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## Features

### A Principal with Open Doors

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Many students at Southwest Guilford High School see principal Michael Hettenbach as strict and unapproachable. After a personal sit-down meeting with Hettenbach, we, as journalists and students, were able to see the person, not the principal. With his stressful and demanding job, being the principal for over 140 facilities and 1600 students, we were able to get a glimpse of how accommodating he is to the Southwest community.

“Communication is key... My door is always open and people can come whenever

they want,” said Hettenbach.

Hettenbach stays extremely busy with his five daughters and the task of being a high school principal. He manages his workload with many hobbies such as exercising, wood working, and hiking. Outside of school, he often spends countless extra hours doing school related work that he knew would be a responsibility coming into the job.

“I will never expect anyone to work harder than I do,” said Hettenbach.

Being a principal is not an easy task. Hettenbach was inspired by his childhood and things that he wished that he could have had when he was in high school. He wanted to give back to those like him and sought individual attention in school. He wanted to provide this aspect of high school to Southwest students.

Students today often see the negatives in authority figures within their school. What they do not see is that, often, these principals and other staff members went through the same things that students today go through. Many

people do seek this extra attention to try and excel in school. Many students who excel in school do not see the extra hours and programs that Hettenbach puts in place and may believe that he fails to fulfill his role as an educator. These people could not be more wrong.

Hettenbach goes above and beyond by attending as many sporting events, school dances, and other school related activities as possible while managing his work life with his family life. He prides himself in having an open door policy where in anyone can come talk to him about problems they may be having.

“If I could give any advice to the class of 2020 it would be to prioritize your academics but still enjoy life and the memories that will come with it,” said Hettenbach.

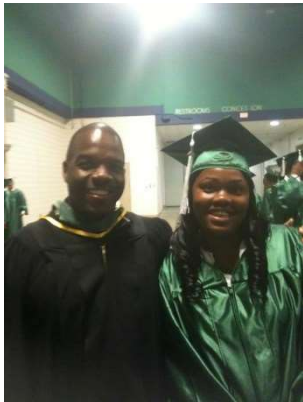
Hettenbach has been through both high school and college. This experience should be important to students at Southwest, as he is an example of how to show the best path through college and how to be successful after. Supporting students and

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providing the best atmosphere for education has always been Hettenbach's top priority. He aspires to see the success of his students and watch them move on to bigger and better things after high school. Which will set them up for great success later in life. That to many, is the ultimate educator.

## An Educators Goal

By: D'acia Muir



Mr. Eric Rainey is a graduation coach at Southwest High School. A graduation coach helps by watching students' transcripts to make sure the students are on track to graduate. Mr. Rainey works with students who have failed a class or do not have enough credits to graduate. He helps remove any

barriers the students may have that keep them from succeeding. In the 2014-2015 school year, the school received an award for having 96% graduation rate, which is higher than the state and national average. His main goal is to reach 100% graduation rate. He wants his students to reach their full potential and not fall short or do anything less than their best.

From an early age he always knew he wanted to work with kids, majority of his professional jobs had involved kids. When Guilford County opened the job in 2007 for high schools to have someone help students who are off track for graduation, the job peaked Mr. Rainey's interest. He knew the position would allow him to help kids work towards a certain goal, and that is what he found the most appealing. He obtained the job because of his experience and his degree in education. When he was in high school, he never had a graduation coach.

Looking back, he thinks it would be helpful to have someone push him in the right direction.

Through counselling, modeling, conversations, and coaching he can help prepare the graduating students. He has a lot of experience because he has been in the position for 14 years and can help guide students. He looks over the recovery program, a program that helps students recover the lost credits, he helps students understand how to read a transcript, find out what classes they should take, and what goals they can set.

For rising ninth graders, an orientation is held for students to learn more about what Southwest has to offer. Stations provide this information and one station includes Mr. Rainey and Mrs. Phillips. They explain how they will be with the students all throughout high school and students can always come to them for help in any type of situation. At any time if a student needs help then they can go ask for help from Mr. Rainey. Some

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advice that Mr. Rainey gives to students is to prepare for the future. Preparing in high school helps deal with challenges that may come later in life. To prepare yourself for college, students should challenge themselves so that when they are in college the tasks will not be as overwhelming.

“Strong people ask for help, because no one has all the answers. Everyone can rely on someone for some other knowledge that they don’t have,” said Mr. Rainey.

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## Coach Vlazny

By: Sophia Sentner



Gregory Vlazny, UNCG basketball alumni, husband, father, and two-time state champion coach. Vlazny has been the varsity basketball coach at Southwest Guilford High School for 13 years and

counting. Vlazny has grown as a coach at Southwest while his family has also grown, and he now has four children. When Vlazny was about 16 years old he was a lifeguard. Watching the swim coaches teach the new swimmers inspired him to do his own thing with basketball. The influence of the swim coaches led him to want to be a coach in the future.

Coaching in Vlazny’s eyes was a way to improve the player’s performance but also make the players fall more in love with the sport. As a young boy, Gregory Vlazny grew up playing many sports with one of them being basketball. He attended UNCG where he played basketball, the beginning of being the coach he is today.

Vlazny says “basketball was what I enjoyed most.” He wanted to share his talent and techniques with the up and coming players. Vlazny is a coach to the players but also strives to be a role model and mentor. Vlazny began his coaching career at

the young age of 16 and has enjoyed it ever since.

“A good coach can change a game; a great coach can change a life,” said John Wooden.

Coaching has molded Vlazny into the person he is today. Being a coach has taught him to put trust into his players, being open minded to everyone with talent out there, and, most importantly, always being a good friend anyone can count on. Vlazny is very involved with the school. In addition to being a coach, he is an English teacher and is very involved with the school in any way possible. He is the teacher you see at many sports, not just basketball, cheering on the players.

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## From the Eyes of a Swimmer

By: Sophia Sentner



Will Watson, swimmer attending Southwest High School and is committed to Alabama for college. Will has been swimming since he was around 5 years old. Will started swim because he tried other sports and didn't have as much interest in them as he does in swim. Will is the only one who swims in his family. Growing up he didn't know what sport to play so he tried out all of them and swimming was the only one he was good at.

Watson's wants to major in law after college. Will wants to be a lawyer after his swim career in college. Will is a junior at Southwest High School and has already committed to a college. In college he will study law and

continue his swimming career.

Watson's favorite event is 100 fly, Watson swims many long distance events and has set and broke many records. Watson shows improvement in every race he swims. He practices every day in order to make sure he gets better and has been swimming for about 12 years. Watson had to decide between Carolina and Alabama for where he was going to college. He doesn't have anyone in his family that swims. Watson has a very supportive family. His family has supported him through his swimming career, and this has led to him becoming as good as he is today. When he started swim he did it just to do a sport and then he got better and better leading to him being as good as he is today.

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better," said Pat Riley, American professional basketball executive and a former coach.

Coaching has allowed Pat Riley to understand the obstacles of other sports, including swimming.

"Just keep swimming," said by Dory in Finding Nemo, Dory swam till she couldn't and then swam more. When Dory forgets where she is, she keeps swimming.

## Maggie Yarborough

By: Samantha Eisenman



Maggie

Yarborough is a junior at Southwest, who writes and performs original songs. Yarborough has always been interested in music, as she first started writing songs in fifth grade. Without an elementary school chorus program for her to take, she ventured out and started writing songs.

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“I think that [songwriting] was a way to be honest with myself and others and to put emotions down onto a page,” said Yarborough.

Some songs she writes are inspired by her own life, while some are used to tell a story. As of right now, Yarborough is working on some unfinalized songs, totaling up to 207 potential finished pieces. Along with songwriting and singing Yarborough has other musical talents.

“I play two instruments, guitar and ukulele, and I’m learning piano from Ms. Butler,” said Yarborough.

Yarborough also plays her songs for public audience. She accompanies herself with her guitar, playing originals and some covers. Coming up, Yarborough will be opening for Eric Summer at Carrboro on February 29th. She plans on continuing her songwriting and musical exploration by attending Belmont University.

Yarborough’s main goal in songwriting

is to be satisfied with how she puts her music into the world. One idea of hers is to write songs for others, and gain popularity through just writing. Then, she hopes to become a singer/songwriter and be able to sing her originals and stay true to her goals and musical expression.

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## School News

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### HOSA

By: Arianna Rasing



In 2014, Nita Canon, health science teacher started the club HOSA at Southwest Guilford High School. HOSA stands for Health Occupation Students of America. Mrs. Canon and her students are celebrating HOSA’s 7th

year at Southwest. The club has been successful despite of its events and competitions. Mrs. Canon encourages students to join HOSA to expand the future of medical professionals.

“We do a lot of competitive events and service learning. This club helps students build up a competitive attitude and nail them to whatever health related courses students want to take when they grow up,” said Mrs. Canon, head of HOSA.

Mrs. Canon teaches health science at Southwest High School. Mrs. Canon has more than 28 years of nursing experience and is her 7th year teaching at Southwest. Mrs. Canon wants kids to learn the importance of future medical professionals.

“Students should try HOSA and determine whether they want to be in the medical field. It’s important to have fun and to create a learning experience while you

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are still in high school,” said Canon.

Last year on November 16, Southwest HOSA students won the clubs Regional Leadership Conference for their respective events. For their competitive events, they have many topics students can compete in depending on their skills. Mrs. Canon builds many different relationships with her students and presents a friendly attitude with the community.

“I treat all my students fairly and I try to create a relationship with many of my students. We have leaders in HOSA and we have gotten closer over the years. I want kids to acknowledge that HOSA isn’t always academics and all stressful. We want to make experience with others and most importantly have fun,” said Canon.

## Southwest Nursing Class Earns CNA’s

By: Taj Jones



The need for nurses across the in America continues to increase due to the heightened number of geriatric patients. Although many nurses are needed to work with the elderly nurses are very important to the overall well-being of patients in a doctor’s office, hospitals, and in different avenues of health hospitality. Nurses wake up the largest health care occupation in America, although many people do not fully appreciate the work nurses do daily. Nursing job duties include communicating between patients and doctors, caring for patients, administering medicine and supervising nurses’ aides.

Last semester in Ms. Dusek’s Nursing Fundamentals class every student in her

class earned their CNA’s, so we sat down and asked questions to get feedback about the class and the importance of earning your CAN early. Here’s what they said:

What made you want to teach this class? “I’m an RN (Registered Nurse), and I love educating and teaching. Even though I’m in nursing it was a lot of educating patients, other people and other nurses, so I’d fallen into that”, said Ms. Dusek, “When I heard of the possibility, [of teaching at Southwest Guilford] I jumped right on it, I loved the idea of it.”

What is an CNA, how is it obtained, what does it allow someone to do? “A CNA is a certified nursing assistant, you must take a course. Here [at Southwest Guilford] you can take it for free where usually you would have to go to community college and you must pay to take it. In the course they must learn skills here and go to the nursing home and work for 40 hours.” Ms. Dusek added, “Once

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they [a CNA student] successfully pass that they are eligible to take the exam for the State of North Carolina. Once they pass, they pass the exam they can go to work right away.”

How long does it take to earn your CNA and how many of your students earned their CNA's? “It usually takes around 3 months to earn your CNA, and all my students last semester earned their CNA.”

Why is it important to obtain your CNA early? “Earning your CNA earlier gives you a leg up. When they're in college declaring their major in nursing, it looks good and they get that knowledge already too. Then they can look at different areas, what they like, what they don't like. If they are unsure of exactly of what they want to do in the medical field, they get exposure to the different jobs.”

I also sat down with Senior, Fatoumatia Meite, one of Ms. Dusek's first semester students who earned her CNA:

What are your plans after high school? “I plan on going to UNCG and majoring in nursing. Once I graduate nursing school, I plan on working at a hospital and becoming a Neonatal Nurse.”, said Meite.

How has this nursing class help you towards achieving your goals? “This class gave me the opportunity to venture more into the medical field. Earning a CNA, I was able to land an interview at a clinic, which allows me to continue to learn about what I want to do later in life.”, she said, “The class helped me to understand what nurses do and the part that nurses play in the medical field.”

Nurses are vitally important in the medical and health field. Public schools such as Southwest understands the importance of having them, so there is a class to earn credentials. If anyone is wanting to be a nurse, take Ms. Dusek's Nursing Fundamentals class. Educating

yourself early gives you a huge leg up over the thousands of others wanting to be in the profession.

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## After School Activities

By: Samantha Eisenman



Here at Southwest, multiple afterschool activities are offered to students. The variety of clubs provided gives opportunities for students to find and be a part of group that sparks their interest. A few examples of our clubs at Southwest are:

Spanish club, which meets every week on Tuesday afterschool in room D205. Led by Mrs. Palma, the club recently practiced three traditional Hispanic dances and constructed a speech to present for Southwest Elementary. In the future, the Spanish club also plans

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on dancing at Southwest Elementary.

“The occasional snacks we get are delicioso,” says a member of the club, Laura Ortiz.

Prom Committee meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Ms. Culler’s room depending on her schedule. As a member you can suggest ideas and give input on what your friends and classmates will see at the upcoming prom. Recently they decided on a neon theme, hung lights, set up a place for photos, and did so much more to prepare for and set up homecoming.

Photography club meets every other Wednesday afterschool until 4:15. They meet in room C225, Mr. Byrd’s room, where they learn how to use lights when taking photos and learn techniques that they can use to enhance their photography skills. In the last meetings, they tie dyed t-shirts and experimented with colored lights and photos. There are even some service-learning opportunities that you

can take through photography.

Beta club meets afterschool on the first and third Tuesdays of the month until 3:30. Mrs. Davis leads the club and helps students find service-learning opportunities. On September 22nd, they went to the High Point Rockers baseball stadium to be a part of a crop walk to raise awareness for hunger. As a member of the club, you build relationships with the others and get service-learning hours throughout the school year toward the goal of receiving your service learning diploma.

The Gay Straight Alliance club (GSA) meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in computer lab 1. With Ms. Duran’s guidance, they talk discuss how each member is feeling. The group makes everyone feel comfortable with themselves. Being able to share their thoughts and feelings creates bonds between each member. Last meeting,

they tie dyed club t-shirts.

## Global News

### Truck Strikes 6 Students

By: Valeria Calderon



On Monday February 3, a man named Max Leroy Townsend had hit six students as they were running on the sidewalk of Moore High School in Moore, Oklahoma . Townsend immediately evacuated the scene and also hit multiple vehicles. Once he was found, he was arrested for first degree manslaughter, and for fleeing the scene. Rachel Freeman, one of the victims was declared dead at the scene, and three out of the five other victims were in critical condition.

“Freeman was set to sign a track and field scholarship this week with Ouachita Baptist



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University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas,” said Horstkoetter.

Yuridia Martinez, one of the three students being hospitalized in critical condition since the crash, unfortunately was recently declared deceased due to her severe injuries.

There were “bodies were all over Main Street, ... The injuries would indicate he was going faster than the speed limit [of 25],” said Police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis.

His son, Cody Townsend was killed in a car accident in a hit and run less than 24 hours before the incident. This event also took place near the scene. Between 150 and 200 students had witnessed the incident and many people called 911 as a silver car chased the truck. Many students and staff members were devastated.

“30 mental health specialists were on hand Tuesday at the school for students and

staff,” said Romines.

Investigators took the suspect’s blood and are waiting for the results that will determine if he was intoxicated. They are still trying to figure out whether or not the incident was intentional. However, Max Townsend has had a criminal past of public intoxication, driving under the influence, and served time in prison for child abuse and possession of drugs.

Townsend is held in custody with thirteen felony counts and a \$1 million bail. Since he was showing signs of impairment during his arrest, it led investigators to believe that the death of his son led to his excessive drinking before the incident. However, because the blood tests have not returned, they cannot yet make that conclusion.

Students and staff were shattered by this traumatic event that led to the death of their two student-athletes; Rachel Freeman and

Yuridia Martinez, and the life-threatening injuries of their classmates, Joseph White, Shiloh Hutchinson, Ashton Baza, and Kolby Crum.

## Sports

### Super Bowl LIV

By: Peyton Flynn



The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers’ in Super Bowl LIV by a score of 31-20. All season the 49ers’ defense prevented opposing offenses from breaking through, but the Chiefs were able to pick them apart after falling behind 20-10 in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes led consecutive downfield marches to take the lead and running back Damien Williams finished the game with a 38-yard touchdown run in the final two minutes to secure the win.

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Mahomes, coming from a mid-season injury, earned Super Bowl MVP honors, finished with 286 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and a rushing touchdown. Williams and Mahomes totaled 133 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns. This was the Chiefs first Super Bowl win in over 50 years.

“We will enjoy this and then we come back next year it is going to be the same hard thing, the same amount of tenacity, dedication every single day, we’re going to take it one day at a time, one year at a time and try to put together great years. Then at the end of it all we will have no regrets on where we are at. As long as we keep the people we have in this organization, on this team with the coach we have we have a chance to be good year in and year out, but it is not going to be easy,” said Mahomes.

Last year, many people were disappointed with the half- time performance

by Maroon 5, Travis Scott, and Big Boi, but fans are more pleased with who performed this year. Led by Shakira and Jennifer Lopez, the half- time show was one that will never be forgotten.

Showcasing Latina pride, there were two halftime shows’ along with a message to be proud of where you came from and lift your voice. Shakira and Jennifer Lopez embodied these ideals and, in the process, opened doors far beyond Miami.

## Kobe Bryant Dies in Helicopter Accident

By: Peyton Flynn



On Sunday January 26th, basketball legend Kobe Bryant died along with eight others, including his 13-year-old daughter, in a helicopter accident. At 10 a.m., the Los Angeles County fire department received a

911 call of a potential helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. Firefighters reported that the brush fire and debris from the crash were approximately a quarter of a mile in size.

The eight passengers and one pilot were headed from John Wayne in Orange County to Camarillo Airport near Bryant’s Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks. Bryant was on the way to coach his daughter’s team, Team Mamba, in a tournament. Bryant often took helicopters to beat Los Angeles traffic because of tournaments that were far from his home.

“My girls and I want to thank the millions of people who’ve shown support and love during this horrific time,” said Mrs. Bryant.

Bryant, 41, was one of the best basketball players to ever play in the NBA. He had a 20- year career with the Los Angeles Lakers and won two gold medals in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. He retired in 2016 as a five-

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time NBA champion, two-time NBA finals MVP, four-time All-Star Game MVP, scored a career-high 81 points against the Toronto Raptors, which is the second-highest number of points scored in a game in NBA history. He is also the all-time leading scorer in Lakers history.

Not only was Kobe a good basketball player, but off the court, he was a good citizen and he supported lots of charities such as, After-School All-Stars, Aid Still Required, Kobe and Vanessa Family Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Stand Up to Cancer, Vijay Amritraj Foundation. Bryant also had a large influence on players of all ages as he was a role model and someone that anyone could look up to.

Kobe's 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, was also in the accident. He was developing her to carry on his legacy and was the coach of her travel team. Married in 2001, Vanessa and Kobe had three other daughters together, Natalia, 17, Bianka, 3,

Capri, 7 months. Gianna, whose nickname was Gigi, was the second oldest of the Bryant's four daughters. "Kobe was also an amazing dad who loved his family deeply- and took great pride in his daughter's love for the game of basketball," said Michael Jordan.

Visit

[www.MambaOnThree.org](http://www.MambaOnThree.org) to support the families affected by Sunday's tragedy and to honor Kobe and Gianna's legacy, please visit: [MambaSportsFoundation.org](http://MambaSportsFoundation.org).

## Opinion

### The One and Done Rule

By: Taj Jones and D'acia Muir



The NBA is a business where basketball is played as entertainment for the masses of people and recognized all over the world for having the most elite basketball players to grace the

hardwood. Each of the 301 active roster players in the NBA had their own road to the league; some of which were long, and others not so much. When we investigate the different ways to get to the NBA, the most ideal route for many young promising NBA prospects, is to do something that is known in the sports world as "Going One and Done." Although going one and done is a prevalent way of entering the NBA, it is not the best choice, and it is also risky. Going "One and Done" seems like an idea that could be good, but it does not always work.

Before the 2006 NBA Draft, the NBA made an agreement to end the practice of drafting prospects out of high school. The reasoning certainly wasn't for the lack of talent, for many NBA stars and legends came straight out of high school. Players like Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Tracy McGrady, and Dwight Howard, were all drafted out of high school. They all had great success in the NBA despite the lack of

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playing college basketball. Many top prospects now go to college for a single season and declare for the NBA Draft at the near end of it. "Going One and Done", is a controversial topic among the sports world, but it is such a smart process for those who have the "no doubt" amount of talent needed to enter the NBA.

The one-and-done rule is a way for talented basketball players to be drafted to the NBA after just one year in college. From 2006 through 2016, only 9 out of the 55 became All Star players. In order to be eligible for the draft, athletes must be at least 19 years old, out of high school for one year, and in college for at least freshman year. There are controversies over the one-and-done rule and whether it is efficient for players to skip their education and go straight into the NBA.

Zion Williamson, a near household name during the blockbuster 2018-2019 Duke Men's Basketball season, is one of the newest

phenoms to go "One and Done". His sheer size and strength alone were enough to carry him to the NBA Draft out of high school, but since the NBA no longer does that, he went to college. Zion's presence at Duke, was like no other of an amateur player. His game created what is called "The Zion Affect". This caused Duke basketball tickets to reach an all time high. One ticket even costs a whopping \$10,498.00 (per ESPN). Many people traveled cross country, just to see Zion play. Zion's presence in college basketball had an impact on social media, TV viewership, ticket demand, and even the sneaker industry, when he famously blew out of a Nike shoe during the UNC game. Division 1 NCAA athletes can't have jobs, so there is no source of income. On top of that, everyone but Zion was greatly rewarded from his talents. He earned nothing.

The one-and-done rule allows students to focus on the sport, so they can become drafted and

pursue their dream of being a professional basketball player. Although some cases may work out that way, there are no promises saying it will. If athletes do make it to the NBA with only one year of college on their resume and a fallout occurs, they would not have a backup plan to rely on. In addition, this can also mean his maturity and character have not fully developed. This may lead to problems interfering with the team's development.

Making athletes go to college who do not feel the need to, or do not plan to complete it does a disservice to them. The reason why is because some get hurt and never get to that NBA contract that was supposed to help them care for their families. The NCAA uses these players to gain money, but truly does not give back, players should earn a specific stipend according to how much relevance they have. The amount of one and done players reached an all time high in 2018

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with 18 Of the 64 draftees being drafted from their freshman seasons. This pool of players can have better longevity in the NBA without their talents being exploited in college.

Players who are selected for the draft have an opportunity to become a better athlete, teammate, and overall person. There will be hurdles that the “new guy” must face, such as pressure brought on my fans,

teammates, and coaches. If the rookie starts to fall behind or doesn't improve there could be consequences such as being benched, released or sent to the G-League.

“I think the one and done rule is not a good idea because students need to develop in college before they get exposure to the professional world because it could lead to mental stress and lack of performance due to the overwhelming tasks in the professional

world.” Says Rohan Basnet.

“I believe going one and done can be beneficial to players who are stars to benefit on their talent earlier. If you have the talent to be paid millions at a young age, go for it.” Says Evan Chen.

Going “One and Done” can be good or bad, it all depends on the caliber of player, but always remember the risk that comes along with it. Success is not promised, but failure isn't either.

## Environmental

### Puerto Rico Suffers Hundreds of Earthquakes in the Past Month

By: Valeria Calderon



Puerto Rico has been impacted by more than five hundred earthquakes of magnitude two and up since December of

2019. The Southwest region receives the most impact and can feel the smaller magnitude quakes. However, if the magnitude is 4.5 or higher, the entire island could be affected, but not as dramatically as the Southwest region. Despite the fact that Puerto Rico's man-made structures are made of cement, the tremors have been so powerful that many houses and schools have been shaken to the ground into crumbles. The entire island lost power and hundreds of people now live on the street because they no longer have a place to live.

How do earthquakes happen? Underground, there are seven tectonic plates around the earth that are always slowly moving. However, the edges of the rocks can sometimes rub on each other and create friction. Depending on the friction, it depicts the strength of the magnitude of the quake. If strong enough, sometimes the earthquake could trigger a tsunami.

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“The energy released creates vibrations called seismic waves that radiate up through the crust to the earth’s surface, causing the ground to shake,” said an article from fema.gov.

Because Puerto Rico is so small, it is right in between the North American and Caribbean tectonic plates. The American plate is sliding underneath the Puerto Rican plate which is creating the pressure of the tremors. Moreover, the reason the Southwest is mostly affected is because the trench is directly beneath it. This pressure can put the island at risk of a tsunami.

“People living near beaches are desperate to get out of their homes for fear of tsunamis,” said Mayita Meléndez, mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico .

The most violent earthquake recorded in the island was a 7.3 magnitude; it is known as the San Fermin or Puerto Rico earthquake of 1918. It occurred on

October 11, 1918 killing one-hundred sixteen residents. Earthquake scales measure on a scale up to ten. Furthermore, the most violent tremor to occur in the world was on May 22, 1960 in Chile measuring a 9.5 magnitude. The disaster left five thousand residents dead, and two million homeless. Studies estimate that a magnitude 11 earthquake could split the earth in two.

## When Will the Australian Wildfires Cease?

By: Arianna Rasing



Starting in early September of 2019, an Australian wildfire started in Victoria and New South Wales. Canberra, Australia’s capital city, resulted in disastrous conditions. Many cities in Australia are devastated after the wildfire claimed the homes and lives of 25 citizens.

A group of 24 teenagers are now facing criminal charges for igniting the fires in New South Wales. Other causes are lightning, and humanly actions such as smoking, industrial factories, and deforestation. Strong winds caused the fires to spread throughout the southeast resulting in more destruction. Australia is still facing fire high temperatures because of an ongoing drought. Researchers say that Australia, for the first time, broke the record for highest average temperature. Officer Paul Clyde, Flight Engineer Rick A. DeMorgan, and Captain Ian H. Macbeth all died in a plane crash fighting the wildfires. First Responder Blake Banner, 19, was accused for creating seven fires near Sydney, one of Australia’s main cities. Later that week, Blake returned to fight the fires that were created.

"It's a disgusting behavior. It's behavior we won't tolerate simply because the community will not tolerate it either. People's homes are

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their castles and particularly in these times of devastation it really does go against the grain of Australian people...we will take action," said NSW Police Commissioner Gary Worboys.

So far, 25 people have been killed and roughly 1 billion animals have died. Fires have killed thousands of koala bears and kangaroos, damaging a large portion of their population. The wildfires didn't only kill animals, it wiped out over three thousand homes, forcing people to evacuate. 17.9 million acres have been burned causing homes and habitats to be liquidated. Other parts of Australia have been exposed to air pollution. Such as Sydney which has been deemed hazardous. This has resulted in an increase in air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide, in the surrounding areas.

The Australian wildfires show low chances of dying out, as they are only in the middle of their fire

season and have already hit world record temperatures.

## Entertainment

### Lord Jamar's Comments

By: Jonas Sengiyumva

Lord Jamar does like that fact that white men or women should be rappers, so he went to the extent to say "Okay, white rappers, you're coming to this almost as a guest," said Lord Jamar. "Okay, matter of fact you are guests in the house of Hip Hop. Just because you have a hit record doesn't give you the right as I feel to voice your opinion." Which was highly offensive to all white rap artists and affected them. Some of the Caucasian rappers responded back with a comment trying to make point saying white rappers are as good as other rappers and some other artists agreed with Jamar saying it does feel like we don't belong here.

Many white rap artists reacted to this comment in a video or some form of social

media. Upcoming white rappers have also reacted to that saying "rap is not based off of color but by your talent or what you can do", also black rap artists comment to claiming that "nobody in the hood listen to White rappers", some of the other black rap artists disagree with this claim all the way they think white rappers could be as good as any other rapper no matter the race. Nick cannon also reacted to comment saying the same phrase/ comment as in the last paragraph but this one was towards Eminem. Eminem was enraged when heard that from Lord Jamar and Nick Cannon , so he decided to get back at both of them, on his album the song fall was to dis Lord Jamar saying that he cannot rap but as for he didn't really say anything, 50 cent had Eminem back saying to Lord Jamar "I thought you died already".

This comment was highly unnecessary because any white rap artists could be better than other rappers. The music community should

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not be separated by race but put together by the music that we all like, every rapper has their own style you cannot hate on someone or a large amount for who they are.

## Eminem Album Review

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Eminem was named one of the best rap artists for two decades, his music was very controversial and all the singles he released were amazing. Rap God, Lose Yourself, "and Not Afraid" were all big hits, the songs were viewed over 10 million and are still climbing, "Not Afraid" has 1 billion views and still being listened to by many. Eminem was not trending last year because he was mostly in features with other rap artists and sometimes doing remixes. Eminem has not been releasing many songs either, therefore this album could be

good or bad for his music career or future songs he might release.

Eminem was constantly calling out other artists and celebrities in his past songs and albums, including his new album. Eminem has called out Nick, Machine gun Kelly, Joe Budden, Lord Jamar, Tee Grizzley, Tyler the Creator, Macklemore, Kimberly Anne Scott, and his step dad.

Eminem's new album is very versatile with different meanings behind each song he rapped. Premonition was the intro to the album; this song had a good beat and Eminem was able to match the beat perfectly this song was not as emotional as the other songs on this album. One of the songs that sticks out the most on the album is called "Darkness", He sang about the mass shooting that happened in Vegas that led to a lot of deaths and injuries. Godzilla is also a good song; the beat was well-done but near the end of the song it was too face and very hard to understand.

You Gon' Learn is one of the best songs on this album. The beat is steady, and the lyrics were amazing, but this song was mainly a diss to Tee Grizzley when he claims to run Detroit, Eminem was unhappy with this claim, so he made a diss track saying Tee can not rap. "Step Dad" was another emotional song, because it mainly focused on the fact, he disliked his step father so much that he wanted to "kill him". He also in this song he mentioned in the song that he would get hit along with his mom sometimes. That song was the most depressed and dejected on this album. This album was not bad, but it was very emotional, all the songs was made fantastically.