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It has been a warm spring in the Upper Valley this year. Photograph taken from a drone by Hayden Smith ('18).

New Council Approves 2018-2019 Club Budget  
and Discusses Adding New Position

Council Update - 05/23/2018

By Caleb Benjamin ('19)

This past week’s meeting was the first meeting of the New Council without former members. As such, new Moderator Colm Seigne began the meeting by saying that he was a little rusty on Robert’s Rules and hoped members would give him a break, adding that he also didn’t know everyone’s name yet. Then, new Dresden School Board (DSB) Representative Oliver Minshall gave an update regarding the DSB meeting that occurred the night before. Rep. Minshall said the Board discussed the Community Service Motion but that the memo that was written about it was titled Involuntary Servitude so their viewpoint was rather obvious. Moderator Seigne then informed Council that Principal Campbell will veto the Dress Code Motion due to a minor wording issue. Next came the first item on the agenda, which was the Presentation of 2018-2019 Club Budget.

Co-Treasurer Tessa Stewart ex-

plained that clubs were given money based on what they do, how much they fundraise, and other factors. Mod. Seigne added to this that they spent most of their time looking at clubs that requested over \$500.

Co-Treasurer Stewart stated that they were conservative in awarding funds because they want to encourage clubs to fundraise.

After the club budget was presented, Council proceeded with Committee Sign-ups. New AMOD Romaney Granizo-MacKenzie told Council Members to write down their top 3 committees. Beforehand, each committee gave a quick pitch to the members. AMOD Granizo-MacKenzie explained that Administration (Admin) Committee is the liaison between administration and Council and that they also organize MLK day events. Senior Rep. Elizabeth Napier explained that Curriculum Committee discusses everything under the large umbrella of

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Upcoming Events

- June 1-2: "Steel Magnolias" at HHS
- June 2: SAT Testing
- June 7-11: Senior Exams
- June 8: Awards Ceremony and INDE Yearbook Dedication, 12:30pm
- June 14: Final Exams - Science
- June 15: Final Exams - Social Studies Graduation, 6:00pm
- June 18: Final Exams - Math
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Senator Maggie Hassan Talks  
Guns and Civic Engagement  
In HHS Visit

by Hayden Smith ('18)

Guns were the topic of the day at U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan's visit to Hanover High on Tuesday. In fact, the debate over firearm laws at HHS in particular is the reason the senator came to the school in the first place.

Hassan, who has served as the junior senator for New Hampshire in the United States Senate since winning election in 2016, spoke for an hour with an audience of students and staff in the crowded HHS auditorium about the issues of gun control, youth civic engagement, and the way they two have become intertwined. As she explained at the beginning of her speech, the senator had been invited to discuss gun laws at Hanover High by

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## Council Considers Adding Assistant Secretary Position

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curriculum at HHS. Co-Treasurer Tessa Stewart said that members of Student Activities Committee (SAC) put together club budget allocations and spends the rest of their time organizing winter carnival and other events. Freshman Rep. Ellie Stannard said that Organizational Engineering Committee (OEC) helps make sure bylaws are updated and organizes elections. Fellow member and Staff Rep. Ms. Ceplikas then added that they need more people this year. Sophomore Rep. Alice Garner advertised that Student Life Committee visits a different school every year to get ideas on how to improve our school. Mod. Seigne concluded the discussion by saying that all the committees are really awesome and that Members should stay open minded in regard to what committee they sign up for and get assigned to.

The last item on the agenda for the day was the Bylaw Notification for Assistant Secretary and it was brought by former Assistant Moderator Jasper Meyer. Meyer began by re-

mindin Council that Bylaw notifications come a week before bylaw revisions. He then explained that the bylaw change would be to add another position, Assistant Secretary. Meyer clarified that the Assistant Secretary would take a few of the secretary's responsibility because recently Secretary has been a job that had too many responsibilities for one person to handle. Meyer also clarified that if passed, the goal would be to have one for next year with an election occuring by the end of next year or at the beginning of next year.

Having finished the set agenda, Council moved on to Notes and New Business. Mod. Seigne began by asking the 8th Grade Representatives if there was anything they wanted to discuss, to which they responded that they planned on pushing for freshman off-campus privileges like many classes before them. Next, former Moderator Aisling Kelly gave a CPP (Committee on Programming and Procedure) update. Kelly said that CPP had discussed a possible motion to make it a requirement for teachers to put all

assignments on Schoology. On the subject of Schoology, Freshman Rep. Sage McGinley-Smith complained that this might lead to having more overdue assignments on the right drop down bar on Schoology, making it hard to find actual assignments. To this, Kelly emphasized that the mere posting of assignments isn't happening and that making more requirements would assume teachers are already using it how they should.

Former AMOD Meyer said that he thought life without Schoology freshman year wasn't that bad and that sometimes the old-fashioned way of just writing down homework isn't that bad. Sophomore Rep. Ian Nolon said that a lot of teachers don't like Schoology and technology in general and are pulling away from it, adding then that Council shouldn't make teachers use technology if they don't want to. DSB Rep. Oliver Minshall concluded the discussion by underscoring the fact that there are a wide variety of systems that work and that he thinks flexibility is important on this issue.

### DSB Receives RMS Chemical Leak Report; Board To Discuss Community Service Motion Soon Dresden School Board Update (05/22/2018)

Oliver Minshall ('19)

The Dresden School Board had a busy agenda at its May meeting, so they wasted no time getting down to business. Board chairman Neill Odell started the meeting off by welcoming some representatives from Hanover's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) to talk about their ongoing monitoring of a gas plume at RMS. The contaminant is a compound called trichloroethylene, or TCE. However, testing shows that the concentration is minute and that the leak has been adequately contained. Testing is set to continue but is likely to end in the foreseeable future (after 2020).

Next a representative of Twin Pines Affordable Housing discussed a plan to develop school property near the Dresden Fields into affordable housing. They promised that the facility would remain open for school use and even talked about the possibility of building bathrooms or a field house.

Lastly, they discussed the Community Service Graduation Requirement motion, a piece of legislation passed by Council in May 2017 that would require HHS students to complete ten hours of community service each year in order to graduate. The DSB has yet to pass the motion (which requires board approval) but did schedule debate for the June meeting. A group of Council members will go to that meeting with the goal of providing insight about the motion and the process by which it was debated and passed. Current HHS students will likely never be required to fulfill the requirement because Principal Campbell and the administration have decided that it would be best to implement the policy starting with an incoming class should the motion pass the board.

*Editor's note: Since he was chosen by Council to serve as the Dresden School Board representative for the 2018-2019 school year, Oliver Minshall will now be writing mostly DSB meeting updates. The Broadside would like to give special thanks to former DSB representative Perrin Milliken for the updates she has written over the past school year and to Oliver for continuing the series.*

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## Senator Hassan Speaks With HHS Community, Outlines Gun Positions

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junior Ella Chapman following a string of notorious school shootings across the United States earlier this year.

The senator leapt right into gun control after a short preface, declaring, "No student should have to fear for their lives when they are attending school." Hassan voiced her dismay with idleness in Congress when it came to acting in response to the recent series of school shootings, particularly those at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, and in Santa Fe, TX. If she had her way, "you would not have needed to be marching," Hassan said, referring to the student-led rally against gun violence held at HHS last March. She continued, "But you have needed to march...you have needed to speak out."

Hassan then proceeded to call for what she saw as "common sense reforms" to gun laws with bi-partisan support: more thorough background checks for those hoping to purchase firearms, the closing of loopholes allowing domestic abusers access to guns, and the introduction of a "red flag law" to take guns away from whose mental health situation made their possession of a firearm dangerous. "In this case, on this issue...we need to keep people who shouldn't have guns from having them," the senator stated.

The senator frequently repeated her call for increased civic engagement among students throughout her talk. Hassan extolled New Hampshire as a place where citizens could easily get involved in politics, saying, "New Hampshire really does democracy better than anywhere else" and pointing to the large size of the NH legislature in relation to the state's population as evidence. She called on students to get involved in politics not only at the national level but at the state and local levels as well. On the subject of student participation in the debate over gun laws, Hassan said, "The fact that you are all speaking out makes a tremendous difference."

After Hassan finished her speech, the floor was opened to questions from students. One student asked the senator how she planned to motivate the Democratic base and political moderates to take action on gun control. While she did not answer the question directly, she called on the student to let candidates running for other offices know their position on gun laws and to "engage with people [they] haven't spoken to in their community... to find out what other people think." She conveyed that she valued New

Hampshirites' Second Amendment rights but that she does feel "an obligation to take common sense reforms to limit guns of war."

Junior Briget van Gemeren later posed a question to the senator about the ethics of taking guns away from people with mental illness and at what point the government should be permitted to take that sort of action. Hassan opened her response by saying, "We want to make sure we're focusing on behavior, not diagnosis." She explained that law enforcement would like for warning signs such threats of harms made on sites such as Facebook. The senator added that she wanted people who had their guns taken would have chances to challenge and appeal government seizures and to allow room for a "case-by-case analysis." She emphasized that she hoped firearms seizures would take place only when individuals' behavior "signifies that they will become violent."

Oliver Minshall, a junior, proceeded to press the senator on the question how she (a Democrat) would work with the Republican Party when, in Minshall's eyes, many Republican legislators did not want to compromise on the issue of gun control. Minshall, who identified himself as a Democrat, brought up the failure of a bipartisan deal expanding background checks created by Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Pat Toomey (R-PA) to pass in Congress as an example.

Hassan said that she lamented the failure of the Manchin-Toomey bill and pinned the lack of openness to compromise on the growing partisan divide in the United States. In turn, she blamed the re-drawing of states' congressional districts to favor particular political parties (the process known as gerrymandering) as being a source of this division. She seemed optimistic about the spirit of compromise in New Hampshire (a known swing state) when referring back to bipartisan Medicaid deals passed during her time as governor. She also mentioned that the outcomes of state primary elections in 2018 would serve as key indicators in pointing out the spread or decline of political polarization.

Hassan then took a question from a sophomore about her feelings on concealed carry laws. The senator voiced an opposition to concealed carry without a permit; she recounted that she vetoed two bills which would have allowed such a practice during her time as New Hampshire governor (the practice has since been made legal by her successor, current Governor Chris Sununu). Hassan said that "you have to be trained and you have to understand what you're doing" in order to



use concealed carry responsibly. She used to segue into the debate about arming teachers, saying that many of the educators who had spoken to her did not wish to have a firearm in the classroom.

Next up was junior Eamon Worden, who inquired to the senator whether it would be feasible to ban assault weapons such as the AR-20. Hassan voiced opposition to the availability for purchase of the types of firearms she called "weapons of war."

The conversation took a sharp turn when another junior began to ask Hassan about her thoughts on the federal investigation into whether the Russian government interfered with elections across the United States in 2016. "It is very clear that Russia interfered with our elections," Hassan said, then citing a statement made by other members of Congress alleging Russian support for US President Donald Trump's candidacy. She also said that it was important that Congress "protect" special counsel Robert Mueller and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, two leading officials in the investigation.

Hassan left at 3:00pm after taking a few more questions. Ella Chapman, the student who had asked Hassan to speak in Hanover after speaking with the senator personally in her Washington, DC, office, seemed pleased with the way the visit went. She and junior Mason Winter, who were both involved in HHS's walkout in March, said that they organized the senator's visit because they "wanted to keep the momentum going after the walkout."



## Retired HHS Teacher On A Roll With New Food Truck Business in the Upper Valley

by Hayden Smith ('18)

The first week of business for the latest addition to the Upper Valley food truck scene appears to have gone well. Even on a rainy Sunday morning by the Dartmouth Green in Hanover, a line of people (mostly Dartmouth students) could be seen outside the bright, orange mobile restaurant. Many were perusing its menu for the day, which included breakfast plates, snacks and pastries, and a vast array of melts and paninis.

The chef and namesake behind the new food truck known as Martha's On A Roll is none other than Martha Esersky Lorden, a former social studies teacher at Hanover High School who retired in 2012 and has since been an avid student and teacher of the culinary arts.

In a phone interview on a Sunday afternoon, Lorden explained her background with and passion for food. She said that she has had a great interest in food history, something that she tried to incorporate into the curriculum of some of her classes when she still taught at HHS. Having been certified in food history at Boston University, Lorden has also taught culinary history courses at the Co-op and at Dartmouth College through its OSHER program.

However, something that Lorden really wanted to do was to run her own eatery. Originally, she thought about opening a diner, but later became inclined towards running a food truck. Then, as she recounted, Lorden was driving up Route 5 in Vermont one day when something caught her eye. "I spy an orange food truck for sale in Windsor," she recalled, continuing, "I just kept driving... thinking 'Oh my god!'" She looked up contact information for the truck's owner online once she got home, and eventually purchased the truck in September 2017.

The truck, a 1985 Chevrolet P30, has a storied past. Originally serving as a postal truck, the vehicle passed through the hands of many other chefs across New Hampshire and Vermont before Lorden bought it. According to Lorden, her "big, orange piece of real estate" once served Mexican cuisine in Portsmouth, NH, as well as falafel in Burlington, VT, before becoming a brunch and lunch truck in Windsor. However, such a past often means greater needs for repairs, so Lorden spent much of the fall and winter "under the truck" to make the necessary fixes and adjustments.

And now for the main attraction of truck: the food. Lorden told the Broadside that Martha's On a Roll is currently serving a mix of "bistro sandwiches and gourmet melts" along with other snacks and beverages. The eatery serves separate breakfast and lunch menus as well. On May 20, its breakfast menu included \$4 main dishes such as a breakfast panini and an eggs-and-bacon biscuit (all with a side of fruit) while its lunch menu was mainly made up of \$8 melts and paninis served with chips and



The 5th period Personal Finance class visited Martha's On A Roll when it parked across Lebanon Street from HHS on its first day of operation on May 16th. Broadside General Editor Dan Zegans is ordering a snack. Photograph by Hayden Smith.

cole slaw.

Lorden, however, said that she would like to shift the items on her menu over time and that she "wants to go international" by incorporating different cuisines into her cooking. She mentioned "Eat-a-Fajita" and Thai cuisine as possible pursuits for the future. She also stated that she wished to serve more soups and stews later on.

Since opening, running a food truck has been a source of its fair share of challenges for Lorden. "It is a business... you need lots of permits and expenses," she said, adding, "You've got to hustle." As a food truck operator, she has also noticed that some vendors at events such as farmers' market held in Lebanon and Hanover do not look warmly upon food trucks and have limited food truck operation in closer proximity to the market on market days. In reference to that situation, Lorden alluded to the themes of the 1964 children's novel by Jean Merrill titled *The Pushcart War*, saying that the story "is allegorical." Lorden also raised food waste as a major source of frustration, adding that becoming a restaurant operator raised her awareness of the dilemma faced by many chefs on what to do with unused food products. She declared, "It's a good thing to run out of food."

Despite these difficulties, Lorden has enjoyed the first few days in the food truck. "I love that interaction with customers," she exclaimed on the phone. She explained that

she wants to teach diners at her truck to "eat everything" (a motto she plastered onto the truck itself) and to "not be a food snob." She also said that she was grateful to her husband Bruce Lorden (a former social studies teacher at the Richmond Middle School) for helping her run the truck, especially during instances such as when she sent a panini flying from the grill or when she accidentally flipped over a coffee urn.

Martha's On a Roll is part of a new wave of food truck businesses popping up across the Upper Valley, something Lorden did not fail to notice. "It's cool to be part of a food trend," she told the Broadside. Her business joins other trucks such as Vermont Munchies and Boisvert's Curbside Kitchen, all of which will take part in a 12-truck festival on June 22 in Lebanon.

The festival is only one of Lorden's many plans for the future. Other potential plans include hosting guest cooks as well as assisting non-profits ("cooking for a cause," as Lorden called it). She also said that she hopes to have the truck operating near Hanover High School regularly, although finding suitable and legal parking nearby has been difficult (she can not park the truck in school parking on school days due to the non-competition clause in Hanover

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## Former HHS Teacher Now Runs Food Truck in Upper Valley

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High's contract with the company that provides its cafeteria services). Additionally, she plans to feed people attending Dartmouth football games in the fall.

Of course, Martha Lorden confesses that she still has much to learn about the food truck business. "There's a learning curve," she admitted, adding later in the conversation that working in the truck could be like "living on a boat." Still, she had this to say: "I love it."

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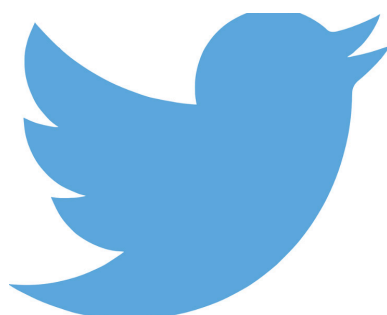
Martha's On a Roll operates from 8:00am to 3:00pm. It currently serves locations in Lebanon and Hanover, although specific spots are subject to change. Current stops include the River Mill complex and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's Heater Road Facility in Lebanon and the Hanover Green. Lorden's food blog can be found at <https://outtathekitchen.com>



THROWERS BRAVE THE HURTLES: A few members of the Throwing Squad of the Hanover High School track team recently made changed their routine up at the final regular season meet of the year in Hanover by trying out the hurtles. Photo by Hayden Smith.

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## The Vox Nihili

by Anonymous

In the news of small-town political history, a breakthrough has occurred. Politically forward people—the HHS Council themselves—have finally all agreed on the same thing:

They don't have many fans within their fellow Student Body.\*

During their most recent meeting, the Student Council took a vote on who would take over the PR position. This person would form a bridge of communication between the students and decision makers. Council themselves admitted the position of power has always been one to laugh at, and—looking at the grand total of seven passed-motions on the Council Update board, only five of which I can identify without prior knowledge—one can see why.

In my own opinion, there isn't much to fight about in a high-class, somewhat-liberal town. Hanover is simply a location where little to minor controversy ever happens, aside from the often found Juul, or petty theft at the local COOP. Of course, one should not ignore more major-situations, (such as multiple cases of harassment) but the Administration has an aptitude of covering these up.

All of this tucked neatly to the side, it is safe to say that nearly every nominee has vowed to ensure the same thing: an active voice for every student. This is a solid point when it comes to democracy, and yes, an amiable promise for them all to make. And despite this, the candidates follow through with this vow like a newly divorced couple.

Yes, they are all able to argue about how people dress and where their cell-phones go, but there's a simple question that they haven't quite worked on.

What do the students want?—and that includes all of them.

Of course, everyone is different, so the complexity of seven-hundred-or-so opinions may be difficult, but the main ingredient in the recipe for democracy is something council so desperately lacks: a strong communication, and a strong follow through with this communication. The connection between the students and their representatives needs a little more than an unliked post on each of the class Facebook pages.

Though some of you all may take it as such, this article is not anti-Council, nor is it trying to say that the representatives are doing poorly at their job. But it does bring to light that if the school is to have a democratic popularity-contest, they may as well get something out of it.

With Leila Trummel as the new PR, one can hope that these leaders step up their game in talking with the student body. Though they have little power in the push and pull of the tides, I hope they are able to follow through on the result of their election.

Especially since they are all fully capable of being a well-functioning and likable student government.

\*(This doesn't mean people hate them, it just means... well, students don't exactly care.)

## How To Make Council Matter

by Persona Incognita

In its current form, Council is not and will not, for the foreseeable future, be the main engine of change when it comes to meaningful changes of the policies affecting student life, school rules, and the curriculum at Hanover High School.

Now, this isn't to say that Council has no value whatsoever. Many of the students, staff, and community members who pour countless hours each year into Council deserve thanks for their genuine efforts to better the school community. They perform important tasks such as allocating funds and other resources to clubs and organizations, running major events such as Winter Carnival, and brainstorming and discussing ways to improve the student experience (there is a reason this newspaper cover Council, after all). The point, rather, is that Council's discussions on most major motions of interest to the wider student body do not translate to meaningful action.

Take the discussion about having a major schedule change at HHS, for example. Council has talked for years about revamping Hanover High's schedule, yet no legislation has come out in recent years that would significantly alter the current configuration. While taking time to find solutions to complicated problems such as the schedule is understandable, the amount of time that has elapsed suggests that Council is able to do a lot of talking but not much, well, doing on these sorts of issues. Any sweeping ideas that do make it into representatives' minds seem to fizzle suddenly (whatever happened to that environmental shelter idea people were talking about last year?).

It is for this reason that Council needs to reconfigure itself to build a stronger link between itself and the Dresden School Board if it wants to truly influence major school policy.

The board is where the decision-making power in the school truly lies. Its members are elected by voters from Hanover and Norwich, and it serves as the main authority over the Dresden School District, which in turn is charged with administering the education of students in grades 7-8 at the Richmond Middle School and grades 9-12 at Hanover High. Based on past articles written by Perrin Milliken (Council's 2017-2018 DSB representative, a member of Council who participates in DSB meetings and acts on behalf of Council there), it seems that the board has been actively working on reworking several aspects of the Hanover High schedule; these efforts have included the creation of a committee to assess the feasibility of a later start to the school day, considering calls from the parent organization Circle Up to implement a formal lunch period, and possibly creating a two-year project aimed at reworking the entire schedule. Not to mention that the decisions made by the DSB are far more binding than Council's. Evidently, the DSB has the power to enact sweeping changes to the school environment, and it has a mandate to follow through on its initiatives. This is why Council must rework its relationship with the board if it is to have any effective say in major issues like the schedule; it needs to step up its presence in the board.

Sure, there is a connection through the DSB rep. That, however, is not enough. How can one student alone hope to represent the will of the Council (and for that matter the will of the general student body, especially given the disconnect between it and the Council) in the DSB meetings? Instead, Council should dedicate a whole committee of representatives to send to work on the DSB and act on behalf of the interests of the student body. Alternatively, the students and staff could directly elect students to such a delegation while also downsizing Council to a body that only addresses club finances and day-to-day issues.

Either way, something needs to be done to promote student voices in the DSB. Otherwise, the image of a democratic school that HHS claims to embrace so much will just be ... well, an image.

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## Footlighters Present “Hello, Dolly!” For Spring Musical

by Sophie Caulfield ('21)

The Hanover High production of “Hello, Dolly!,” featuring songs by Jerry Herman and book writing of Michael Stewart, was a great interpretation of a classic musical. Its timeless humor and charming musical numbers captivated the audience, living up to its award-winning reputation.

Actors executed phenomenal choreography as well as witty dialogue in the 1964 musical following the story of Dolly Gallagher, a brassy widowed matchmaker. Dolly, played by Iva Wich, travels to Yonkers, New York to help for Horace Vandergelder, the “well-known unmarried half-a-millionaire” looking for love. She ends up convincing a crowd of people, including his niece and her beau, to go to New York City, where she sets up two of Vandergelder clerks with a woman Vandergelder had been dating, and eventually marries Vandergelder herself.

The props, costumes, and set were all adorably accurate to the time period of the story, and contributed to the overall classic tone of the production. Hanover High’s cast and crew perfectly captured the humorous and romantic nature of the plot without delving into the slight sexist undertones of the time, and put on an overwhelmingly wonderful show worth seeing.

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The photographs showing the Footlighters' production were taken by Mark Washburn and provided by Claire Washburn ('19).

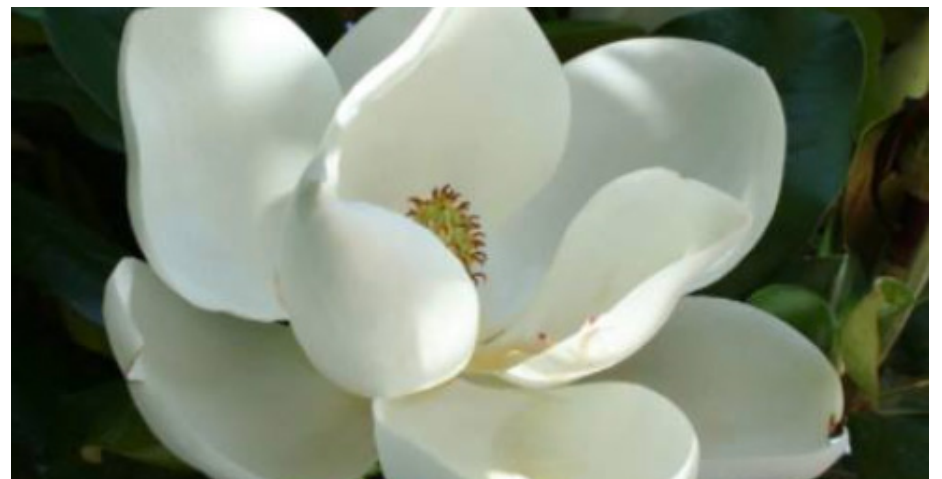


## Students On Stage Set To Present "Steel Magnolias"

by Julia Cook ('21)

A stunning depiction of the interpersonal relationships of six women in a Louisiana beauty parlor; a saga of sisterhood, love of all sorts, and loyalty beyond measure. Each member of the audience will leave having been told a different story but united in a hope for finding the extraordinary within the everyday. An incredibly talented cast, creative team, and crew bring the show together for students and the community, a glimpse of uplifting love to share with all. Come to support students in the arts, leave changed and astounded that the production was entirely crafted by passionate Hanover High School students.

Experience the magic on June 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm. Tickets are by donation. The show Steel Magnolias is part of the SOS, or Students On Stage, program: an entirely student run annual tradition. All proceeds go to continuing the show and its legacy!





# REVIEWS

## Review: "Deadpool 2" Packs In Faced-Pace Action, Comedy, and Bizarre References For Maximum Fun

by Daniel Zegans ('18)

The first Deadpool film is one of the greatest superhero films ever. It struck an incredible balance between action, comedy, and telling a compelling story. Because of this my expectations were very high for Deadpool 2, a direct sequel to Deadpool that stars Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin and Julian Dennison. While I went in expecting to be slightly disappointed with this film, after seeing it I can say that this film is at least as good as the first, if not better.

What makes this movie so great is that it did not feel like a shallow cash grab by 20th Century Fox, but instead like an expansion on the first movie. There are no major characters from the first film who do not appear in the second (other than the villains), and the relationships built in the first film carry over into this one. But while Deadpool 2 has many aspects that carry over from the first film, this does not prevent it from forging its own identity and plot. There are many new characters who are introduced in this film, and while they are all entertaining in their own right, there are a few especially great characters, such as the supernaturally lucky Domino, the time-traveling Cable, or the powerless but enthusiastic Peter.

The plot is entertaining; it takes a few unexpected twists and turns along the way and manages to raise the stakes while not darkening the atmosphere too much. However, the plot does take somewhat of a backseat to the comedy and action of the film. The action scenes are great; they are fast paced and varied, and with the variety of mutant powers seen in the films, the fight scenes end up taking odd directions. The one fallback to the fight scenes is that the CGI does not always look very convincing, but this issue only really arises in one or two scenes. The comedy is a bit odd. There are



Deadpool prepares to embark on a mission with his specially assembled "X-Force" in this scene from Deadpool 2. Source: <https://www.gq.com/story/damn-this-new-deadpool-2-trailer-is-incredible>

tons of inside jokes and references throughout the movie, however none of them are particularly esoteric, so don't feel as if you have to have some deep knowledge of Marvel comics to enjoy this movie. However, while I found it a highlight, the humor could put off some viewers who are more interested in the action scenes of the film. However, as long as you accept the film will not be too serious, you will enjoy it.

Deadpool 2 is a cynical, funny, action packed ride that will keep you engaged from start to finish. While it may occasionally falter, it is an excellent film overall, and one I recommend to anyone who enjoyed the original.

## Advice For The Anonymous: Dating, The SAT, and Concern For a Friend

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High school can bring challenging times and hard decisions. Need a place to turn to for advice? Look no further than the Broadside's new advice column. We take anonymous questions from students and do our best to answer their questions.

If you need advice for something that we haven't yet addressed, you may submit an anonymous request on our special Google Form at <https://goo.gl/forms/fOvRNNK6L7oIxxcM2>.

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I currently have a crush on somebody else in school, but I don't talk with or know them much outside of class. I'm thinking about whether or not I should ask them on a date. How can I approach them and ask without being creepy? Should I even be asking them out?

Well, first off, thank you for writing. High school is notorious as a minefield for situations exactly like this and you certainly cannot be alone. Secondly, I'd say that you should probably talk to them more often and in person, as conversation is always better conducted offline. If these conversations are fruitful, perhaps suggest continuing them over a coffee. After several rounds of this, go for it and ask them out to something more intimate (movies and shows are both great options!). Lastly, don't be afraid to tell someone how you feel. Everyone likes to be liked and admired.

I'm preparing to take the SAT next year, but am not 100% sure how I should get ready for the test. How much time, if any, should I dedicate to SAT prep? Do you recommend any specific strategies?

I would say that the SAT is important as you make it. First, check Naviance and talk to your guidance counselor and people you know that have gotten into that school, and inquire about their scores. Secondly, I would recommend a tutor or Khan Academy as both can be excellent resources. Finally, don't stress over the SAT! There will be other tests and other chances to take it as well as competitive schools that don't require the test.

I'm really concerned about a friend of mine. Every time that I have spoken to them over the past three months, they constantly seem to be angry and go on long rants about other people that have become less and less intelligible over time. I've thought about speaking to somebody in guidance about my friend, but I'm scared that this might make the situation worse for my friend. What should I do?

Please, for both your sake and your friend's, speak to someone at Guidance or another trusted adult. Though it may be difficult for your friendship, your friend will thank you later. Never be afraid to reach out for fear of reprisal.