized. The majority of the class of 2017 of T.F. Riggs plans to go to a post-secondary school. The motivation, however, for selecting a school differs between each person.

For Aric Williams and Tori Thorpe, continuing their sports careers was a no-brainer. Thorpe said, "I just like soccer so much and I

couldn't give up all my sports going into college."

In Williams's case, the coaxing of a coach and personal motivation influenced his decision to wrestle in college.



Tori Thorpe will continue her soccer career at Northern State University. (Bob Grandpre)

"Lewis and I talked about it and he knew what my work ethic was and he knew I didn't hate the sport. I didn't want to go into college not doing a sport because

that's what I do everyday and I have to work for a goal." Williams said.

Athletics, however, is not the only component that has bearing on a student's life choices. Numerous other factors come into play, such as the location of the school. Emma Barton has decided to go to Arizona State University in the fall.

"I want to go out of state because I want to go to a new place, get out of South Dakota, and just experience new things. I am going to Arizona because there are more opportunities down there, and it is someplace I want to go," Barton claimed.

Tate Johnson, on the other hand, chose to go in-state due to a few perks.

"It's cheaper and closer to family," Johnson

said.

Choosing a postsecondary school, however, is not a small ordeal, as many elements are to be weighed beforehand. Jaden Griese, who has chosen to go to a two-year school, said, "I think that I will mature a lot more only going for two years and then going out into the real world."

A four-year school is not the only option, two-year schools also offer many benefits and should be brought into consideration.

On the contrary, Payton Isburg, who plans to go to a four-year school stated that he wants to go, "Wherever they offer my major."

Packing up and taking one last glance in the rearview mirror, students may not realize



Many seniors fill the student section during a home basketball game. (Todd Thompson)

all of the things they will miss. To some of the people growing up in Pierre, it does not always seem like the ideal place to live; they often wish to travel and experience new opportunities elsewhere. Even so, once the time comes,

they realize how much this small town has impacted their lives. It's impossible for students to replace the things they leave behind as they search for small pieces of home in their daily routines.

For instance, cafeteria food may be easily accessible, but Williams predicted he will miss his mom's cooked food the most. Ordinary things, like a home-cooked meal, are infrequent in college.

Game days comprising of Governor pride are held closely in the hearts of many. "I will miss going to sporting events the most," Isburg said.

And many hometown adventures will be difficult to abandon as well. For example, when being asked what his hardest last was, Jaden Griese said, "Govmobiling by far."

Perhaps new experiences in new places will make up for the things they miss about Pierre.

Growing up in Pierre, students see the same people everyday from the first day of middle school to the last day of high school. Who people surround

themselves with influences who they are. Many do not stay in the lives of their friends from high school. Barton, however, feels differently.

"Obviously it will be difficult but I talk to

my friends everyday and we already know that we are going to stay in touch. So I don't think it will be that hard. It'll only give us something to look forward to, like, Christmas break and stuff," Barton said.

Separation from the people who matter can be easily overcome with mutual efforts on both sides. But saying goodbye is never an easy task, and it can be the hardest part of leaving.

As senior year comes to a close for a fourth of T.F. Riggs, seniors are without a doubt experiencing the demanding nature of their year. Time, money and emotions are messed with more than in their previous years of high school.

"Senior year is going so fast; everything is going so fast. And scholarships, that's the most stressful part." Thorpe said.

Despite the hardships of senior year, from Emma Barton's perspective, she said, "I just want to have fun and enjoy it [senior year]. Just experience it with my friends, mainly because I know I am going to miss them."

The future is uncertain and saying goodbye to high school is an obstacle, but every student must do it eventually. It would be far easier to always be encompassed by childhood normalities and always be surrounded by familiar people. But part of growing up is undergoing this uncertain adjustment and branching out of comfort zones. Everyone has different plans, intentions and perspectives about their future lives. Not one person knows exactly where their former lab partner, teammate or locker neighbor will be in the next 10 years. No one can know exactly where he or she will be or what he or she will be doing, but, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "In the end, it's not the years in a life. It's the life in the years."

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What's hot and what's not this month

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| ...New Year shopping sales | ...No more Christmas tunes |
| ...Having a snow day | ... "New Year, New Me" |
| ...Our basketball teams | ...Homework |
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| ...Cute KOH asks | ...Worrying about the future (seniors) |
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Pierre Swim Team Dives Past Competition

By Nathan Zimmerman

The Pierre Swim Team (PST) has been quite successful so far this season.

With all their hard work throughout the summer and pre-season training, PST has kept their competitiveness and shown that their training has paid off. One notable team victory was earning first place as a team at the Mitchell meet held in Pierre.

One member that has played a notable part in

the team's success is junior Evan Rumrill. Rumrill compared the current PST team to those in the past.

just trying to build back up and maybe even win state again," Rumrill said.

Senior Kylie Light has also contributed a great amount of success to the team, especially for the women's side of the team. Light explained the team's strenuous practices that set them up for success in

drill work to get the good technique down," Light said.

4,000 yards may not seem like much, but 4,000 yards is actually about 2.27 miles, which is a distance that most people have a hard time even running. Swim team is definitely not for the weak.

Pierre's swim team has had a great amount of

progress in past seasons and looks to keep the high places rolling in. The team is planning to do big things at the state meet on March 3-5 in Aberdeen. Come out to support your hometown and bleed green!



Senior Trey Dravland strokes past his competitors to reach the finish. (Todd Thompson)

"I'd say that we're up there with the other teams, but we've lost a few pretty good swimmers in the last couple of years. We're

meets.

"We pretty much do around 4,000 yards or so with a hard workout to build endurance and some



Freshman Morgan Jones continues strong in her race at the Mitchell swim meet. (Todd Thompson)

Girls Hockey Interview: Caryn Brakke

Q: How has the team's season been going?

A: Overall I think our season has been going well. We've won some crucial games that have really helped us in the standings. I think right now we are tied for 4th seed, and we still have two league games left that we can hopefully win and take over the 4th place rank.

Q: What is the team's strongest attribute?

A: I believe our strongest at-

tribute is that we are able to adjust to change. Our lines have been switched around multiple times throughout the season and sometimes during games, and we are still able to play as a team.

Q: How does the state tournament look for the Lady Caps?

A: Looking at the state tournament, I don't think there is any reason we should not finish in the top half of the bracket.

Q: What is your favorite hockey memory?

A: My favorite hockey memory is from when I was a mite (around seven-years-old), and I got my first penalty. I didn't know what was going on or what I did wrong, so when the ref took me to the penalty box I just started crying and couldn't stop. All of the other boys on my team looked at me like I was crazy.

Best of luck to the Lady Caps!



Senior Caryn Brakke looks up the ice for a teammate to pass the puck to. (Todd Thompson)

Pierre Pins Down Multiple Tournament Wins

By Nathan Zimmerman

Pierre's wrestling team has been one of the most feared teams in the state this

season as they came in as second in the rankings as of January 17. One of Pierre's most notable duals was against the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles, who are in the top spot as

a team. The matchup was tight throughout the whole matchup, but it came down to a tiebreaker that led to an Aberdeen victory. This heartbreaker, however, hasn't held back Pierre's team as they

won the Bismarck Rotary with a total of 222 points, and they went undefeated at the East vs. West Duals.

One of the top wrestlers for Pierre is senior Aric Williams. Wil-



Junior Michael Lusk defeats his opponent from Rapid City Central 11-0 in the East vs. West Duals. (Todd Thompson)

liams, wrestling at 145 pounds, is committed to wrestle at South Dakota State University next year. He described his training process during the season compared to what it's like in the off-season.

"In the off-season I lift four to five times a week and try to maintain cardio. I lift to gain muscle with heavier lifts to increase weight. During the season, cardio kind of takes care of itself, but I will do agility workouts to help with cardio, balance and speed. For my lifts I go light in weight but high reps to maintain my muscle strength, and then I can pick up where I left off in the postseason.

Not a whole lot changes because there really isn't an 'off-season'," Williams said.

Another one of Pierre's top notch wrestlers is senior Spencer Sarringar. Sarringar, wrestling at 195 pounds, explained his mindset the day of

a match. "I try not to think too much about

the match. For me, if I think about a match for too long, I start to get nervous. When I get nervous, I don't wrestle very well. I just try to keep my mind off of it until around 10 minutes before my match," Sarringar said.

T.F. Riggs has always been a tough force when it comes to wrestling. Pierre has won four team state championships since 2012 and is looking to make a three-peat in 2017. You can



Freshman Jack Van Camp tries to find a move in a dual against the Brookings Bobcats. (Todd Thompson)

catch Pierre at the Region 3A Tournament on February 18 in Mitchell.

Boys Hockey Interview: Jaden Griese

Q: How has the season been going for the varsity team?

A: The Capitals' season is going well so far. It has had its ups and downs, but for the most part it is going very good. We are 10-4-1 and hope to get that 10 wins to 13 wins.

Q: What is the team's strongest attribute?

A: The team's strongest attribute is the willpower to not give up. No matter how tough the going gets, we all come together and pick each other up.

Q: How does the state tournament look for the boys varsity team?

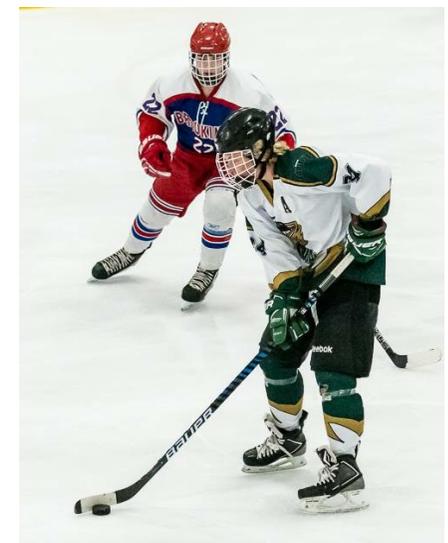
A: We are hoping to go into the state tournament 3rd in the rankings. If we lose two more games, then we will most likely move down to 4th place. Hope for the best!

Q: What is your favorite hockey memory?

A: My favorite hockey memory was during first-year Bantams when we hosted the state tournament in Pierre. It was third period, and Brookings was up 1-0 in the semi-final game, and I got a penalty shot. I took it down the ice with the

building completely silent, deked the goalie out and scored. The building went crazy, and the score was tied 1-1.

Good luck with the rest of your season, Caps! We are rooting for you.



Senior Jaden Griese moves the puck down the ice. (Todd Thompson)

Sudoku

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Sibling Rivalry: Claire (11) vs. Natalie (9) Mohr

Who is funnier?

Natalie: Me. Me as a person, I am WAY funnier.

Claire: I am, I have a reputation for it.

Claire: Yeah, I hide from them.

Nat: I stay up talking to them while you just hide in you room.

Claire: "read at 4:48"

Do either of you get tan in the summer?

Natalie: I do, me. I get a little darker than the average Claire.

Claire: Casper the Ghost over here.

Who loves animals more?

Nat: I have my own personal pet—he's a fish named dood.

Claire: I have a plant named Herbert.

How do you feel about America's future?

Nat: If America needs to be great..vote me!
Natalie 2020

Claire: I'd rather have Kanye

Natalie chokes Claire

Who is the parent's favorite?

Natalie: Me, because they actually know I'm here; I don't hide from them.

How to Play Mystery Man and Woman: Think you know who the mystery man or woman is? Go put your guess in the box in the office. If your guess is correct, you will have a chance to win a prize!

Mystery Man



Best part of senior year?

Getting ready to start a new chapter.

Coke or Pepsi?

Coke

Favorite class of the day? Why?

AP Government; I get to hear Mr. Kurth tell stories from the "good ole days."

What can't you leave the house without?

My HydroFlask

Most defining characteristic?

I am argumentative.

Mystery Woman



**HINT:
THIS
MONTH'S
MAN AND
WOMAN
ARE BOTH
SENIORS!**

Best part of senior year?

Get togethers.

Coke or Pepsi?

Pepsi

Favorite class of the day? Why?

I only have three, so if I had to choose... Youth Internship... I highly recommend.

What can't you leave the house without?

My car?

Most defining characteristic?

My sass.