

# BROADSIDE

## HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL

*Happy Holidays!*

### Upcoming Events

*Thursday 22 December 2016:*

Holiday Break begins

*Monday 02 January 2017:*

Holiday Break ends

*Saturday 07 January 2017:*

Chamberfest (HHS Music Department)

*Friday 13- Friday 20 January 2017:*

Semester One Exams

*Monday 16 January 2017:*

MLK Day - No School

*Monday 23 January 2017:*

Semester 2/Quarter 3 begins



*Hanover High seniors participate in rehearsals for this year's Christmas Mystery (Valley News - Geoff Hansen)*

## CHRISTMAS MYSTERY CELEBRATES IT'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*by Hayden Smith ('18)*

The Christmas Mystery is a pageant that has been put on by Hanover High School seniors and local volunteers every year in December to depict the Christian story of Jesus Christ's birth, sing Christmas-time songs and carols, and celebrate the Christmas spirit. The event also helps to gather food donations for the Upper Valley Haven. The two back-to-back performances that were held on the evening of Sunday, December 11, marked the 100th anniversary of the pageant. It is said that the tradition began in 1917 when the wife of the local pastor organized the first Christmas Mystery at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College in Hanover. The performance moved down the street to the Rollins Chapel when the original Church of Christ burnt down in 1934 and has been held there every year since.

This year's performance drew both large crowds and student involvement. Most of the HHS seniors who take part in the pageant will play the role of either a shepherd or angel. According to the Valley News, the 2016 performance had 50 angels and 19 shepherds. Local community members play most of the major roles, such as those of the Three Wise Men and Joseph (who was played by HHS

Boys' Hockey Coach Dick Dodds). One of the most prominent roles in the performance is that of Mary, Jesus' mother. Traditionally, the identity of the person who will play Mary is a well-kept secret that isn't revealed until the actual performance. Generally, the person who plays the role is selected from the previous HHS senior class; before graduation, the class will usually vote on who receives the role based on traits like kindness and thoughtfulness. This year, Camille Chapman played the role of Mary.

Many of the seniors who either took part in or watched the performance said they enjoyed the Christmas Mystery. One student in the audience, Daniel Felde, liked the singing from the performance, saying, "Everybody just sang their hearts out." He also went out of his way to praise fellow senior Will Bonner, stating that he "was really the star of the performance. I wouldn't be surprised to see him on Broadway soon." Divya Kopalle (who Felde also said "was good... a little lacking in the passion department but went out there it give it her best"), who played an angel, said that the Christmas Mystery provided "a great way to bond, especially for the senior girls." Her friend Jessica Rosien added that it was "a fun way to hang out and sing."

## Council Update: Week of 14 December 2016

*by Nanako Shirai ('17)*

This week in Council, we continued a discussion on whether or not Council members should shadow students at other schools. The purpose of this, if it were to become a bylaw notification, would be that it would allow Council members to see other schools and to get out of the "Hanover bubble". It would allow council members to actively look into how our school community could be improved. We did a straw poll on whether this should be mandatory for council members, and the majority of students said that it should not be mandatory. Many Council members felt that this could be a recommendation for the whole school as well, with priority given to Council members. This would be organized by the Public Relations Officer of Council.

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“We should have them after because break gives those who want to review more before the exams the time to do more, and after break divides the school year more evenly”

“Before, it reduces stress over winter break and prevents us from having to retain as much material”

“Before, [it’ll] limit stress on students to prepare and teachers to grade”

“After - Break is meant to be spent with family and friends. People would be constantly worrying about the scores that they got.”

“After. There just wouldn’t be enough time”

“Before. No one wanna study during break”

“After - it is nice to have break to start getting organized and prepared for exams”

“I don’t think that we should have mid-term exams.”

“After. Because im not ready yet.”

“It is unfortunate that, while students are supposed to enjoy winter break with their families they are expected to, if not study for exams, actively retain the information that the course has covered. How can someone destress under those circumstances? Having exams after break lessens the value of break enormously.”

“After because it would be too rushed before winter break. Also what would we do for the rest of the semester?”

“Before. Because the break is so

# OPINION BOARD:

## Exams Before Break

*by Maxwell Saucier ('17)*

long, you lose momentum and forget some of what you were learning”

“After because I don’t feel like I NEED to study over break, so I’m not stressed about it but I know some people really like to use that free time to study.”

“Befpre - people can’t enjoy their holidays as much when they have the imminent exams hanging over their head.”

“After. Need more time to study. Please

send help.”

“Winter break should be a time where students can forget about their stressful lives at school, but instead it seems to be a high pressure, extended period for studying.”

“Before. It’s weird to break up the flow of our studies with a two week off period. It’s hard to regain that focus when we get back for exams.”

“After because it gives us time to breathe before exams”

“After winter break, it gives students time to catch up over the break and allows them for the time to review more thoroughly.”

“After, as there is already too much work before break.”

“It depends. If exams were before break, would school have to start earlier (and therefore end earlier)?”

“Before, fresher minds mean better overall results despite unavoidable groaning and actually result in better conditions for the students after the vacation.”

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# Over the Years: Hanover High's Holiday Dance

by Sadhya Garg ('17)

Last Saturday, December 17, marked another successful Hanover High School Holiday Dance. The annual dance - hosted for the junior, senior, and first year post graduate class - has long since been a highlight for upperclassmen. Located at the Top of the Hop, the festive celebration is a great way to meet up with old friends, embarrass dates with public proposals, and get in the spirit of the holidays.

HD wasn't always like it is today, with girls walking around in four inch stilettos and boys donning flashy suits. Some things - like dressing up and bringing dates - have remained the same, while others have changed significantly in the past 75 years. For starters, the dance was previously known as the "Senior Ball" (sometimes "Christmas Ball" or "Holiday Ball") and was - as is evident from the name - exclusively for seniors. Dates were required, spots were limited, and the highlight of the night was the queen's crowning.

Yes, that's right. Every year, the most eligible girl in the senior class was crowned queen by the class president who, in turn, was almost always a boy. She received her crown in style, sat atop a stage, got her picture taken, and had an article written about her in the next edition of the paper (then *The Hanover Harpoon*). In this day and age, it's hard to imagine such an event taking place, especially given that Hanover High has not crowned a queen for neither prom, nor HD in years. However tradition is tradition, and regardless of the stigma surrounding school queens today, the practice was a pivotal part of Hanover's holiday dances throughout the 20th century.

Eventually, though, the tradition dwindled off, as did a number of others - such as inviting the sophomore class and limiting those invited to those with dates. Today, upperclassmen can enjoy a night of glamour and fun - regardless of whether or not they choose to go with friends or with a date. With live music, a vibrant dance floor, and punch to go round, Hanover's Holiday Dance has both kept up with traditions, and adapted to the changing times. Underclassmen can look forward to the day when they too get to experience such an unforgettable night of festivities that is very much rooted in Hanover High's history.

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The Hanover Harpoon, 22 December 1959



The Hanover Harpoon advertises for 1958's Senior Ball (see below)



The 1958 Senior Ball Queen was crowned by class president Skip Bean, who would go on to become one of the most popular principals here at HHS

## COUNCIL UPDATE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01

We also started a discussion on including community service hours in the official Hanover High transcript. One member explained that even if some people were motivated by other factors to do community service (like college admissions), the overall experience that they would get from doing community service would be helpful. This would be something a student could choose to opt out of if they wished to do so. Some people were concerned that people would be doing service without understanding the value of community service. Others suggested that this could be implemented through Common Ground. A community member suggested that we set a minimum number of community service hours that every student had to do. Many opinions were expressed and the discussion was fruitful. There did not seem to be a general consensus as of yet.

## TRUMP TALKS TO TAIWAN

by Justin Zhou ('20)

On December 2, 2016, Donald Trump took a phone call from Taiwanese President Tsai congratulating him on winning the presidential election. This marks the first time in four decades that a US president has spoken to any Taiwanese leader. Beijing considers Taiwan to be a breakaway province and is extremely sensitive to any suggestion that it is an independent country. For the past 37 years, the US has sided with Beijing and agreed to the so-called "one China" policy, in an attempt to prevent Beijing from taking over Taiwan by force. However, Trump's call could be perceived as a potential shift in policy. Beijing has warned Trump that the current agreement is the "political foundation" of the diplomatic relationship between the US and China, and any potential changes could threaten that tie.



# Holiday Trivia:

by Stephen Wang ('20)

- 1. The first artificial Christmas trees, created by the Germans, were made of what material?
- 2. During the holidays, how many LEGO sets are sold per second?
- 3. Where do letters addressed to Santa go?
- 4. What were Santa Claus's original colors?
- 5. What does the word "Hanukkah" mean?
- 6. When was the first candy cane made?
- 7. How many Christmas trees are sold each year on average?
- 8. What was Rudolph originally going to be named?
- 9. How many homes per second does Santa need to visit in order to reach every home on Christmas Eve?
- 10. How much did the largest gingerbread man in the world weigh?
- 11. On average, how many people end up in the ER each year because of decorating accidents?



- 1. dyed goose feathers
- 2. 28
- 3. Santa Claus, Indiana, USA
- 4. green, blue, and white
- 5. determination
- 6. 1670
- 7. 33 million
- 8. Rollo
- 9. 823
- 10. 466 lbs. 6 oz.
- 11. 5,800



"Snowman Selfie" by Audrey Lee ('18)



Photos by Gwen Friedman ('17)



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