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L'HORREUR À PARIS : HORROR IN PARIS

MARIAH RUSH • OPINION EDITOR

NOVEMBER 13, 2015 is a day that will live in infamy. A day like this forces the world to come together, despite our differences in religion, political ideology, and geography. Every news channel covered only one thing for days. At 9:20 pm Parisian time, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives — with that, a harrowing night began.

What started as one suicide bombing was followed by a series of restaurant shootings and ended with 89 innocent citizens being killed one by one in a concert hall. With attacks at at least six sites, the death toll has reached over 120 people and the attacks have injured more than 350 others. France has since vowed revenge. According to the President of France, Francois Hollande, "This [the shootings and bombings] is an act of war...We will lead the fight, and we will be ruthless." As of November 15, French fighter planes have been making good on that promise by dropping twenty bombs on the ISIS de facto capital of Raqqa, located in northern Syria.

ISIS, the terrorist organization calling for a unified government under Islamic law, claimed responsibility for the attacks. They claim that "those following in [France's] path" are the group's "top target". ISIS also claims that their targets were specifically chosen in advance and boast that it was carried out by eight men. Their statement, which came on the heels of Hollande's statement, cites the French airstrikes on ISIS-held territory and insults directed at the Prophet Mohammed as reasons behind the attack. This links this attack with the January 2015 murder of cartoonists at the office of the French satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo.

This attack on Paris is akin to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. Back then, Paris stood with the United States, so many believe it is time to stand with Paris, which prompted the Twitter hashtag #Stand-WithParis. Paris closed its borders, declared a state of emergency, and closed all public buildings for the following day. Taxi drivers offered a free fare to people to ensure their safety and a list of safe places in France circulated social media.

Many major attractions and monuments around the world were lit up in red, white, and blue, (the colors of the French flag). From the World Trade Center in New York City, to Rio de Janeiro's iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, to the River Lights here in South Bend, the world is eager to show its support.

The attack on Paris comes right before the second Democratic Debate on November 14. This impacted some of the topics of the debate, but also prompted many politicians from both parties to express their views on the attack on Paris. For example, Donald Trump, businessman and Republican presidential candidate, immediately after the attack tweeted, "They laughed at me when I said to bomb the ISIS controlled oil fields. Now they are not laughing and doing what I said." This sparked criticism of Trump from the public for insensitivity regarding the lives loss in Paris. Alice Goulding is a junior at John Adams and has studied abroad in France multiple times. She said, "We should be mourning the loss of hundreds; instead we argue over how the attacks will affect the election and whether or not the victims adequately protected themselves from something this unthinkable...We need to remember that lives were lost and how much more important that is than the blatant politicization of what happened."

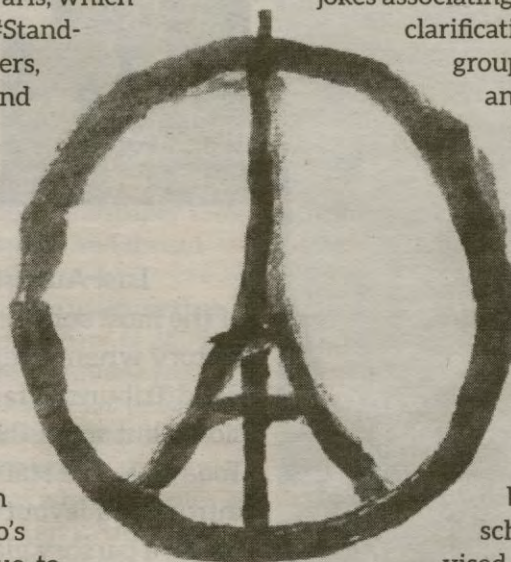
In addition to Goulding, here at Adams we have a diverse community of students with per-

sonal connections to the terrorist attack on Paris. Lamyaa Hussein, a Muslim-American student, is a junior at JA. Lamyaa is no stranger to people's jokes associating her race with terrorism. For clarification, ISIS is an extremist islamic group, and most muslims are not anything like ISIS, according to Hussein. "These people are hijacking the religion...it's not the religion's fault, it's what they [ISIS] follows. When I first heard about the attacks my first thought was 'oh no not another one.'" Hussein also wears the hijab, a common piece of clothing worn by Muslim women. "My mom called me and told me to be careful coming home from school wearing the hijab...she advised me to be cautious about where I go because I can easily be targeted."

Krista Sillaste is a junior at JA and is both a French and American citizen. She lived in France all of her life, and just moved to the United States this year fall. "As a citizen of France, I not only fear the security of my friends and family, but also what might happen next for France. It has always been a safe place in my mind, and it scares me to think it might not be the case anymore." Sillaste emphasizes the severity of what has happened, even to her hometown, which is four hours away from Paris.

The mayor of her city is currently debating cancelling their annual Christmas Market, which is one of the largest in Europe, because they believe it would be the perfect target for terrorism. To Sillaste and many other French, this attack is their 9/11. "I think that the United States has realized that this is not only violence in France but international as well, so they will treat the issue no different than if it had happened in the United States." Sillaste continued.

As President Barack Obama said, "This is not just an attack on Paris, not just on the people of France, but this is an attack on all of humanity."



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THE NEW TOWER

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Last August, the Tower underwent one of the most substantial transformations in its history when it began printing at the South Bend Tribune; it facilitated a newly professional but accessible voice for the Tower Staff. Today, we, the staff of the Tower, are proud to introduce a layout revamped from the bottom up. At a cursory glance, this issue will appear somewhat similar to the ones before it; however, a closer examination will reveal an entirely new organizational system for our stories. Gone are the familiar labels of "News", "Scene", and "Sports"; in are the new titles "Lifestyle", "Opinion", and "Local".

"Lifestyle" is how the culture of the student body will be documented — if an event affects the population of John Adams, its story will go here. Anything happening at Adams can be found here, from a fundraiser hosted by one of our clubs to a review of the latest blockbusters. This section is front and center in order to reflect the primary priority of the Tower: to report on what is happening at John Adams; to report on the lifestyle at John Adams.

National and international news will still have a place in our paper; however, instead of copying the work done by the South Bend Tribune or the New York Times, our coverage of international events will take a unique,

opinionated angle. Anyone can turn on the news to get caught up on the news, but only by reading "Opinion" in the Tower can one be informed on the opinion of the Adams student body. Further, we attack all national and domestic events with an opinionated, individual voice.

Sports and other events taking place in Michiana can be found in "Local". We aim to cover two distinct areas in the new section: all Adams' sports and all local events and news, specifically in South Bend and Indiana. Local will include athlete interviews, senior profiles, updates, and all significant events around the community. And while Local will be addressed in our biweekly paper, more immediate events will be covered on a regular, consistent basis on our Twitter account @adams_tower.

The revamped edition of the Tower marks change, progression, and a step in a new direction. Ostensibly, names have changed. But at a fundamental level, our very core has changed. As we move forward, we look to not only report news, but to enhance what we relay. We will offer informative, and differing viewpoints, attacking everything from a unique perspective - not CBS' view. We are not CNN. We are not NBC. We can't wait for you to hear OUR voice.

THE HYSTERIA & THE REVENGE THAT WILL SURELY COME

AIDAN REILLY • EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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8. 27. 63. 100. 130. The numbers wouldn't stop rising, the reports ever more solemn. "One. Two." A tearful pause; a harsh intake of the breath. "Six. We now have six active sites." 100 hostages. One-by-one murders. Suicide bombers. Marshal law, closed borders, presidential evacuation...chaos. As Friday waned and the City of Lights fell into an interminable dark, disarray ruled. The world watched: aghast, horrified, disgusted... yet unmistakably captivated. We had been here already. We had seen this before. Captivated? Yes, but only because we were powerless. AGAIN, innocent people died. AGAIN, families destroyed, lives upturned. AGAIN, the world watched helplessly.

What happened in Paris was nothing short of a catastrophe. The live reports were harrowing, ominous, and simply tragic. The deaths wouldn't stop, the hostages remained trapped, the country lost. The idea that any group, entity, or conglomeration would utilize violence and brutality to convey a message is egregious, horrific, and inhumane. What happened in Paris is the result of myriad things, countless circumstances. Innumerable facts remain unknown, the picture still foggy. HOW could this have occurred? WHO carried out the deed itself? And most importantly, WHY? In a world engrossed in violence, we have only one undeniable fact: solidarity. The Tower stands with the victims and people of not only France, but the rest of the world. Malice occurs everyday; evil reigns indefinitely. But in the wake of such an event, we have two distinct responsibilities: 1. Provide comfort and support 2. Ensure this NEVER happens again. Not here. Not Paris. Not anywhere in the world. Never again.

The Paris Attacks are the day that Daesh^[1] finally broke down the glass cage, in which we felt free from harm, that was built up after 9/11. We show unity and, of course, feel the greatest compassion & sympathy towards the victims of this tragic episode of violence. Now, as our hearts pour out sympathies to the Parisian victims of appalling tragedy and crime, feelings of fear & terror naturally take the place that sympathy once held. Our bliss is now suddenly shattered by the more immediate threat of Daesh; we find ourselves scrambling for an answer, a response to this horrible tragedy. In pursuit of peace and a solution to this crisis, there are many socio-political issues and policies that should be discussed and critiqued. However, this is only a high school newspaper. How much can we do? To inform, educate, and spread awareness in a local realm is at least a start.

A fact to first touch on is the incident that caused the death of 43 people and injury of 240 in the past week. You might realize that number is a bit lower than the number of about 130 people killed in the Paris Attacks; you're not mistaken. These 43 people died in an attack in Beirut, again by Daesh. A question to ask still is why the same amount of attention is not put to this in the media & through social media as the Paris attacks have been? Why was Facebook's "Safety Check" feature initiated for the Parisian incident, but not the incident in Beirut? First, it should be addressed that this point is not in any way attempting to take away from the horrifying violence that occurred in Paris. This point does, however, provide an interesting picture of the selective empathy of the Western World in which we live. Selective sympathy is the first point of criticism in order to find a solution to this issue. An amount of sympathy is of course necessary in the face of such tragedy as the attacks in Paris. My criticism though would be to those who would stand in solidarity with the people of Paris and ignore those peoples faced with such tragedy in places that are not Europe. This ignorance and Eurocentric thought creates a vacuum by which all things that do not happen in the West go; away from our minds. Away from our minds we keep the idea that such tragedy can face people every day. Away from our minds the very rational idea that maybe we should focus, too, on victims who are no less human than us, but just live in a different country. This Eurocentric social convention first must end if we are ever to find a solution to this issue.

Further from that, again in order to show the greatest compassion for the victims, we stand



in solidarity with those who call for peace and an end to this horrid conflict. The method, in my opinion, in which we will find this peace is only in unity. The unity of the Syrian people against the Daesh threat, and also the unity of other peoples in the region as well (namely the Kurdish people) is the only solution to this issue. It may be easy to call for another regime change first; the ousting of President Assad of Syria. However, the United

States' and the West's continuous policy of regime change in the region is directly a catalyst of the destabilization of the region and thus the creation of Daesh. Either way, the French government seems to have already found its solution; more bombs. The politics of revenge and hysteria have already started their course.

It shouldn't have to be said that hysterical backlash as a method of politics & war will not be the solution to this issue. Foreign affairs will never, ever be solved in this manner; and will only further provide credibility to an anti-western sentiment. It shouldn't have to be said that anti-western sentiment has credibility, the very basis of Daesh's policies, along with Radical Islamism. Is it now western policy that cooler heads might not prevail? Will not prevail? I've even had to resort to use the term "cooler heads" as a euphemism for simple common sense; cooler heads and common sense must prevail if we are to ever see the peace break the horizon in the Middle East. Despite all this, Western policy has seemingly been set in stone because the critique and social movement necessary for any change to occur is lacking. Our politics are now based around a mainstream of hysteria and revenge.

The hysterical, vengeful foreign policy that the Western governments will likely show in the duration of this "war" must end before it gets much farther. It is difficult to handle an enemy who is socially still trapped in the first millennium. It will require debate and discourse to go forward, ignited by the end of Eurocentrist thinking and coverage. Sometimes journalists are considered the watchdogs of democracy; and in this instance, a social movement must be assisted by us watchdogs, to make sure the revenge that will surely come will not last. A serious foreign political strategy must be pursued, one of unity, one of empathy, and one of peace. Like all political movements, it must start somewhere in the grassroots; will this movement start here?

[1]: A pejorative name for the group commonly referred to as IS/ISIS/ISIL, "Daesh" is a name the group hates.

THE BUSH-RUBIO COMPLEX: WHY BUSH SHOULD CALL IT QUILTS

AIDAN REILLY • EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the course of a life filled with ambiguities, there exists one particular constant: change. At some point, in sometime, somewhere, things change - people die, people move, relationships begin and end. This particular dynamic not only exists in contemporary American politics but is currently thriving: I speak of a younger generation, paving its own path, its own road, and I argue, eclipsing its mentor - of course, I allude to the Bush-Rubio complex.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R - FL) and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush have entered the strangest of relationships: both reside in Florida; both push moderate GOP agendas and represent the Establishment; and both worked together for years. Now, however, both Rubio and Bush are vying for the GOP presidential nomination and ultimately the Presidency of the United States. The student-mentor relationship has bitterly evolved into nothing short of the nation's most intense competition. Rubio, 44, not only served as a representative in the Florida House of Representatives under Bush's gubernatorial reign from 2000-2008 but has cited Bush as "a mentor, friend, and person I look up to". Further, Bush, 62, embraced the role of a mentor: members inside the Bush circle say Bush "essentially groomed Marco" for all of those years. So what happened? Why does this warrant an opinion from "The Tower"?

Why is this important? Simply put, the two are engaging in antics, unaware of their potential power.

The current rivalry stems from Rubio's decision to enter the race and to vie for the presidency now: the Bush camp believes it's Jeb's turn, Jeb's last shot. They believe Marco's time will come, and that now he should wait. Contrarily, Rubio, Florida's junior senator and a first-generation American (the son of Cuban immigrants), touts himself as "more in touch with the people"; Rubio believes he is more qualified than Bush, and would end a dynastic line (see Presidents 41 and 43). Thus, their antics have flared. As their relationship has disintegrated - both

publicly and clandestinely in the form of warring camps - the pair have taken to childlike tactics, firing petty shots at one another, ultimately culminating in Bush's poor attack on Rubio's Congressional attendance rate and subsequent voting record at a recent GOP Presidential Debate. The pair continues to disparage one another, tearing each other apart, destroying their potential. So what can I possibly mean? What does their rivalry - though emergent, their competition for superiority rightly qualifies the use of the word 'rivalry' - mean for everyone else? Potential.

The time has come for Jeb Bush to acknowledge Rubio's power, charisma, and rhetoric: it's time for Jeb to concede, call it quits. According to USA Today's most recent GOP Power Poll, Rubio ranks first while Bush ranks 5th. Additionally, while Rubio has become the Establishment's darling and the most legitimate option to grab the GOP nominee, Bush has fallen - and fallen hard - from his initial perch. Upon Bush's April announcement that he would seek the Presidency, his poll numbers have dropped exorbitantly. So what "potential" am I talking about? The power of the two together. A formidable, wealthy, polished, and charismatic alliance. Just for a minute forget policy, stance, or history: now imagine a Rubio and Bush pair, with Bush serving as the running mate. Woah.

As a registered democrat and likely Bernie or Hillary voter next fall, nothing scares me greater than the TEAM of Bush and Rubio. Together - and together only - the pair could court radical Evangelicals, Latino voters, and every Establishment loyalist. Currently, according to multiple Las Vegas odds makers, Rubio and Bush represent the 2nd and 3rd most likely candidates to win the presidency - Hillary Clinton leads. Further, Jeb has played the family card, accruing a formi-

dable Super PAC, countless endorsements, and employing masterminds of his father and brother's

successful presidential campaigns. As previously discussed, Rubio leads Bush in all polls and currently appears the most likely to win the nomination.

Thereby, lies the untapped potential of the Bush-Rubio Complex. The two together, recreating the student-mentor bond, represent the greatest challenge to a Democratic White House. While Clinton appears best positioned to become the nation's first female president, the potential Bush-Rubio team

could postpone such an event. While I hate to admit it, the potential super team terrifies me: they truly could take the White House by simply putting petty differences aside.

As aforementioned, all things change - nothing is static. In this case, as Bush continues to falter and Rubio continues to thrive, the dynamic more appropriately becomes the Rubio-Bush Complex. Though potential undoubtedly exists, its power remains firmly rooted in the enigmatic. But while Rubio and Bush continue to battle over familial, petty antics, Hillary and Bernie, and subsequently myself, can continue to breathe a little easier.



PROS AND CONS OF 9-4 SCHOOL DAY

MADDIE MCCONNELL • REPORTER

Changing the time of the school day was a huge controversy in the 2014-15 school year. The idea was eventually turned down due to problems with transportation. However, the topic has come up once again this year as a strong possibility. If this idea would go through, the school day would start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. for all South Bend public schools.

CONS:

One con that many parents and students seem to be cautious about is the time of extracurriculars. The problem that might occur is that practice or meetings would be forced to start sometime after 4 p.m., thereby going into later hours. This also brings up the homework problem. With extracurricular activities going further into the afternoon, students are almost guaranteed a late night if they happen to have an assignment or project. Michelle Howell, parent of John Adams athlete Teaonna Miller, said, "It will affect my daughter's ability to concentrate and it might become a struggle for her to maintain her good grades."

These two problems create a domino effect: late activities and homework will cause late nights which leads to not enough sleep. These days most students tend to sleep in; however, a child needs all the sleep he or she can get to stay attentive and focus during the next school day. All in all, the negative impact the school day time change would most likely have an effect on the hours after the school day.

PROS:

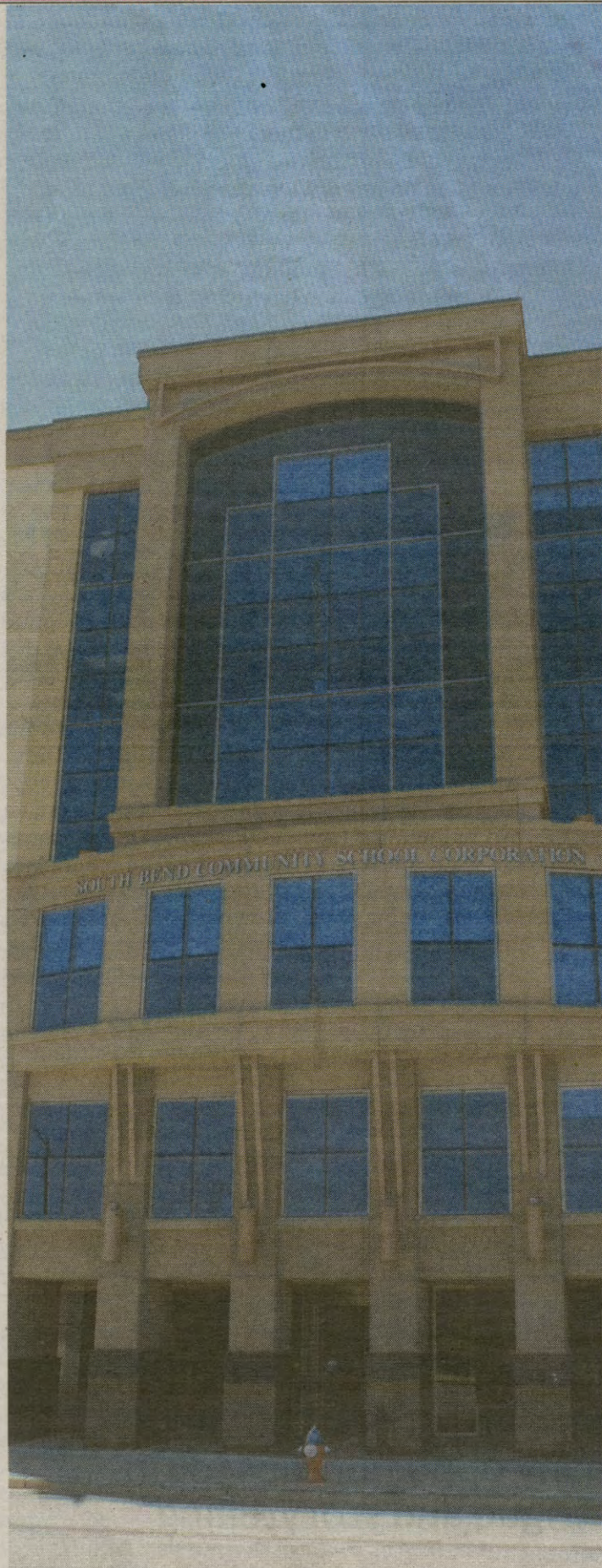
Though there are some major disadvantages to pushing back the school day, there are many advantages as well. A later start time will likely increase school attendance because students would have more time to prepare for the school day. A student's nutrition may also benefit with the extra time to grab breakfast in the morning, which studies say is the most important meal of the day. It has also been said that the changing of the school day time may increase a student's attention span due to studies suggesting that the brain isn't fully functioning until later in the day.

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Sleeping in for an extra hour may not seem like it would have a huge impact on the learning environment, but it has certainly been proven to positively change academic statistics. Fortunately for teachers and staff, a later start time can lower the number of naps taken by the students in class and will help students be more awake during instructional time. The average student is suggested to have nine hours of sleep each night; however, most teens go to bed between 11 p.m. and 12 a.m. This only leaves the student with about six to seven hours of rest with the normal start time. Pushing the start of the school day later in the morning would impact sleeping time, attendance, and attentiveness in a positive way.

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With all the options laid out, the decision is left up to supervisors downtown with some parent and student input. Since it is only the first semester of the school year, there is plenty of time for questions to be answered and possible change to occur regarding the future of the South Bend School Corporation.





ADELE'S NEW ALBUM

MADDY KIMMELL • REPORTER

Back in 2011 singer/songwriter Adele released her hit album "21". The album broke records winning her seven Grammys and was awarded diamond album status from the RIAA for selling more than 10 million copies in less than two years, an accomplishment few have ever achieved. The album has been credited numerous times as one of the greatest breakup records of all time featuring singles "Someone Like You", "Rumor Has It" and "Rolling in the Deep".

The only thing Adele's millions of adoring fans have heard from her in the past four years since "21" has been her single "Skyfall", which received an Academy Award for Best Original Song. In a letter addressed to her fans, Adele discussed what her new album meant to her and detailed its significance and at the end of the letter she wrote "And I'm sorry it took so long, but you know, life happened." Anticipation surrounding the release of Adele's new album, "25", has been heightened by the release of the album's lead single "Hello". The song has already shattered records for music video views and digital sales. Adele has made it clear that "25" will thematically bear little resemblance to "21". Adele explains, "My last record was a break-up record and if I had to label this one I would call it a make-up record... '25' is about getting to know who I've become without realizing." Expectations for "25"

are high, but it is unlikely Adele will disappoint. "25" is set to release November 20th.

JAVA HIGHLIGHT

ALLI GREEN • LIFESTYLE EDITOR

JAVA has been busy lately. The word has gotten out about the JAVA'ns (members of JAVA) and spreading fast. More and more people are asking for their help by the week because of all of their great work.

JAVA is the John Adams Volunteer Association, sponsored by Mark Wilson. JAVA is a student-based, volunteer group that attempts to assist and better the community through various tasks of community service. Throughout the year, JAVA is committed to multiple community service projects focused on aiding, supporting, and bettering the community. JAVA is community focused, student led, and student driven.

Wilson says, "If you're looking to help others, meet people, and positively impact your community, join JAVA."

Devin Hayes, a first year JAVA volunteer, said, "Being in JAVA has taught me a lot. Helping the community is really awesome and I love every moment of it, big or small."

Anyone can join at any time. There are no certain hours that you have to volunteer and it is strictly based on whatever you can help do. If you are interested in joining, text 'JAVAC2' to 95577 to get JAVA'lerts. You can also visit their website javagetfilled.com

Wilson said, "There can never be too many JAVA'ns because help is always needed."

MOCK TRIAL PREVIEW

NIKI HAKIMZADEH • REPORTER

When looking at the history of extracurricular clubs at Adams, few teams have a record quite like John Adams Mock Trial. Winners of 16 state and two national titles, JA has built a reputation of excellence in Mock Trial. The programs long-time coordinator, Heath Weaver, has stepped down this year leaving the program to Donna Sharp and the new assistant coordinator, Nick Leatherman. With a new season ahead, JA Mock Trial is already

hard at work preparing for this year's case.

Each year the Indiana Bar Foundation releases the state mock trial case sometime around the end of October. This year the release date landed on October 27. The teams of 6-10 students immediately start to study and prepare both sides of the case with their volunteer team coaches. Both the plaintiff/prosecution and the defense have three attorneys and three witnesses. The trials start with pretrial matters and opening statements, with a time limit of five minutes for each side. Next, the plaintiff/prosecution has each of their witnesses go up to the stand for a direct, cross, and possible redirect/cross examinations. Direct/redirect examinations are given a total of 25 minutes for each side and cross and recross examinations are given a total of 20 minutes for each side. After the plaintiff/prosecution's witnesses have gone up the defense does the same with their witnesses. Once all of the witnesses have testified the teams are given five minutes to prepare for their closing statements. The plaintiff/prosecution begins following with the defense. Each team is given five minutes for their closing statement, the plaintiff/defense is then allowed to use any time remaining from their closing statement to make a final rebuttal against the defense. After this, the roughly two-hour trial concludes.

This year's civil case is a dispute between plaintiff Val Hughes, a multi-million dollar lottery winner, and defendant Lou Ting, a charity art auctioneer. The plaintiff's witnesses are Criss Cross, an art restorer, and Hunter O'Klooz, an FBI agent and art fraud and forgery investigator. The defense's witnesses are Doane Orr, the estate representative of the painting's original owner, and Cass Dowd, an art appraiser and former museum curator. Hughes is suing the defendant for selling her a forged painting for \$455,000.

"I love this year's case. I think it's a little tricky but it has many opportunities for intrigue and storytelling," said senior and 4-year mock trial member, Ilan Friedland.

This year's South Bend Regional competition will be held on February 13, 2016 at Penn High School. The top nine teams from this regional continue on to the state competition at the Indianapolis court house, on March 5 & 6, 2016. Good luck JA mock trial on the upcoming season!

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JACKIE WALORSKI ON NEW SPEAKER PAUL RYAN

ABIGAIL MYERS • REPORTER

In late October, Paul Ryan was sworn in as the 62nd Speaker of the House of Representatives, originally an unlikely candidate for the Speakership. Paul Ryan, a representative from Janesville, Wisconsin, was 2012 presidential candidate Mitt Romney's vice presidential nominee. He is known for his right wing tea party views and membership on the Ways and Means committee, the chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives. Former Speaker John Boehner, a Republican representative from Ohio, announced that he was stepping down from Congress and the Speakership altogether — a surprise to many government leaders. Republican leaders were presented with a challenge to find a replacement for Boehner, as speaker selection is a vital process since Congress cannot proceed without a speaker. Some of the top contenders for the position included House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Florida Representative Daniel Webster.

The race for Speaker began with an unexpected retirement of former Speaker John Boehner. On September 24, Boehner made his retirement official: "Last night I started thinking about [retiring] and this morning I woke up... and I decided today's the day I'm going to do it." He followed up by tweeting, "My heart is full of gratitude for my family, colleagues & the people of Ohio's 8th district." His retirement came shortly after Pope Francis' visit to the United States, which included an address to Congress, something Speaker Boehner had wanted

for a while.

Many differing theories have been circling as to why Boehner stepped down as speaker. John Adams Government teacher Michael Szucs has his own theory. "I think Boehner stepped down due to the pressure brought from the far right in the Republican Party. That, along with his inability to unify the party left him with no choice [but to step down]," said Szucs. Speaker Boehner has been criticized multiple times for his many compromises with the President, a democrat, which many Republican leaders see as a weakness.

Kevin McCarthy, current House Majority Leader, was a frontrunner in the race for the Speakership to succeed Boehner. However, like Boehner, Kevin McCarthy mysteriously dropped out of the race saying, "I'm not the one," just before Speaker nominations were made. Even more theories were formed as to why Rep. McCarthy dropped out of the Speaker race so suddenly. One leading theory is that Rep. McCarthy was responding to a plea made by fellow Representative Walter Jones who urged candidates not to run if "they had any embarrassing skeletons in the closet." Many believe McCarthy's "skeleton" was his possible relationship with Representative Renee Ellmers. Whatever the cause, the Speaker race experienced an unexpected turn with Kevin McCarthy out of the race.

Soon after, Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan was offered a nomination for Speaker. He was doubtful about serving in the position and stated he would only accept a nomination if he whole Republican party stood behind him. "I cannot and will not give up my family time," Paul Ryan stated when first asked about a possible Speakership run. Eventually, Rep. Ryan gave in to pressures and tremendous support from the Republican party, finally accepting a nomination.

Voters will not be able to voice their opinion on the new speaker until election time next year. "While I believe he is a good, honest, decent man, those are not the criteria upon which he will be judged" said Szucs. "One 'litmus test' will be the

2016 elections," he continued. The result of the 2016 Presidential and Congressional elections will determine whether voters are happy with Speaker Ryan's performance.

Although the voters do not directly choose the Speaker of the House, voters can truly share their voice and express their approval or disapproval of Speaker Ryan through their votes for their local representative. Our local U. S. representative in South Bend is Republican Jackie Walorski. Rep. Walorski spoke in support of Paul Ryan before Congress saying, "I applaud the hard work of [Speaker] Paul Ryan." Interestingly, Rep. Jackie Walorski cast the 218th vote for Paul Ryan, giving him the necessary majority to become Speaker of the House. In the end, Paul Ryan received 236 supportive votes which was well over what was needed.

Many people have hopes for former Speaker Boehner's successor and the effect it will have on the government. "It is hard to say what impact Ryan will have on the government in general," Szucs said. He continued, "I hope the government will become more productive. With our current divided government, this, unfortunately may be nothing more than wishful thinking."

Many Republican leaders hope that Speaker Ryan, now third in line to the Presidency, will push for more right-winged legislation, something they believe former Speaker Boehner didn't do enough of. Others are expecting a more unified Congress due to new leadership. Paul Ryan supported this theory by stating, "Let's pray for each other: Republican for Democrats, and Democrats for Republicans, and I don't mean pray for conversion. Pray for a deeper understanding." Throughout his inauguration speech, Speaker Ryan stated his goals as speaker, he emphasized fixing our 'broken Congress', minimizing the Congressional budget by lowering costs, and focusing on a true representation of the people. Regardless, Congress now enters yet another chapter in history with a new Speaker of the House in office.

Women's Pavilion No Longer Providing Abortions

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The Women's Pavilion, owned and operated by Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, has stopped performing abortions, leaving Northwest Indiana without an abortion clinic. The Indiana Department of Health revoked Dr. Klopfer's license to perform abortions in June, but his appeal kept the clinic open during legal proceedings. One of the department's complaints cited no less than 27 code violations regarding informed consent laws, failure to promptly report abortions performed on girls younger than 14, delayed disposal of an aborted specimen, and keeping a patient registry. He once operated three clinics in

Indiana, but those in Gary and Fort Wayne were closed in a similar fashion in 2013 and 2014.

Noel Spring, a pro-choice community organizer, explained that most of the violations were clerical errors: "Most of these violations were typos or information that was purposefully left off [such as the father's name or past abortions]". The violations that actually had to do with the procedure were the reporting of abortions on young girls and having expired medication inside of the facility. In the eyes of the pro-choice community, more concerning than his violations is the information within the mandatory pamphlets that are given to women when they arrive at the clinic. "The information is extremely biased [against abortion] and potentially harmful," Spring said. Fetuses and blastocysts, the very earliest stage of development, are referred to as babies, and the pamphlet establishes that life begins at conception. An example of potentially harmful information includes inaccurate information about aftercare that could actually cause complications.

Klopfer and the Women's Pavilion can apply for a new license in 90 days, but as Klopfer's medical license is in jeopardy as well, it is unclear if it will happen. The Women's Pavilion will remain open for information and referrals.

Consequently, the closest abortion clinic is now 75 miles away in Merrillville, Indiana. Indiana has an 18 hour waiting period, meaning that a woman has to wait at least 18 hours after a face to face counseling session to have the abortion. This especially hurts lower income women due to travel costs and possible time off of work.

"I think that the health department made the right decision," said sophomore Alaina Straford. Concerning the notion that its cease of abortions will put low income women at risk, she replied based on his aforementioned violations, "The doctor wasn't doing safe procedures in the first place and was putting [predominantly young] women in danger."

"I am disappointed that this doctor did not follow the guidelines given to him by the state, but I do not believe that it's reasonable to close the only abortion clinic within 75 miles of one of the largest cities in the state," said junior Stephanie Portolese. "I think the community should put an effort toward finding a replacement...no matter how much people hate it, abortion clinics are necessary."

Spring added, "People have this concept in their heads that only certain types of women have abortions, but all types of women have abortions - including anti-choice women."

However, a representative from the Life Center claimed in an interview with the South Bend Tribune that many women seeking abortions don't actually want one. He explained that many

women that he and other Life Center employees talked to felt that abortion was their only option, and they were relieved to see that there were other options after talking to them.

Aly Kaluzny, a patient educator at the Women's Pavilion, refuted those claims. "What I do on the day of the procedure is sit them down and ask them why they are having an abortion to make sure they actually want to be there," she explained. Once the patient is confident that they want to go through with the abortion, she and other patient educators explain the procedure and what will happen afterward.

Only time will tell the future of abortion in our city, but one thing is clear — people on both sides of the issue will continue to fight for what they believe in.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

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The John Adam's Girls Basketball team's season opener was on October 29 against Northridge. Their game was an evenly fought battle against the Raiders. The Lady Eagles won their following game against Michigan City, on November 10 with a score of 64-46. Following their game on Tuesday, the ladies will play John Glenn on Friday, November 13.

The Eagles are led this year by senior captain, Sabrina Malone. Malone is the only senior and is extremely proud to be leading the team this year. On this year's team and upcoming season Malone said, "Well, we are a young team that has come a very long way. Every year there is a different team, but they all have the same dream. As a team we all know that hard work beats talent, and this year will be our year."

The Lady Eagles want this to be their best season in years. Junior Kaylan Parker feels that this year's toughest competition will be the Penn Kingsmen or the Saint Joe Indians; however, she believes, "If we come out with intensity and carry it throughout the entire game, we'll definitely have a chance to come out on top."

Come out and support the Lady Eagles this season at their 9 home games. Cheer them on to victory, as they play as a new and improved squad!

