

Senior Spotlight

Kaitlyn Bates

Brayden Miklovic
Writer, Designer

Kaitlyn Bates is a senior at Columbian. She is the captain of the swim team, as well as being the vice president of Key Club, being involved in NHS, and playing softball. In her free time, she likes to bake, read, and watch TV shows with her family. After high school, she plans to attend Muskingum University, where she will play softball and study exercise science and sports psychology. After that, she will attend Logan University of Chiropractic. Kaitlyn says that she likes to keep busy, "especially with things that keep [her] both physically active and active in the community." She urges underclassmen to "meet new people and try new things," because "you only have one chance to be this young."



Teddy Owens

Micah Harris
Writer

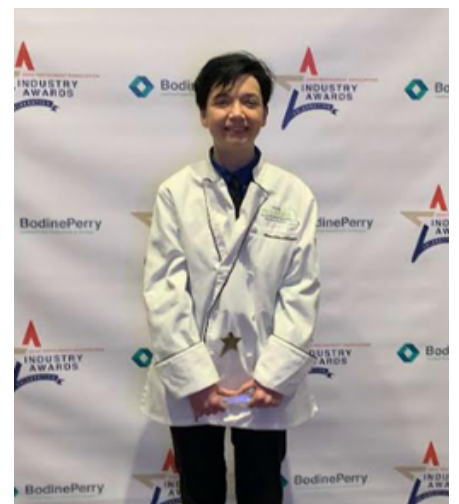
Teddy Owens is another senior for the senior spotlight this month. He is an athlete here at Columbian. He is in cross country and track and has been for 6 years. He says he loves playing these sports because the people he has become friends with due to cross and track are like his siblings. He adds, "I love the teamwork for what I do." Teddy wants the underclassmen to know that "this time is important, especially for your future," and to "have fun in high school, it will go faster than you realize. It did for me." After he graduates, he will attend Heidelberg University, running in cross country and track. He will major in exercise science to become an athletic trainer. In his free time, he loves watching professional wrestling. He also likes to hang out with his friends, attend church, and play video games. He would like to add a quote from Peter Cullen: "You will endure many dangers in your life. You must not ignore the danger, you must conquer it!"



Charles Sheward

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Charles Sheward is a senior at Columbian. On top of being involved in Footloose, he is in his third year in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program at Sentinel, and he is entering the Management competition through Prostart for the second year after placing second at state last year. He spends his free time cooking, writing, and hanging out with friends. After he graduates, he will be going to Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island to major in Culinary Arts. "My biggest motivation is getting to college," he says. "I've put a lot of effort into making my future the best it possibly can be, and I can't wait to see the day it all pays off." He warns underclassmen that "being nice to teachers is the best way to get what you need out of class time," and that disrespecting your teachers gets you nowhere.



Senior Spotlight (Cont.)

Mateo Minjarez

Micah Harris
Writer

Mateo Minjarez is a senior artist here at TC. He is involved in the art department, mainly focusing on film and production. He says he "really loves the creative freedom with directing and being able to act out and portray any character [he needs] with simple planning." He adds, "It's exciting to film with other people as well." Mateo wants to tell the underclassmen to "try not to be afraid to refuse any kind of situation where you might not be comfortable. Do not be afraid to put yourself first, no matter what. It can be scary but try to speak up and get out of the uncomfortable situation, don't be afraid to be disliked for saying no." After graduation, Mateo plans to go to art school to be a cinematographer or a choreographer. He wants to do that as he does not like the idea of a 9-5 job with something he doesn't enjoy. "I want to enjoy my life to the fullest and have the most fun possible," he says. In his free time, Mateo enjoys making up dances for different songs in various genres. Along with dancing/choreography, he enjoys spending time with his mother. Mateo would like to add that he profoundly believes in LGBTQ+ rights and that transgender people are who they identify as, and love is love. He says that people should be allowed to be themselves without judgment, and even if someone doesn't agree with LGBTQ+, they shouldn't hate someone for being a part of it.



Miranda Fisher

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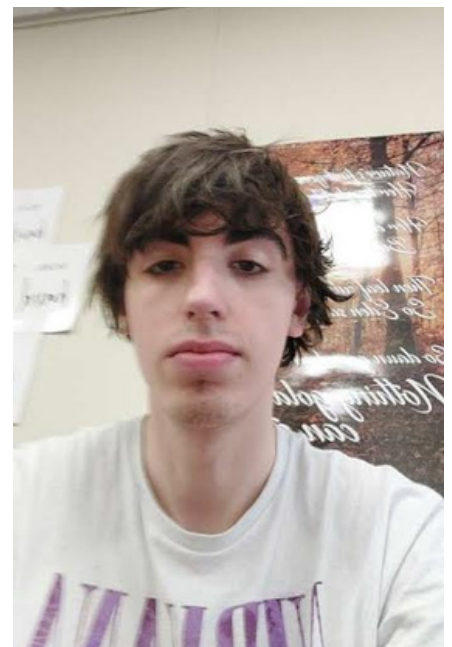
Miranda Fisher is a senior at Columbian. Miranda is involved in theater at Columbian, starring in last year's production of *Chicago* as Kitty and starring in this year's production of *Footloose* as Vi Moore. "Theater is one of my favorite things," she says. "I encourage my fellow students to pursue it." She likes to listen to music, read, paint, and hang out with friends and family in her spare time. After graduation, she plans on majoring in diagnostic sonography and working as an ultrasound technician specializing in OB/GYN. She finds her motivation in the people around her, whether they are doubting her or encouraging her. She tells underclassmen to "always keep your head up and see the good. Life is hard, but it is also very beautiful." She also reminds her underclassmen that "high school is only 4 years of your life," and we "still have much more left to see and do."



Noah Swander

Micah Harris
Writer

Noah Swander is another senior here at Columbian. He is not currently involved in anything at the school, but he does want to let underclassmen know to "have fun with your friends and get stuff done so you can leave on time." Once he graduates, Noah plans to go into a field of work with his Vanguard qualifications. In his free time, he loves playing video games and playing basketball with his friends.



Tiffinian Writer of the Month

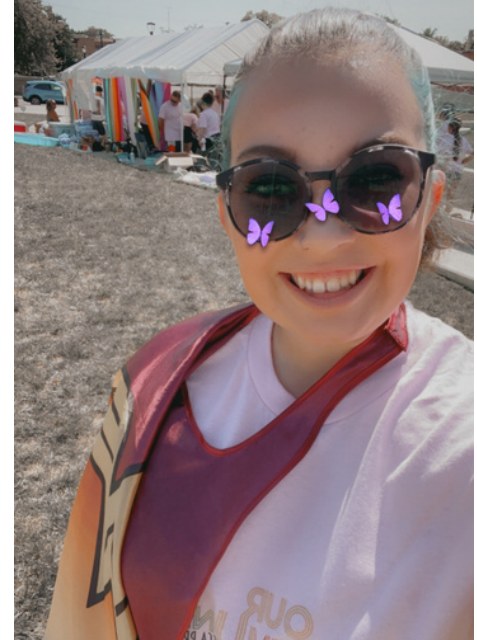
Madison McBride

1. I am a junior, currently involved in NHS, Newspaper, and I work downtown at FroZone.

2. In my free time, I usually read whatever fantasy I can get my hands on, hang out with friends and family, or watch *Rupaul's Drag Race*.

3. Newspaper is a place where we can spotlight both the people and the world around us. My favorite part is being able to write about something I find important for not only me but our school as a whole each month.

4. My advice for upcoming writers is to write about something that brings you joy. Every month I write about something related to mental health and safety. Educating the people around me about mental health doesn't just make me happy, but it also helps those around us. Everyone deserves to be seen. So when it comes to your writing, strive for something that makes you excited to write. Oh, and also, edit your article before sending it in. The editors have a lot to edit as it is—no need for them to fix simple spelling mistakes.



Spring Musical: Footloose

Ainsley Richards
Writer, Editor

Mark your calendars, because coming up in mid-March is Tiffin Columbian's production of *Footloose the Musical*! This ninety-minute production includes fan-favorite music numbers from the 80's, such as "Let's Hear It For The Boy," "Holding Out For A Hero," and of course "Footloose." Show dates are Friday March 17, Saturday March 18, Friday March 24 and Saturday March 25.

Based on the 1984 movie, the story of *Footloose* is about a boy (Ren McCormack) who moves from Chicago to a small town named Bomont, a place where music and dancing is outlawed after the town's tragic history. With the high school students by his side, including his best friend (Willard Hewitt) and the Reverend's daughter (Ariel Moore), Ren fights against the skeptical adults in the community to bring peace and liberty back to Bomont by fighting to have a town dance.

Many of our fantastic students are involved in the musical this year! Along with all of the amazing people working behind the scenes, such as our talented pit and those helping backstage, we have a large cast as well! Come see some of your friends and classmates perform!

Tiffin Columbian Theatre
presents



March 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2023

Cast

Townspeople: Skye Thacker, Trinity Wolfet-Welly

Cop: Charlie Sheward

Betty Blast: Faith Eachus

Cowboy Bob: Vivian Robison

Principal Clark: Miley Helmstetter

Eleanor Dunbar: Kiah Walters

Coach Roger Dunbar: Michael Byrd

Wes Warnicker: Grant Terry

Lulu Warnicker: Sami LeGrant

Vi Moore: Miranda Fisher

Reverend Shaw Moore: Griffin Ringle

Ethel McCormack: Trisha Shuck

Teens: Juliannah Haudenschild,
Autumn-Belle Stephens, Ava Thom,
Ema Thom

Teen Dancers: Annika Campbell,
Alyssa Jaeck,

Elise Johnson, Skylar Tuite, Casey
Vasko, Riley Wagner

Travis: Brance Gebauer

Lyle: Cyprien Marchal

Chuck: Dylan Reid

Garvin: Aden Baines-O'Hagen

Bickle: Brayden Miklovic

Jeter: Archie Stephens

Willard Hewitt: Weston Runion

Wendy Jo: Courtney McGinnis

Urleen: Maggie Joyce

Rusty: Kylee Thom

Ariel Moore: Ainsley Richards

Ren McCormack: Jonah Moyer

This will be a show you don't want to miss!

Make sure to grab your tickets when you can, and we hope to see you there!

What is Valentine's Day?

Alison Kramer

Writer

After decorations for the Christmas Season and New Year's Celebrations are removed, many move on to the next major holiday: Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day revolves around love and is usually celebrated by couples, making it considerably controversial.

Many historical events connect with early Valentine's Day celebrations, but, like Christmas and Easter, most credit the initial start to the Christian religion. In Christian belief, the holiday is dedicated to St. Valentine, who secretly married couples to spare husbands from war. However, others believe that the holiday comes from the pagan festival Lupercalia. Lupercalia is a celebration dedicated to the Roman god of agriculture, Faunus, and the two Roman founders, Romulus and Remus. During this festival, an order of Roman priests sacrifices a goat and dog to the two Roman founders. Women could put their names in an urn which was then passed around for bachelors to choose randomly. The couples formed from this were paired for the year and typically married. Although Valentine's Day was likely derived from these events, couples usually celebrate differently now. Many couples get together on Valentine's Day and spend the day together. Being with your significant other, giving them gifts, and telling them how much you love them are great ways to celebrate the holiday.

Valentine's Day may be viewed as a holiday dedicated only to couples, but this is not true. Valentine's Day is about celebrating love, whether romantic or platonic. Sometimes, friends will get together for Valentine's Day and spend the day eating chocolate, watching romantic movies, or simply enjoying each other's company. Even if doing things with friends isn't possible, Valentine's Day is also a great time to show yourself some love.

Single Valentine's Day

Ema Thom

Writer

For all the single people, don't just sit at home in your dreary dark bedroom on Valentine's Day. There are many things for single people to do. 1: You can go see a movie with your friends. 2: Stay in and pamper yourself! Take care of yourself and have a self-care night. 3: Eat at your favorite restaurant.

Enjoy one of your favorite meals! 4: Try a new recipe. Cook something that you have always wanted to try to make but never had the time. 5: Catch up on your favorite TV show. 6: Plan a perfect date with your best friend who is hopefully also single. 7: Buy yourself flowers. It will be just like someone else bought you flowers. 8: Splurge on yourself. Buy something you have always wanted but never bought it because you felt bad about spending money on yourself. 9: Test all the different types of Valentine's Day candies. Lastly, the most important thing of all is to love yourself. Do whatever makes you happy! And remind yourself that you are worthy of love.



A Swiftie Valentine's Day

Juliannah Haudenschild

Writer

While most people use Valentine's day to celebrate their love through physical gifts, there are many people who prefer sharing their love through the gift of music. According to Spotify, In February, the word "love" increased in searches by 30% compared to other months. And it's not like love is an uncommon topic among musicians. From the sixties to now, studies have shown that nearly 67% of songs during that time were based on love. I'm sure we all have some favorite love songs that seem just a bit more enjoyable during this month, and that's no different for fans of 12-time Grammy winner, Taylor Swift. According to Spotify, Taylor Swift was the most streamed artist on Valentine's Day. Whether this was due to happy couples around the world enjoying beautiful tracks about love by Swift like "Lover" or "Love Story," or single fans, looking to music for some company with heartbreaking ballads like "All Too Well" or "You Belong With Me," Swift has a discography with songs for nearly everybody who may come to her music searching for the perfect tune to fit the vibe of their Valentine's Day. And even now, well past Valentine's Day, I'm sure you would be lucky enough to find a song brilliantly written by the chart-topping artist to cater to your emotions, Valentine's Day or not!

Lent

Weston Runion

Writer

Lent is a holiday that occurs during spring and is shared by many different faiths. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, where people burn palm fronds and according to their religious beliefs, the ashes represent eternal life. Lent lasts 40 days and ends on Easter. The reason for this is because Jesus walked the desert for forty days without food or water. The Catholic church has prayer, fasting, and Almsgiving. Many faiths pray at the stations, in which there are 14 different stained glass windows that portray Jesus' life- birth until death. Lent is the season of fast and abstinence, where a person decides whether to give up something they enjoy, or make someone else happy and do a good deed.

Maha Shivaratri

Aiden John

Writer, Designer

Maha Shivaratri is Sanskrit for "Great Night of Shiva." It is the most important sectarian festival of the entire year for followers of the Hindu god Shiva. It is celebrated on different dates each year due to it being on the Krishna Paksha of Phalguna month. This year, it was celebrated on Saturday, February 18th. Maha Shivaratri refers to the night when Lord Shiva performs his dance of creation, preservation, and destruction. This event is seen as favorable and is a day of extreme success. It is also a day that marks the convergence of Shakti and Shiva. This is when masculine and feminine energies balance the world. In Hinduism, this is a formal festival that marks the overcoming of darkness and ignorance. It is reserved for looking deeper into yourself and withdrawing from anything that comes in the way of your successes and growth. Celebrations mainly occur in India where they could celebrate early in the morning or all night depending on customs. The following day, after midnight, celebrations continue with feasts, fairs, and more. Some also partake in fasts, however, these fasts are more about testing one's determination. Outside of India, Nepal also celebrates Maha Shivaratri and it's even considered a national holiday. Even in Pakistan, Hindus celebrate by going to Shiva temples and the most important festival is the three-day event in the Umerkot Shiv Mandir. Maha Shivaratri is thus an extremely sacred day to Hindus across the globe and is observed with much enthusiasm.



Valentine's Day, But Not

Joaquin Perez

Writer

On February 14th many people celebrate Valentine's Day, a day for lovers to show each other their affection for one another. However not all countries and cultures celebrate Valentine's day, but have similar holidays or traditions.

Many of these involve chocolate, and lots of it. In Germany, lovers will give each other chocolate pigs, which represent lust and love. In Japan, women will give not only their lovers, but also their friends and coworkers chocolate. Though, women have to wait until March 14th to get their chocolate, and this day is known as White Day. And in Ghana, February 14th is flat out just national chocolate day ("What Valentine's Day Traditions Mean around the World").

But not all other countries' versions of Valentine's Day are based around chocolate.

In Wales, lovers will give each other handmade wooden spoons, known as love spoons.

Across the globe in the Philippines, generous sponsors will fund mass weddings for those who can't afford them normally. And in Guatemala, focus is put more on family and friends, and they have parades where people will dress in Mayan clothing and masks ("21 Unique Valentine's Day Traditions from around the World").



Examples of Welsh love spoons

Teenage Dating Violence

Madison McBride

Writer

As teenagers, many of us are in or have been in some sort of relationship. Whether your relationship is/was monogamous, polyamorous, or a deep love with food, we have all been through it. However, our world can be cruel, and this month, February, is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Nationwide, young adults from ages 12-19 have the highest rates of reported sexual assault and rape. And in past studies, it has been shown that 10% of adolescents in intimate relationships have experienced physical violence. But the number is suspected to be higher because many assaults and abusive relationships go unreported. Female-presenting individuals are more likely to be a victim of assault. However, male-presenting individuals have been and will continue to be victims of assault and rape. These unhealthy relationships can lead to long-term behavioral and health problems, including suicide attempts, drug abuse, eating disorders, and more. In the long run, these young adults who experience dating violence will continue to be in unhealthy and unsafe relationships.

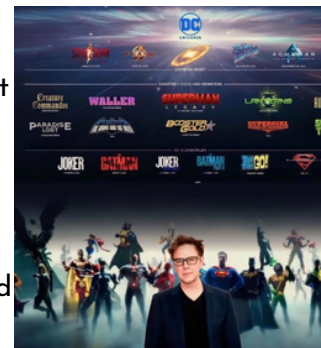
But what can we do to prevent teen dating violence? As a district, we can educate our students about healthy relationships and what signals are for unhealthy relationships. Teenagers have a twisted idea of a healthy relationship because of the media. One famous toxic relationship is with Edward and Bella from *Twilight*. Stalking? Not cool, man. Bella needing Edward to live? Not healthy. Bella and Edward's break up in the second book? That is not how that is supposed to happen. And there are so many more unhealthy representations of the workings of relationships in media. We need to have these discussions with our students, and teachers should be educated on the signs of an unhealthy relationship. As a school district, we can also create a safe place for students to report in case of assault or unhealthy relationships. Reporting is scary, and many assaults and rape go unreported because of this. To keep our peers and students safe, we need to offer education, training, and a way for students to report safely.

Changes to DC

Grant Terry

Vice-president, Designer & Writer

James Gunn, the recently appointed creative head and co-ceo of DC studios, made an announcement recently about the future of DC. For context, DC hasn't been doing the best recently. The DCEU (DC Extended Universe) struggled at having cohesive storytelling across multiple movies and failed at making a connected cinematic universe. James Gunn announced his fix to this. The new cinematic universe, called the DCU (DC Universe) by James Gunn, is the new future of DC. James Gunn announced the first part of a ten-year plan. The beginning of Chapter 1 will have at least ten projects and will be titled "Gods and Monsters." This new universe will have TV shows and movies as well as animated projects.



You might be wondering what will happen to the holdover projects that are almost done or are done already. Those projects will still be released but I don't think they will be connected to the new universe. *The Flash* coming out in June of this year will supposedly reset the DCEU continuity so they can start fresh with the DCU. Projects that are outside the DCU continuity will be clearly labeled as not being a part of the universe. For example, James Gunn listed such projects as 2019's *Joker* and its sequel as well as *The Batman* and its sequel. Gunn didn't dwell on the past too much though, he wanted to get on with the new.

Gunn announced a slew of new projects. He announced *The Authority*, *The Brave and the Bold*, *Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow*, *Swamp Thing*, *Waller*, *Booster Gold*, *Creature Commandos*, *Lanterns*, *Paradise Lost*, and arguably the most anticipated, *Superman: Legacy*. *Superman: Legacy* is being written by Gunn himself and it already has a release date of July 11th, 2025. Overall this announcement has brought excitement, hopefulness, and worry. Will James Gunn be able to fix the problems at DC? I sure hope so, but only time will tell though.

Tom Brady Retirement... Again

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Vice-president, Designer & Writer

On February 1, 2023, Tom Brady said he is retiring "for good" from the NFL. The funny thing is that exactly 1 year prior on February 1, 2022, he also announced he was retiring. However, he changed his mind about a month later and played one more season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Buccaneers went 8-9 in his last season and were a first round exit in the playoffs losing to the Dallas Cowboys. Despite the underwhelming end to his career, Tom Brady will forever be remembered as one of the best NFL quarterbacks. Many people would consider him to be the best quarterback of all time and rightfully so.

Tom Brady was a 15-time Pro Bowler and a three-time All-Pro. He threw for 649 touchdowns and had 89,214 passing yards in his career. Many teams fell victim to the dynasty Tom created with the Patriots. Tom won six super bowls with the Patriots. He also won one super bowl with the Buccaneers. He has appeared in 10 super bowls, only losing three. I was initially surprised when he did not retire after his super bowl victory with the Buccaneers. I thought he just wanted to prove he could win one without Patriots' coach Bill Belichick. It was more than that though; he just has a love for the game. His love for the game might have been too much however, because when he went back on his original retirement announcement it supposedly caused issues with his wife, leading to a divorce. But that is not what Tom will be remembered for. He will be remembered for being a once-in-a-lifetime quarterback. Despite being pick number 199 in the NFL draft, he became something special and defied the odds. No matter if you hate or love Tom Brady, you can't deny that he is proof that if you work hard enough, you can make it. His impact on the game of football will forever be remembered. He will even be remembered in pop culture too. He has a movie relating to him called, *80 for Brady* officially released into theaters on February 3rd, 2023. No matter what you know Tom Brady for, he is an icon.



Tom Brady hoisting up the Lombardi trophy after winning Super Bowl LV.

Harry Styles' 29th Birthday

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Harry Edward Styles was born on February 1, 1994 in Redditch, England. His parents Anne Twist and Desmond Styles divorced when he was seven years old, so Harry and his eldest sister Gemma were raised by their mother in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, England.

He started to pursue music as a student when he joined a band called White Eskimo. At the age of 16, he auditioned for *The X Factor*, but failed to advance. However, he was recalled and competed with Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, and Louis Tomlinson as the band *One Direction*, and they placed third in the competition. In 2011, the group released their debut album *Up All Night*, which reached number two on the U.K. Albums Chart and number one on the Billboard 200. Selling



four and a half million copies, the album was the third best-selling album of 2012 globally. *One Direction* released four more albums, all of which were highly successful.

The band members split up and pursued solo careers in 2016. In that same year, Harry signed a contract with Columbia Records and launched an independent record label called Erskine Records. In 2017, his solo career was fully launched, with the release of his debut single "Sign of the Times," and his self-titled debut album, *Harry Styles*. The album debuted at number one on the Billboard 200, and it was certified platinum in the United States. In 2019, he released *Fine Line*, his second solo album, which also debuted at number one of the Billboard 200, making him the first UK male artist to debut at number one with his first two albums. He also won a Grammy for a song on the album, "Watermelon Sugar," for best pop solo performance and the BRIT award for British single of the year. His next album, titled *Harry's House*, was released in 2022, and it won three Grammys. Harry Styles celebrated his birthday this year while on his "Love On Tour," which is set to end in Italy on July 22, 2023.

The Day the Music Died

Kylee Thom

President, Writer

64 years ago on February 3rd, is commonly known as "The Day the Music Died." Three of the biggest rock-and-roll musicians at the time, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper along with their pilot, crashed into a field on their way back from performing at "The Winter Dance Party" (There was a show at The Ritz last year where they acted as those musicians and sang the songs they sang at their last concert- it was so amazing!). Unfortunately, no one survived. Since then, this day has been known as "The Day the Music Died," as Don McLean referred to in his hit song "American Pie" in 1971.

Buddy Holly was from Lubbock, Texas, where he first started his music career as part of a band called The Crickets. Some of his hits include "That'll Be the Day," which topped the U.S charts, and "Peggy Sue," another big hit. He was only 22 years old.

Ritchie Valens was from Los Angeles, where he started his music career at a very young age. One of Valen's biggest hits was "La Bamba," a song he had adapted from a Mexican folk song. He was definitely a big part of the Chicago Rock movement, coming in with hits like "Come on Let's Go" and "Donna." Ritchie was only 17 years old.

J.P Richardson, famously known as "The Big Bopper" was a musician from Sabine Pass, Texas. He was well known for his hits "Chantilly Lace," "Running Bear," and "White Lightning." His career started as a disc jockey until he then had lots of hits. He was only 28.

Before the accident occurred, multiple musicians including Holly, Valens and Richardson all had to travel on a tour bus that had no heat, so in their minds, the plan to ride the plane home was a better option. There were only 3 seats available, so Holly and Richardson each got a seat, while Valens won a coin toss to fellow artist, Tommy Allsup. Ironically, Valens was terrified of flying and even had recurring dreams of plane crashes before he died because his friend was killed in a plane collision. Valens got on the plane anyway, and joined Holly, Richardson and their pilot, Roger Peterson, in their last moments together before the music died.

My 2023 Oscar Predictions

Grant Terry

Vice-president, Designer & Writer

I focus on five out of the twenty-three categories I feel the most passionate about because it would take too long to do all twenty-three categories.

- **Best Picture:** Want - *The Fabelmans*, Predict - *Everything Everywhere All at Once*
 - *The Fabelmans* was my favorite movie of the year so it makes sense why I want it to win best picture. *The Fabelmans* is just a movie about loving movies and I love those kinds of movies. However, I think *Everything Everywhere All at Once* is going to win because it has lots of buzz going into awards season and I believe it has the most Oscar nominations out of any movie.
- **Best Lead Actor:** Want - Austin Butler in *Elvis*, Predict - Brandan Fraser in *The Whale*
 - Both of these performances are amazing and it is hard to pick. I will be happy if either of them win but I think I want Austin Butler to win slightly more. Fraser did amazing though too, and this was such a hard category to pick.
- **Best Lead Actress:** Want - Michelle Yeoh in *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, Predict - Cate Blanchett in *Tár*
 - I think Michelle Yeoh had an absolutely stellar performance in *Everything Everywhere All at Once*. Cate Blanchett seems to be the clear front runner though. I just very recently watched *Tár* and I can totally see why she is the front runner.
- **Best Animated Feature:** Want - *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*, Predict - Guillermo del Toro's *Pinocchio*
 - *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* was quite possibly one of my favorite animated movies of the past decade and it is just an amazing movie in general. I think it deserves the win. However, I have a lot of respect for Guillermo del Toro's *Pinocchio* and I'll be fine if it wins. Honestly I'll be happy no matter what film wins in this category.
- **Best Original Score:** Want & Predict - *Babylon*
 - *Babylon* has one of the best soundtracks of all time especially during that ending montage. I love this score so much and it deserves to win. I have a bad feeling that *All Quiet On The Western Front* might win because it is getting a lot of praise this awards season, however I thought that its score was not very good.

Super Bowl LVII

Grant Terry

Vice-president, Designer & Writer

On Sunday February 12th, Super Bowl 57 (LVII) took place in Glendale, Arizona at State Farm Stadium. It was the Kansas City Chiefs vs the Philadelphia Eagles. Both teams were the number one seeds in the playoffs, so it was bound to be a good game. The first half of the game was very entertaining. Both teams' offenses shined. The Chiefs were trailing 24-14 at halftime. Entering halftime, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes didn't look like he was the best of shape because of his lingering ankle injury. Rihanna performed during the halftime show this year. I thought it was a very entertaining halftime show. Throughout the game, there were many memorable commercials and trailers that played. I think my favorite was the trailer for the upcoming movie, *The Flash*. It got me really excited for the movie despite all the controversy around it, or more specifically the controversy around Ezra Miller. But, enough of that and back to the game. Coming out of halftime, the Chiefs picked up the pace and Patrick Mahomes looked like he was doing better. The second half was very intense. Sadly, a great game had a very anticlimactic ending with a very questionable holding call. That call led the Chiefs to run out the clock and kick a field goal to win the game since the Eagles had no timeouts left. Despite many people being upset about the referees, overall the game was great. The final score of the game was 38-35 with Chiefs as the winners. Patrick Mahomes was named Super Bowl MVP, and rightfully so in my opinion. The Chiefs have won 2 of the last 3 super bowls. This could be the start of a new dynasty. Overall, Super Bowl 57 was a very memorable super bowl.

Movie of the Month: *80 for Brady*

CONTAINS SPOILERS: Do not read this if you have not seen the movie!

Grant Terry

Vice-president, Designer & Writer

80 for Brady, directed by Kyle Marvin, was released early this month. I saw ads and trailers for *80 for Brady* and I figured why not see it. I obviously went to see it on opening weekend like one does. Me and my girlfriend were the only people under the age of around 50 in the theater. I wasn't expecting too much from this movie, but it ended up surprising me. *80 for Brady* isn't a great movie. I don't even know if I can call it a good movie either but I had a really fun time watching it. It's about what you expect for the most part. I think all of the actresses have great chemistry with one another. Seeing Tom Brady act is funny but he honestly did solid. The plot has more twists and turns than I thought. Seeing older people in situations like this is usually pretty humorous. Most of the jokes worked for me. There are definitely some bad jokes but they don't linger. The movie just has a lot of heart to it and it's just kind of a feel good kind of movie. If you want an enjoyable and laidback movie with good intentions, then go see *80 for Brady*. The ending did bamboozle me though. Also, shout out to the old guy in my theater who gave this movie a standing ovation. Overall I would give this movie 6.5/10. It's not going to win any awards however, it's a nice little film.

Thank you for reading!

Game of the Month: *Lego Harry Potter: Years 5-7*

Joaquin Perez

Writer

As of writing this, the world will have been graced with a new game set in the wizarding world, *Hogwarts Legacy*. But rather than looking at that, why not a retelling of the final 4 *Harry Potter* movies, *Lego Harry Potter: Years 5-7*. And we'll be looking at the 3DS version of it.

Let's get this game's biggest problem out of the way first. It tries too hard to be the console version of itself. Most of the game's levels are almost identical to the 360 or PS3 versions of them. But due to the 3DS being a less powerful console, they're watered down and lack detail. This causes the game to lose its own identity seeing as it tries so hard to imitate its console brethren.

Moving on, in terms of positives, it's a fine game. It has a large roster of playable characters, including characters from the first 4 films and the book-exclusive characters to play as. It features a large number of spells for the player to mess around with, all with differing effects and usages. The levels are fine. Most are rather short so they never become tedious. And the game introduces a dueling system, which makes some of the boss fights feel more special.

In terms of negatives, there are a few. The hub world is incredibly dull, with nothing to do in it. The levels are all structured in 2 or 3 acts but don't flow between acts naturally. This causes levels to feel incredibly disjointed. Some levels are actually too short, ending in like a minute. And some films hardly get any levels. *Deathly Hallows Part 1* only has 2 levels in the whole game, causing important moments to be rushed or left on the cutting room floor.

So in the end *Lego Harry Potter: Years 5-7* on the 3DS is an "ok" experience. If you're unable to play the console version of the game, the 3DS version is a fine experience. Nothing groundbreaking, just mediocre.

The Who - Who's Next

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Who's Next is the fifth studio album by British rock band The Who. Released in 1971, the album features some of the band's most iconic songs and has since become a classic of the rock genre.

The album was initially intended to be a rock opera called "Lifehouse," but due to a variety of reasons, including conflicts with the band's management and the technical difficulties of realizing the project, it was eventually abandoned. Nevertheless, many of the songs from "Lifehouse" were reworked and included on *Who's Next*, resulting in an album that is still considered a masterpiece of the rock genre.

Who's Next opens with "Baba O'Riley," one of the band's most recognizable and beloved songs. The song features a memorable synthesizer riff, which has become an iconic element of rock music. Other highlights on the album include "Behind Blue Eyes," a poignant ballad with a memorable chorus, and "Won't Get Fooled Again," which features one of rock music's most famous scream-fueled vocal performances by lead singer Roger Daltrey.

Who's Next also features the hit songs "Bargain" and "The Song Is Over," as well as the lesser-known but equally impressive "Getting in Tune" and "Going Mobile." Throughout the album, the band showcases their signature sound, blending rock, pop, and blues influences with poetic and often thought-provoking lyrics.

The album has been praised for its innovative use of synthesizers and other electronic elements, which were still relatively new in rock music at the time. The band's dynamic playing and Daltrey's powerful vocals are also highlights of the album.

Who's Next is widely regarded as one of the greatest rock albums of all time and continues to inspire and influence generations of musicians. Its impact can be felt in everything from alternative rock to heavy metal, and its songs continue to be staples of classic rock radio.

In conclusion, if you are a fan of rock music and have not yet listened to *Who's Next*, you are missing out on one of the defining albums of the genre. It is a must-listen for any music lover, and its enduring legacy is a testament to its greatness. So, go out and give it a listen.

Valentine's Day Poem Contest Winners

James Thompson

Valentines day is upon they
For what does it bring, what
kind of thing?
Love and joy? Candy and toys?
Perhaps nothing at all.
For you have no sweetheart to
call.
Maybe it's the loneliest day of
the year,
Perhaps even brings a tear.
All I know is Valentine's day is
just another day to let the time
waste away.

Oary Lovelace

Miss Moon, how you shine
You have stolen my heart, but I wish yours was mine
A silver glow on fallen snow,
faint light on leaves so red,
Simple, yet true, my love for you
You are so far Miss Moon, so high up in the sky,
I the sun long for our embrace, so much it makes me
cry
so I will wait for the end of the day when you and I
will be
Oh Miss Moon, perhaps you'll feel the same as me
Oh my love I truly love you, Mr. Sun
You may not believe it but you are the only one
Our embrace I long for until eternity, but perhaps,
for now at least
You'd like to dance with me?
Your vibrant glow is so warm and true
But for now, at least I'll dance with you

Adalynn Schumm

No flowers, she says
They only lose their silly
petals
No candies she says
They only melt away
No candle lit dinners she
says
The glow is too dim and
shadows your face
She wants to be near you
Just to be at your side
She wants to laugh with you
Just to see you smile
She wants to be your
valentine
Just not sometime, all the
time