

# BROADSIDE

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL

## Upcoming Events

*Weekends of 03, 10 December 2016:*

Christmas Tree/Wreath Sale

*Wednesday 07 December 2016:*

7:00 pm - Jubilee Band Concert

*Friday 09 December 2016:*

10:45 am - Chorus @ DHMC

*Tuesday 13 December 2016:*

8:00 am - Foreign Language Poetry Recitation Contest

*Saturday 17 December 2016:*

8:30 pm - Holiday Dance (Jr. Sr. only)

*Thursday 22 December 2016:*

Holiday Break begins



The Young Progressive Activists Club advocates for nationwide social issues

## HHS Club Pushes For Change

by Sadhya Garg ('17)

In the wake of this year’s historical, albeit controversial election, five Hanover High School juniors - Anoushka Alavilli, Ella Lubell, Kate Zegans, Sophie Dunn, and Peter Bynum - decided to form the school’s newest club: the Young Progressive Activists. Created as a means to convert post-election frustrations into positive change, the club advocates for HHS students to get educated and involved in solving the issues that rock the country.

The club draws attention to and fundraises for important social causes throughout the USA. Just this past week, the club hosted a multiple day bake sale in honor of Planned Parenthood, America’s primary organization for women’s reproductive rights. With several vehemently anti-Planned Parenthood politicians likely coming into power in the next few months, raising awareness for the organization has never been more crucial. “We feel that what Planned Parenthood provides - access to birth control and women’s health care - are fundamental human rights. Their importance is emphasized by the correlation between affordable birth control and a decrease in women’s and family poverty,” says a spokesperson for the club. So far, the YPA has raised over \$260.

Planned Parenthood is just the beginning. In addition to volunteering at the WRJ Planned Parenthood facility this week, on December 7th, members of YPA will be attending a hearing to oppose an ordinance that would create a fine for homelessness in Lebanon.

Indeed, the next few years will inevitably stir up many social issues. The Trump presidency both directly and indirectly poses challenges to progressive movements, female reproductive rights included. As such, it’s crucial that America’s youth find venues to channel their passions - to discuss and support the issues that they care about. HHS Young Progressive Activists promises to do just that, through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteering.

The club meets every Friday during Activity Period in room 129. Students are encouraged to participate, whether that means attending meetings, joining the Facebook group, or volunteering at events. “If you’re interested in the discussion and organization aspect of the club, then stopping by our meetings is the best bet,” says Alavilli, “But, if you just want to participate in the events, feel free to contact any of our club leaders, and we will add you to the email list to keep you posted.”

So bring your voices, your passions, your post election frustrations, and do some good.

## Tis’ The Season: Religious Holiday Motion Enters Council

by Hayden Smith ('18)

Council has devoted a large part of its most recent meeting to discussion over whether new legislation should be implemented in the student handbook that would set new rules over the assignment of homework and assessments and the scheduling of co-curricular events over religious holidays. If passed, the current motion would prevent the scheduling of assessments and official co-curricular school functions such as concerts on major religious holidays as well as provide a larger window for students to complete their homework before their holiday.

Freshman Shira Hoffer, who authored the motion with the help the curriculum committee, spoke the Broadside about her reasons for bringing the motion before Council and the intended goals of having the religious

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“Regardless of who wins, there will always be people who are upset”

“I’m mainly just glad that the election is over”

“It was acceptable in ‘08, so why shouldn’t it be acceptable now[?]”

“I am so disappointed in our country”

“The electoral college is an outdated concept and is no longer justifiable to use for our elections”

“I may not enjoy the outcome, but I still believe that the United States is the greatest nation in the world, and that our best days are ahead of us.”

“The electoral college should be abolished. I am beyond mad about the recent election.”

“Time will pass and what will happen will happen, but what we chose to do about it is the changing factor. There is nowhere to look but forward.”

“I think we need to be open minded and give Trump a chance. People are being way too dramatic when they say stuff like ‘I’m ashamed to be a

part of this country”

“I’m happy. Liberals need to get over the fact that they lost. The “tolerant” party is only tolerant with people who agree with them. I’m also pretty sure liberals would be praising the electoral college had it gone the other way, but now that Trump won because of the college they are bashing it. Everyone needs to calm down. It’s gonna be okay”

“White America had nothing to lose in electing Donald Trump. Minorities had

## OPINION BOARD: Election Edition

*by Maxwell Saucier ('17)*

everything.”

“The electoral college was not made to support a two party system and should be abolished. The two party system in general is problematic, but it’s unlikely that this can be changed.”

“After voting in my first presidential election, I can safely say that my voice will always resonate more than my vote. I will never forget this. ‘A sadder man but wiser now, I sing these words to thee.”

“The results terrify me. As a queer woman, I’m facing a

system in which (not half, and not a majority) a lot of people believe that conversion therapy and “grabbing her by the pussy” are both acceptable things. I think this race highlights the divide in our nation, and the necessity to fight (peacefully) to create change.”

“I think people who are dismissing all Trump supporters as stupid racists and acting like they are above Trump supporters is a huge part of the problem.”

“I do find it incredibly frustrating when I hear students saying that because the election wouldn’t affect them, it doesn’t matter or that we’ve survived bad presidents previously...The people who are going to “survive” Trump are the ones who never needed to fear him in the first place.”

“It’s disappointing, but also kind of interesting. I’m very curious about what will happen during Trump’s time as president, but I’m also really scared that women’s rights (as well as minorities) will be thrown away and abortion will be made illegal.”

“I think that it is time to come together, join hands, move to Utah and become a Mormon.”



# HHS Model UN Takes On Montréal

by Clare Abbatiello ('17)

A few weeks ago, Hanover High School Model UN returned from a very successful conference in Montreal. Hosted by McGill University, Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium (SSUNS) is the largest conference that the club attends, with more than 2,000 teenage participants. The members of the delegation of HHS were assigned to various interesting committees, such as an ancient Roman revolt, the African Union, and a British panel on World War II. All members of HHSMUN participated in their committees with great success by writing position papers, conducting extensive research, and exercising their knowledge in Parliamentary Procedure. Complete with a rave-like delegate dance, a series of Mannequin Challenges in each committee, and an endless food court for breaks, SSUNS made for a very memorable 2016 conference.

Model UN is a great way for students to get involved in academic extracurriculars. It combines debate skills, research ability, and various other factors that make for a very challenging, rewarding, and fun environment. Mr. Prince is the club's main advisor at HHS, and he does a great job of leading a group of very eager-to-learn students. HHSMUN meets on Fridays during activity period in Mr. Prince's room. There is often food, mock-caucusing, and general shenanigans among participants during meetings. The club is in the process of planning for its next conference at MIT in February. Anyone interested in international relations can participate, and attending conferences is by no means required. HHSMUN is a very open, welcoming committee that encourages students of all talents to join. If you find yourself free on a Friday, feel free to pop into one of the meetings, and you'll be welcomed with open arms.

Model UN is an extremely gratifying experiences that teaches students to be productive with their time, form close friendships, and enjoy themselves. Members of HHSMUN are from all grades and all academic/social backgrounds. All these things and more make Model UN an environment to express yourself and exercise creativity, in many more ways than one.

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*The Slopes: Photos by Daniel Felde ('17)*

### **CONTINUED FROM P.1...RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY MOTION**

holiday motion passed. She cited a desire to make the school's current work policy accommodating to religiously observant students who might choose to miss school to celebrate important holidays such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday. Hoffer said that she was spurred to create the motion after seeing that the workload and scheduling of assessments and school events made it difficult for multiple students (including herself) to take part in their religious holidays, with some feeling the need to come to school on those holidays because they have so much work. She followed this up by saying that the chief aim of the motion was to relieve religious students of this stress.

On the Council meeting floor, there has been a variety of interpretations of the motion's current language. While there seems to be a general agreement over the spirit of the motion, some feel that introducing legislation on the matter would only introduce more red tape for teachers and that students should meet with their teachers individually instead (as the current rules suggest). However, Hoffer disagreed and responded by saying that while individual arrangements can be made with most teachers fairly easily, some teachers tend to be

less responsive. She emphasized that malice and lack empathy were not the causes but the rather disorganization and that the motion was meant to provide a framework for teachers to make reasonable arrangements with students.

There was also a great deal of debate over the list of holidays that the rules that the motion would bring about apply to. Many felt that the current motion only catered to students from certain religions and would make it appear that the school had an unfair bias while others felt that the motion should be viewed as a "stepping stone" on larger path to accommodation for religious students. Hoffer stated that she agreed more with the latter group, saying that students from other religions would be free to make a case before the school administration if their major holidays were not represented on the list. However, she did mention that it would helpful to add a short amendment that would instruct students on how to have their holidays included on the list.

A copy of the motion can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q4tYbyjvK43Ib47qptRXchN2jM8SXSqNY9im8Nm7R9M/edit>



# HHS Hosts NH History Bowl and Bee

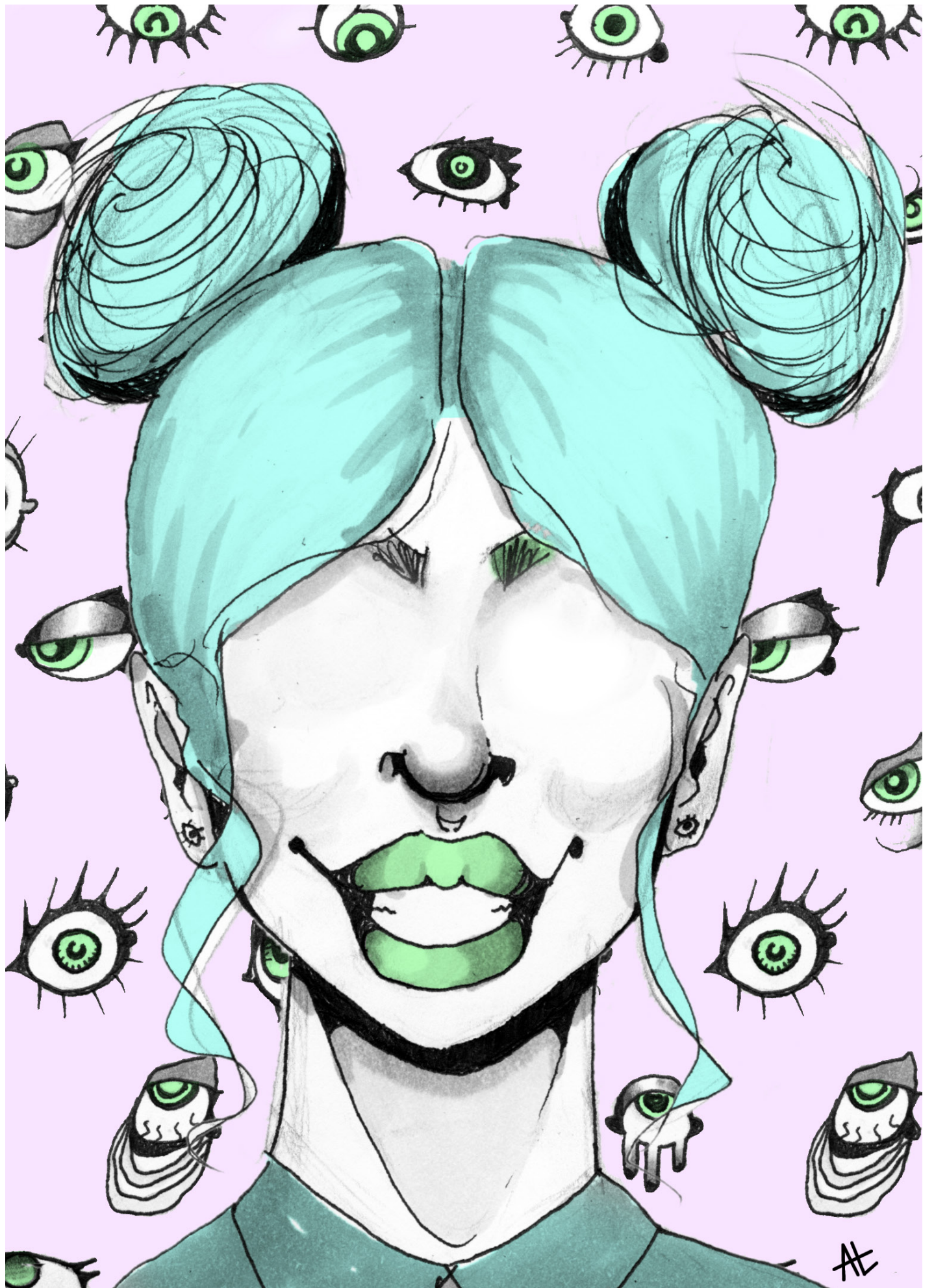
by Hayden Smith ('18)

The school's Quiz Bowl made several trips back in time at the New Hampshire History Bowl and Bee, which was hosted by Hanover High on November 19. Hanover's Quiz Bowl team faced off against teams from across the Granite State including those from Nashua South, Bishop Guertin, ConVal, and Plymouth.

The day began with team versus team rounds that consisted of four quarters, each quarter with its own style of questions; the questions themselves asked about a vast variety of historical subjects, ranging from the battles of ancient Mesopotamia to the 2016 United States Presidential Election. Each team played a total of five rounds. Hanover's team, which consisted of senior Liam Abbate and junior Hayden Smith for that day, finished its regular rounds with four wins and one loss; after falling Plymouth High School's A team in the first round, Hanover went on to win its next four rounds against the remaining teams. The pair from Hanover then went on to win against ConVal's team in the semifinal of the History Bowl before falling to the Plymouth A team once again in the finals, putting Hanover at second place among the teams that participated in the Bowl.

A long pause was taken during the middle of the day between the second and third History Bowl rounds to allow participants to take part in the History Bee (in which students compete as individuals). Liam Abbate had another great performance and placed third in the final round. Students were also able to use the latter part of this period to take qualifying tests for the US Geography Olympiad and the US History Bee. Overall, the day provided lots of lively and enjoyable competition. Mr. Murphy was certainly very pleased with the way that the tournament had gone.

The Quiz Bowl team will take the buzzers again when they travel to South Burlington this Friday to take part in the tenth annual Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament (PHAT).



"Looker" by Audrey Lee ('18)

## November in HHS History

by Daniel Zegans ('18)

JFK is widely considered one of the most beloved presidents of all time, and his assassination is considered one of the greatest tragedies in American history. However, not many people know that the last bill which JFK ever signed hits very close to home. On November 13th 1963, JFK signed a bill, that effectively created the Dresden School District: the first time an inter-state school district had ever been created in the United States.

Since then, many similar districts have popped up all over the nation. Whilst not a groundbreaking bill from a national viewpoint, HHS owes a lot to this particular

bill. It's very interesting to know that our very own Hanover High School is linked to one of the most beloved presidents - during one of the most important periods of our nation's history, - while simultaneously being the first of its kind.

IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE, THE BROADSIDE WILL BE INTRODUCING A HISTORY COLUMN, THE FIRST ENTRY REVOLVING AROUND THE OPIUM WARS OF THE 17TH CENTURY.

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