



Wildcat Tribune

VOLUME I ISSUE XIV

www.thewildcattribune.com

JUNE 4 2014

f /DVHSTribune @WildcatTribune

A Faculty Advisor Looks Back...and Forward

By Ms. Decker
Tribune Advisor

A few months ago, after Issue 8 or 9 dropped, one of my colleagues said (and I'm paraphrasing here), "This paper is great. People go the "Hey You"s first, then flip through the articles; they're hooked. This is a really good thing here."

This moment, along with so many others this year, have been some of my proudest as a teacher. Watching a group of 20+ dedicated, motivated, autonomous and creative students dream up and execute 14 impressive issues of well-written, insightful, professional content is more than I could have imagined so long ago in September.

So long ago in September, I made a plan with Mr. Hillman to produce just a few issues as a test run. I hoped that the newspaper would be successful and well received; I hoped that I could put together a small staff; I hoped to bring the paper back to print. I could not have imagined that we would have a staff of 20, that we would produce such a high volume of content, that we would create such a high quality of product, such an impressive one.

Throughout such a magnanimous effort, there have been so many who have been instrumental and supportive along the way. Although I have tried to keep the *Wildcat Tribune* for the students, I thought this last issue might be my chance to express my gratitude.

I have several people to thank, and not nearly have enough space to do it justice, but here's my shot at it:

The Academic Boosters: I am so incredibly grateful for your pledged support to fund our efforts, and cannot imagine where we would be without it, both this year and in the years to come.

Susan Grant: All year you have printed SEE "BACK AND FORWARD." PAGE 2

The Tribune Reflects: Top 14 Memories of the Year



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIMI EVANS

1. Putting (and finding) the first issue everywhere.

2. The short-lived Hey You table. Hey You, kid who was only willing to do it if we had food, we did have food. You missed an opportunity.

3. When Ms. Decker said, "I think this is our best issue yet."

4. The fashion issue still makes me smile and roll my eyes. At the same time! It's quite impressive.

5. Mafia games, parties and crazy debates where debaters started yelling at the top of their lungs and Ms. Pike would come to see what the fuss was all about. Once, Mimi was eating a salad just as Ms. Pike came in. Not so funny then, but looking back it was hilarious! (IC)[*Editor's Note: Ms. Pike, salad is a metaphor.*]

6. Of course we didn't sneak in fruit snacks, cookies or biscuits during our meetings in the library! (VL)

7. During the Christmas party mafia game, Tobin explained that I died with my tongue tied to the ceiling fan. Eww.

8. Having an excuse to play mafia and Team Fortress 2 (PS).

9. How desperate Ife and I were for a picture to go with the lead article [about the school blackout]. As the deadline approached, we improvised—a phone flashlight, darkened English room and three cowering poses later we "had the shot". (ME)

10. I cherish the memory of the first time I held a stack of Issue X's gloriously shimmery paper. It gave the "Wall of Shame" some real class.

11. Getting offended comments for the 'April Fools' issue. That was classic, especially when multiple people informed me of grammar mistakes in the 'Grammar Skillz' article.

12. Playing sardines during the winter party. I had the best hiding spot behind a trash can. I even found an infinity ring. Text me if you want it back.

13. The resonating 'bang' sound every time someone opened the door after 12:30.

14. Getting to meet 20+ wonderful, smart, gorgeous people whose awesomeness cannot be contained in any adjective in the English language.

"HEY YOU!"

HEY YOU, Mimi is the best Editor-in-Chief ever -Ife.

HEY YOU, ^I agree.

HEY YOU, Michael writes amazing articles? (Both of them).

HEY YOU, I want to thank EC for inventing the name 'Dapper'.

HEY YOU, Thank you, parents, for supporting me graduating 9th grade.

HEY YOU, The *Tribune* is the best thing that's ever happened to me.

HEY YOU, Thanks for all the free food I got at Tribune meetings!

HEY YOU, ^I second the motion :)

HEY YOU, Poke the Andicat! (^_-^)

HEY YOU, AC: thanks for conditioning the air. And AC for DAPPER & CARLEY yes.

HEY YOU, Thanks to the *Tribune's* readership!

HEY YOU, Thanks to the entire *Tribune* staff!

HEY YOU, FROP- you're awesome! :)

HEY YOU, Being part of the *Wildcat Tribune* has been the most excellent experience!

HEY YOU, <3 Thank you Ms. Decker & Mimi the great!!!

HEY YOU, Thanks ME, I couldn't do it without you...and every *Tribune* staff member.

And Ms. Decker. Definitely Ms. Decker.

HEY YOU, ^I agree.

HEY YOU, *Tribune* staff, you've made my year amazing in so many ways. Thanks for sticking with it and making me so proud!!

Got something to say to someone? Too shy to say it to their face?

Send a "HEY YOU" to dvhsheyyou@gmail.com or submit via our website or Facebook. Staff & teachers welcome too!

For more "HEY YOU'S" check www.thewildcattribune.com.

Wildcat Tribune

www.thewildcattribune.com

Facebook: WildcatTribune

Twitter: @DVHSTribune

Editors

Mimi Evans,
Editor-in-Chief
Ifedunni Segun-Abugan,
Managing Editor
Liya Khan & Michael Shi,
Op-Ed Editors
Veronica Liow,
Arts & Entertainment Editor
Irene Chang & Michael Shi,
Copy Editors
Alicia Ho & Michael Tobin,
Web Editors
Ye Bin Shin,
Photography Editor

Writers

Eunice Chan, Amy Cu, Col-
lin Eng, Young Min Kim,
Pooja Kini, Victoria Lu, Vikram
Magal, Andi Mo, Rishika
Musukula, Pondharshini Sada-
sivam, Meghal Sancheti, Kristi
Seto, Paul Shin, Sarah Siddiqui

Faculty Advisor

Ms. Decker

BACK AND FORWARD ————— from Page 1

our issues in crazy colors, dealt with last minute decisions and e-mails and always came through for us. And always perfectly on deadline!

Principal Hillman: When I first began to bug you about my crazy ideas, you listened with an open ear and an open mind, truly allowing this to flourish. Your confidence and encouragement were our catalyst. Thank you for your constant willingness to listen to my latest requests, my annoying questions and even more annoying drop-ins to ask for yet again something else.

Ms. Pike & Mrs. Grijalva: You gave my newspaper students a home twice a week when I couldn't. Thank you so much for scheduling the conference room for an entire year, for helping guide lost newsbies, never once complaining about it and most of all, encouraging and supporting their efforts.

Faculty, especially my kind *English department, Mrs. Coulson, Ms. Sakkis, Mr. Silverman and Mrs. Amini:* Thanks for posting issues, sending in "Wall of Shame"s, enduring perpetual Access passes and for all of your kind e-mails and conversations.

Mr. Ingram: Thank you for your continued support of hardworking student journalists and the big shoes you created for me to fill. Your passionate e-mails to SNO to restore our site saved us! You are forever an honorary *Tribune* advisor.

And finally, of course, the wonderful *Tribune staff:* Every week, your initiative, dedication, self-sufficiency and talent blow me away. You truly run and execute this newspaper, and there is no greater satisfaction as a teacher than watching

students express their voice in powerful and respected mediums they have designed and built.

Writers, I loved reading your stories all year, from everything to investigative reporting of the campus blackout to Nicki Minaj's feminism. I can't wait to see what you have in store next year!

Editors: What a lovely bunch you are. *Ye Bin,* I love your enthusiasm for design. *Michael S,* every week your articles made me laugh and consider different perspectives on a topic—your creative mind amazes me. *Michael T,* I know you will always have an idea for something. *Ife,* thanks for all the laughs, especially the day I made you pretend to be in the dark for a photo. *Irene,* your smile can light up a room and your copy editing is on point. *Veronica,* is there anything you can't do? Your kind appreciations always made me smile. And, *Alicia,* you are already such a design superstar, and such a superstar human.

And of course, this year would not have happened without the Editor-in-Chief, our captain, the remarkable and talented *Mimi.* I have so loved all of our break brainstorm, constant e-mails, snack hiding and issue planning. You are truly one of the most impressive students I have taught, and your leadership, dedication, and resilience could run a Fortune 500 company, and will surely steer this paper next year too.

If next year is anything like this, I truly cannot wait for all that this endeavor will bring.

Thanks for reading our work all year. We'll see you next October.

PLEASE RECYCLE ME!

