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All Rise

By Katie Eckert

After its long hiatus, Seabury students are again participating in one of the school's most important rituals: in-person Morning Meeting. Relaxed pandemic restrictions now allow all the students and faculty on campus to gather in one room to share announcements and rise together in prayer. While it has only been a little over a year since the last in-person Morning Meeting, it has been nearly two since it was held in the commons due to construction.

For eighth grader Xavier Klish, this is definitely an improvement to the prior set up. "[I like] how quickly the teachers can make their announcements without any sort of confusion and communication [errors] through Zoom,

because that seemed to happen a lot," he says. He also enjoys getting to be in one room together. "I kind of like it a little better because you get to see your whole grade," he says. "Since they're all there, you don't miss anybody, and everybody has a communal feel."

Faculty member Don Meier also remembers a Morning Meeting before the pandemic, but this is his first time experiencing it in the Commons. "I think the best part for me was . . . getting that opportunity before school to see the other individuals on faculty," he says, "and then, after we come out and sit down, to be able to see the school as a whole. The structure and the ritual of it I think is important."

While many students

and teachers enjoy the return to normal, some students are experiencing their first traditional Morning Meeting ever, like sixth grader Hayden Koch. "I thought it was going to be like something where we all went to the gym, and we all had to sit on the bleachers," says Koch. She was pleasantly surprised about getting to sit with her grade, and her favorite part is hearing the different and diverse announcements: "When [teachers] do the poetry thing, it's really funny to hear them do that."

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Seabury's students and faculty, all sorts of long-loved traditions are coming back into the program. Students and teachers look forward to further steps towards relative normalcy.



Sophomores Myles Roggero and Pancho Metz set up chairs for Morning Meeting. Every year the sophomores are tasked with Morning Meeting setup; however, the current juniors got away with doing the bare minimum.

Growing Together

By Sage McHenry

The end of the semester is a busy time of year, and it can be hard for students to take on more work. That didn't stop 25 Seabury students from signing up for this year's inaugural Diversity Student Leadership Conference, which Bishop Seabury held on May 5th along with the other Lawrence Public High Schools.

As far as content goes, the conference consisted of three main parts. "We have a national speaker, Dr. Jamie Washington, who will speak to action and responsibility that we must take to make a positive difference," says Robert Page, a Seabury parent who helped organize the conference. "We also have several workshops that provide students with founda-

tional principles of diversity theory. Then the highlight of the day will be the opportunity for students to break into groups and discuss what are the next steps."

As for how the idea for a conference originated, faculty member Leslie McCaffrey says, "Mr. Page came [to school] one evening and did a training for some students. They talked about ideas for this year and what they wanted to do, and this was one of the ideas."

During this year's conference, the majority of the material and discussion focused on race relations, but in future years other topics will be on the agenda. "We have actually been approached by other school

districts outside of Lawrence that want to do this, and so I am hopeful that it will be even bigger than just Lawrence schools in future years," says McCaffrey.

The conference is a great opportunity for students to grow together and learn how to be active members of a more inclusive community. "I think it is our goal that students engage and leave with a sense of action; that they encourage and involve themselves in making a difference in their communities and at Bishop Seabury when it comes to treating others with dignity and respect," says Page.

Bishop RunBury

By Campbell Helling

In 2019, Bishop Seabury saw the emergence of several new sports programs, among them middle school track and field. As Morning Meeting announcements have made clear, the new team has had a very successful inaugural season. "We were able to get in three pretty good meets," says coach Brian Anderson, "and next year we're going to try and get more." He had scheduled three meets in 2019, but because they were all rained-out, no runners competed that year.

Although the middle-schoolers compete on real tracks, they do not practice on them. That's a struggle, according to Anderson: "We [used] that grass track that I had for awhile, but then it started raining and it kind of

put that out...The hardest part is getting on a track." Another challenge regards the younger runners. "The sixth graders...have to compete against eighth graders and seventh graders," Anderson says, making it harder for those younger students to medal and place.

Despite these difficulties, the team has experienced quite a bit of success. Mirroring the infamous Morning Meeting announcements, Anderson says, "They're all getting PR's and season bests and stuff like that." They are also not foreign to breaking school and meet records either, as mentioned in many Morning Meetings.

Although the young runners have experienced some difficulties, they are clearly killing it. Congrats to the new middle school track team!

BSA POV

By Edie Patterson

During the winter, the U.S. saw historically low rates of flu transmission, due primarily to COVID procedures, particularly mask wearing. As more people get vaccinated and a post-pandemic world nears, some wonder: having seen the advantages and disadvantages of masks, should people continue wearing masks after the pandemic?

"Although I am now fully vaccinated, it is honestly weird to think about not wearing a mask," says junior Shea Hanna. "I think if someday I'm not feeling super good I'll put a mask on." She adds, "I will definitely be wearing masks on planes for a long time." While she thinks that masks will be around for a while, Hanna is still excited to attend concerts and larger events after restrictions loosen.

Many at Seabury are looking forward to similar things in the future, but some have different views on wearing masks during events. "I would be comfortable going in public without a mask, as long as the other people around me are comfortable with it as well," says sophomore Noah Luke. "With the 99% recovery probability for

young people, I'm not very concerned about contracting the virus." When asked what he is excited to do post-Covid, Luke says, "I am looking forward to going back into arenas and stadiums at full capacity for both sports games and concerts."

Douglas County officials are not quite ready to loosen up restrictions. Recently, they extended the mask order for public businesses. "[People visiting] public businesses should wear masks until everyone has the vaccine," sixth grader Charlie Maples says.

Student opinions differ on when mask policies should be loosened. "I think it's okay to relax some of the policies, because lots of people are getting vaccinated, but...it's important to remember that this is still happening and could still get worse," says seventh grader Madeline Williams. Although mask wearing will no longer be enforced after cases decline further, most students agree that masks will still be useful and beneficial in the future.

Mr. Gollier's Weather Corner



Happy May everyone....how is everyone doing???

So....what can we expect for weather in May.....

Overall it will be a bit on the drier side. We will have some chances of good rains but overall we will miss more than hits. A prime example is this past Monday and Tuesday....we should have had at least an inch of rain but wound up with basically nothing. For those of you into gardening, we will squeak by and get enough moisture but chances

of a pond filling rain is pretty low. (even the rain Tuesday where everyone played outside did not run that much)

Temperature wise we will be right around average....there will be 3-4 very warm days but those will be offset by 3-5 days of pretty cool weather....consider last week with 2-3 days in the 60's.

We are just not in the right spot in this pattern to get constant exciting weather....we will have some at times but overall we will be on the outside looking in.

ROADRUNNER

By Evan McHenry

Album



The iconic self-proclaimed boyband, Brockhampton, is back with their sixth studio album, "ROADRUNNER: NEW LIGHT, NEW MACHINE." The preceding full album, 2019's "GINGER," was a downcast, slow-burning meditation on the group's issues. While it was a great project, it left many fans missing the in-your-face enthusiasm and pace that brought the group into the mainstream and was present in the "SATURATION" trilogy.

On previous albums, the boyband has relied on its large cast of members and included virtually no other artists outside of the group. This makes sense, as their current lineup provides a great amount of sonic diversity as is. However, on "ROADRUNNER," there are several well-chosen features. Danny Brown delivers some good and unexpected bars on "BUZZCUT," the opening track, which has a style that harks back to the fast-paced bangers "SATURATION" fans remember fondly.

Despite the fresh and fast tracks on the album, it would be impossible to ignore one of the other central

themes: grief. On "THE LIGHT," Joba opens up about his father's recent death and offers a frantic and heartbreaking verse. A mix of distorted electric guitar samples and drums form the instrumental. The best track on the album is "OLD NEWS." A subtle guitar hook guides various auto tuned vocals from Jabari Manwa and Matt Champion. "OLD NEWS" feels as though Brockhampton have realized their full potential, given their vast array of talent, and channeled it into a silky smooth track.

Overall, "ROADRUNNER" is certainly another step forward for the group. However, its main shortcoming is a recurring one: the group is massively talented and large, and sometimes it feels as if they aren't capitalizing on their full potential. This group is capable of producing some transcendentally good tracks, but at times it feels like they're resting on their laurels somewhat, and so it will be interesting to see in which direction they decide to go on their next project.

Lucky Seb's

By Matthew Petillo

Restaurant



Lucky Seb's Dumpling Bar and Grill occupies an out-of-the-way space right off the corner of 23rd and Iowa. It currently splits the rented space with La Estrella, a taco joint and Mexican grocery store, which is currently renovating its own space elsewhere in town. It is notable for its schedule (it only opens Friday and Saturday currently), handmade interior or decoration that is reminiscent of a backstreet restaurant and ever-changing menu with crazy dumplings. After eating here, I'm surprised that the restaurant isn't more popular. Although new--Lucky Seb's opened on March 5th--it serves some of the best food that I have ever had in Lawrence.

Ordering my food was quick and easy; they have a counter where you order, and then you take a seat and they bring your food to you. Alternatively, they offer takeout services and outdoor seating for those who aren't yet comfortable with eating indoors. Sitting at the bar, you can see the food made right in front of you, fresh and to order. I spoke to the owner, Will Soo, who was giving instructions to

first-time soup dumpling eaters, and he was incredibly friendly.

The restaurant focuses primarily on dumplings. The night I went there, they offered their two staples--pork and vegetable--and a special, the pho soup dumplings. I ordered the pork and pho soup dumplings. They were absolutely delicious. These aren't your typical gyoza--rather, they are thick skinned, absolutely full of meaty and soupy goodness. I also tried the XO fried rice, which included fried chicken. It was, without a doubt, the best fried rice I have ever had, despite its' heart-attack-inducing sauces and ingredients. Instead of using traditional long grain white rice, Seb's uses medium grain brown rice, which gives it a pleasant creamy flavor. They also serve soup, which changes weekly. They say that you can tell the quality of a restaurant by its soup, and by that standard, the roasted red pepper and tomato soup that I tasted proves that this restaurant is outstanding.

Even if you only go for the dumplings, go to Lucky Seb's. You're missing out on something unique and amazing by skipping this restaurant.

Editorials

Should Seabury Live Die?

Editors discuss Seabury Live for the upcoming year.

By Lyle Griggs

Since last March, it seems like every one of my editorials has been COVID-19-related. Just like everyone else, I'm tired of the pandemic and those tired editorials. Still, I have one more relevant issue to discuss before I head out: the future of remote instruction.

Some changes made to adapt to the pandemic may turn out to be permanent; some are overwhelmingly positive, and we should consider changing our behavior to reflect that. But our rapid, necessary switch to virtual instruction was not a happy accident. As well as Seabury handled the situation, this past year demonstrated the ineffectiveness of remote learning.

Although most of us have been in person since September, virtual instruction and learning didn't stop entirely with our return to campus last fall, as we all know. Given the circum-

stances, administrators should absolutely have granted that dispensation; health concerns should come first. Still, my experience and that of my peers confirms that virtual class just doesn't work.

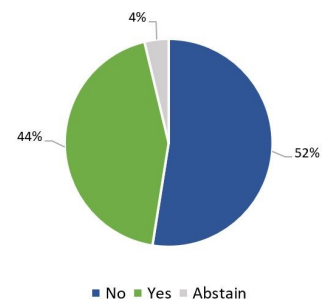
Although tech issues can disrupt virtual learning environments, these hiccups are now minimally disruptive. The main problem is with the classroom environment that virtual instruction creates. I've experienced both sides of the virtual coin --as a student on Seabury Live and as an in-person student with a virtual teacher --and I know that I'm much less focused and motivated in both environments. Distractions are everywhere, and it's difficult for teachers to keep their distant pupils engaged. In a virtual learning environment, I'm a terrible student, and I'm far from the only student who has struggled with this.



This year's circumstances were certainly extenuating, but virtual instruction and learning should be preserved in the future only as an option of last resort. We need the disciplined, focused learning environments that fully in-person classrooms can provide.

Seabury Statistics

Should We Keep Seabury LIVE as an Option Moving Forward?



Photos of the Issue

By Cadence Cheng



Senior Addie Bay plays the ukulele during Sleep Outside. Bay said her favorite part about Sleep Outside was hearing loud snoring coming from an anonymous source on the couch in Ms. Meyers room.

By Anna Johnson



Senior Harrison Hartzler prepares to set the ball. The boys volleyball team played and won their first trio game.

Horoscopes



Aquarius

Aquarius (January 20-February 18):

What if algebra was spelled algebruh that would be a little funny i think a little



Pisces

Pisces (February 19-March 20):

A piece of you will always be out there, running, like worms from birds during a torrential downpour



Aries

Aries (March 21-April 19):

headmaster's holiday. that's it. that's the joke.



Taurus

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

I think we should tango together. Lucifer can teach us!



Gemini

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Seabury life hack: if you draw a picture of Mr. Gollier on your finals, your teachers HAVE to give you an A+



Cancer

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

in a british voice

RIP Michael Jackson, you would have loved Doja Cat. RIP, Love.



Leo

Leo (July 23-August 22):

Most important thing you've learned from school? The Sexiest man alive, hands down.



Virgo

Virgo (August 23-September 22):

ngl I bet the bees are just LIVING right now. Absolutely vivacious.



Libra

Libra (September 23-October 22):

Sometimes in life you just have to quench your eyes with the tears of your enemies. It is what it is.



Scorpio

Scorpio (October 23-November 21):

Once upon a time, I had a sponge for a brain named Crayon. It kept blasting Taylor Swift. Help me. It keeps blasting Taylor Swift. I love it though. MAYBE WE GOT LOST IN TRANSLATION MAYBE



Sagittarius

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):

Rest In Peace dr Seuss i had no idea you were a real person i just googled you when you died tbh i thought dr Seuss was the cat with the big hat



Capricorn

Capricorn (December 22-January 19):

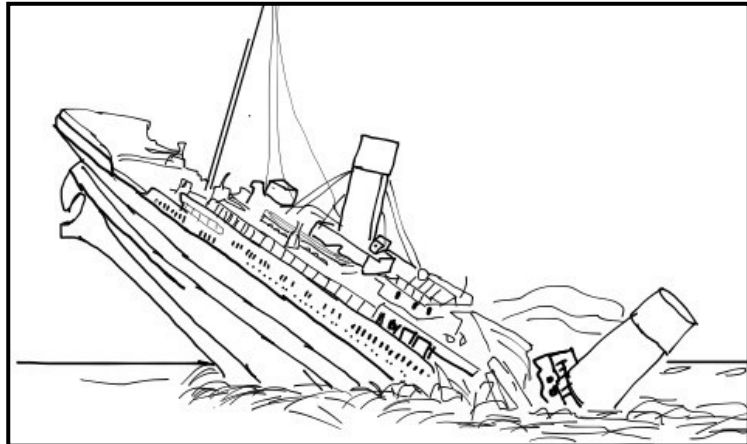
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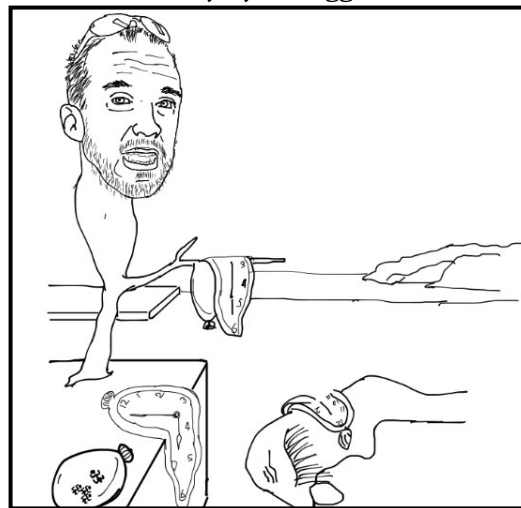
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"The new building addition during its first rain storm."

By Lyle Griggs



"The Persistence of Pulsinelli"

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