



The Howler

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THE GROWING COMMUNITY

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Part of the allure that convinces students to attend the GW Community School is that both class sizes and the size of the school are guaranteed to remain very small. "How small is small" is the question that is up for debate. I went out and took a random poll of both students and staff members and the conclusion that I have reached is that many were unaware of a specific population cap only that classes would remain small. Those who were aware of a specific cap put this cap at around 55-60 students. With 59 students currently attending the school one must ask the questions "Is the growing student body good for the school?" and "Should we continue to admit new students?", and I did just that.

I polled a number of students and faculty members about their feelings concerning this topic. The students polled agreed that the population was growing too large and that we were straying away from what they believed are our fundamental values.

admit new students those poled said we need to be more selective about who we should admit, so that we can maintain the great small classes and teacher-student interaction.

The faculty members polled were not in as much agreement about both questions. One member felt that the growing community was a good thing because it added more interaction and diversity to our community, and we should continue to admit new students. Another felt that we needed to attempt to keep the student body around 60, and that admittance should be more selective and concentrated towards freshmen and sophomores, to keep the population up in coming years. Perhaps the faculty is more or less removed from the situation then the student body and that is why they are not in complete agreement about it.

The community is continuing to grow and evolve; this type of change is the natural state of the world. What is most important to keeping this community true to the values has nothing to

do with its size, but instead it has to do with each member of the community bearing in mind the values that make the community what it is. It does not matter how large our community grows because more students enrolling means that we can hire more teachers, thus keeping the student-teacher ratio low. As for the student body itself growing apart, this can be solved by each student making an effort to interact with as many people in the community as they can, just to say hi to a person and see how their day is going will bring this community much closer.

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LEPRECHAUNS

The Leprechaun

By: Danny Woolston

‘Near a misty stream in Ireland in the hollow of a tree
Live mystical, magical luchorpáns who are clever as can be
With their pointed ears, and turned up toes and little coats of green
The luchorpán busily make their shoes and try hard not to be seen.
Only those who really believe have seen these little elves
And if we are all believers
We can surely see for ourselves.
(Irish Blessing)

If you can't tell the Irish blessing above is talking about a certain magical creature, the shoemaker of the fairy realm if you will. That's right; it's talking about leprechauns. Another thing that you might not have noticed is that its getting closer and closer to the magical month of march, the end of winter and all that lovely snow, and more importantly, that's right folks, Saint Patrick's Day. And what is the main thing that you see everywhere you go on Saint Patrick's Day? I'm sure that by now you know the answer to that so I might as well explain a few things about the magical little elf known as the luchorpán, the Gaelic word that we English pig dogs butchered, as we do with most foreign words, into the common English word Leprechaun. Now, what do see when you picture a leprechaun in your head? A short, angry, mischievous, bane on any person they happen to come across? A plump, little green man who sit's atop a big pot of gold at the end of a rainbow? Well from the work of Evans-Wentz you receive an image of "the Leprechaun or small, yet perfect in every way that inhabits rocks or caves and guards a sack of gold. His hat is red and sometimes he is to be found near springs. The leprechaun has several distinct virtues: He is crafty and can not be caught. When caught he must be honest and grant requests or tell you where his money is. He is also generous- when caught he will give his money away without a fight. Having put so much gold aside he must be a hard worker and must also is thrifty. The Leprechaun is not a Gnome or dwarf- he is 'perfect in every way'. Dwarfs and Gnomes have big heads and stubby bodies. Although perfect in his small way his perfection is that of a worker and craftsman and not that of the more aristocratic and well dressed Gentry who are beings who are small and resemble the aristocracy. The Leprechaun is a well dressed craftsman and appears as a shoemaker." So now that I have torn your puny world asunder I will leave you with one final thought. If peter piper picked a peck of pickled peppers...where would he keep his gold?

KOKOPELLI, THE TRICKSTER GOD

Wishing you
the luck O' the Irish



Snowboard Cross

By J Dub

Snowboard Cross has been newly introduced to the Olympics just this year. The sport generated its idea from its cousin sport motor cross, which is a race with dirt bikes through a dirt course with various jumps involved. Snow Cross is the same idea only on snow. Snowboard Cross has been around as a serious competition sport for nine years.

The sport involves four snowboarders racing simultaneously on a downhill snowy course with various obstacles that such as sharp turns and massive jumps. There are no style points but riders sometimes throw some various tricks in. Most of the riders race from about 30 to 40 mph and taking a sharp turn at this speed on an icy track can be pretty sketchy so there are always a lot of wipeouts. There is no intentional contact but unfortunately, their riders are packed close together so there's always some contact involved. In this sport, once you fall your ride is over because there is no way that you would be able to pick up the amount of speed that the other riders have, so falling is the last thing you want to do.

This year Seth Wescott took gold home for the United States. Seth Wescott started as a half pipe rider and then moved to freestyle riding. He has been a huge help in generating and helping the sport get out on the map. Seth Wescott has been professionally competing with the sport for 5 years and we hope to see him for a long time winning gold medals for the USA. GO TEAM USA!

USA – Seth Wescott – Gold

Slovakia – Radoslav Zidek – Silver

France – Delerue – Bronze



Sports

By Jonathan Jordan

This is some of our basketball stats.

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4th Quarter: Up by 2 at the start of the 4th quarter, GW holds on to an overwhelming surge by the British School. With 6 minutes left GW does not look back with pressing the British School into back to back turnovers. Giving GW an 8 point lead, last two minutes down the stretch GW made most of there free throws to win the game by 15 points.

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NORA School 37

Halftime the score was 22-15 GW ahead. However down the the stretch especially in the 3rd quarter the game got within 2 points. NORA's best player Davis (#23, the big boy) who finished with 18 points became exhausted when the 4th quarter rolled around. GW's press became too hard to handle for NORA.

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Trinity at Meadow View 54

At the end of the 1st quarter GW was ahead 16-8. However a Trinity surge in the 2nd quarter gave them the lead at **halftime** 24-22. For Trinity there was no looking back, they scored 17 points in the 3rd quarter to give them a big edge to start the 4th quarter, 41-31. A comeback was forming in the last 4 minutes until sophomore Eric Asker fouled out. The game was over after Trinity hit their free throws down the stretch.

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HYDE 38

The HYDE basketball team came an hour late to the game. The game had to be shortened, because of a field hockey group coming in at 4:30. The game was shortened to 15 minute halves, running clock. After HYDE was up at **halftime** there was no looking back for them. The clock kept running on GW's comeback until time expired.



New Years

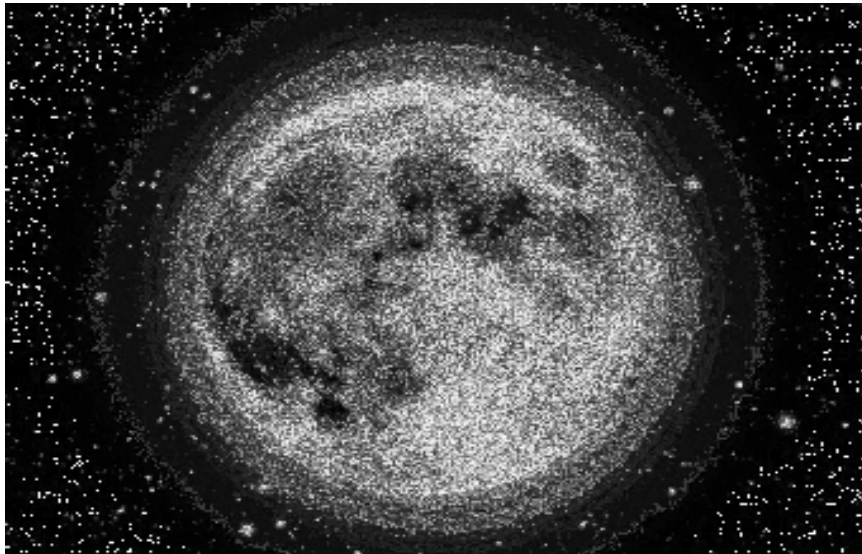
Ronald McDonald House



Well as you know GW Community many of our fellow students go to cook for the families staying home away from home at the Ronald McDonald house. I would like to send out this article as a reminder that we still need students to go and would love to see new faces. You also should keep in mind that you will need 30 hours to graduate the year and Ronald McDonald house is a lot of fun. As you know we have not been at Ronald McDonald House for several weeks now. We are trying to get back in the swing of things and would greatly appreciate your help coming and cooking with us it truly is a lot of fun.

Also, I would like to send out a big thank you to the whole school and families that helped us with buying a meal for the house, we greatly appreciated that and have made a large amount of money. The families that we would like to thank are the Matsons, the Petersons, the Wilson's, the Hutten's, the Deatons, the Neills, the Horsts, the Giannellis, the Brockways, the Lancasters, the Hortons and last but not least the Duggans. These donations have helped us out a lot with the meals and it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to remind all these families that your names will be added to our school website for your very generous donations. Thank you once again. Also if any one has some ideas or would like to come with us to Ronald McDonald house please let my self or Ms. Chiari know. You can contact us at ChiariLR@GWcommunityschool.com, or LauraD@GWcommunityschool.com. Sarah Wires has also been a great help and has been receiving most of the emails so she is an other student that you can contact.

Laura Deaton



Poetry

Poetry??? What does it do for people? For me, poetry is an easy way for me to express the way I am feeling through words. It's a clearer way to get it out there. Sometimes when people try to say what they are feeling they ramble on and don't really make any sense. Its a great way to express to people what your true feelings are when you cant say it straight up. Senior at GW community school Samantha Lopez says "it helps her express to people what they mean to her". I write a lot of poetry for the ones I love. Junior at GW Erin Williams states "it puts me in another world and gives me a good feeling. Music is another form of poetry. Dean of Students Mr. Mallonee is a song writer and he says "it's a great way to release his emotions about people." Here is one of my favorite poems that I wrote after I lost someone very close to me. Its was a great way to help me get through a tough time in my life.

What I See in the **Stars**
When I look at the night **sky**
And see all the **stars** passing by
As they glow in my eyes
And I begin to cry
Thinking about where we would be
If you were still here with me
I know that you are in a better place
But if only I could take back and re-place
Where we were that dreadful night
And you could still be here in my sight
As I wipe my eyes dry
I look clearly at the night **sky**
I could see your smile in the **stars**
As I begin to feel you here with me
I reminisce all the times we had
We stayed together through good and bad
We will see each other again
But until then I'll be thinking of you
Everyday
And the love that I have for you
Will always stay

Brittany Havenner

Jonathan Jordan By: Brittany Havenner

I decided to do an Interview for Jonathan Jordan because he is new here at GW and I thought that this might be a good way for people to get to know him and what he is all about. He has already had a huge impact on GW. He is a good basketball player for the team and has gotten our team scores into the Washington Post which is really cool. So; here are some questions that I asked him and how he responded to them. You can ask him more questions if you would like.

What's your full name?

Jonathan Jordan.

When were you born?

November 8th 1988.

Where were you born?

Arlington, VA.

Do you have any Siblings?

Single Child.

What is your favorite color?

Royal blue.

What is your favorite TV show?

The O.C.

Are you single?

Yes.

What is your favorite food?

Orange Chicken.

What is your favorite movie?

All the Rocky's, X-men.

What's your favorite Music?

Rap or Hip Hop.

What's your Favorite Artist?

Eminem and Dem Franchise Boys.

What's your favorite basketball team?

NBA- San Antonio Spurs.

College- UVA, Gonzaga.

What's your favorite football team?

REDSKINS.

When did you first play basketball?

8 years old.

Why?

The neighbor had a basketball team so I decided to join.

How long have you been playing basketball?

9 years.

How do you think that the basketball team is doing this year?

I think that they are doing alright actually 7-5 so not that good but 3-1 since I have been here.

Do you feel that we have a good chance of winning the game today?

Yea, we have a chance of winning every game. We will win today!

Do you think that we practice enough for the games?

No.

What do you think we could do better for next year?

We could practice everyday we don't have games. And we could play in summer leagues.

Do you think that we should have team shoes?

Yea.

Do you plan on going to college?

No I plan on going straight to the NBA, just kidding, I plan on going to college.

Do you want to play college ball?

Yea definitely, because that's where my career will end. I will never be able to play in the NBA unless I grow 7 feet tall.



New People

The new English teacher at GW Community School is Mr. Andrews, AKA Frank. He is taking the place of Ms. Peeterse. He is 25 years old and a graduate of Northern Arizona University. Mr. Andrews is teaching at GW Community School American Literature, Student Publications, and World Literature. You might recognize him as Albert Einstein from the play Picasso at Lapin Agile. Here are 15 quick questions with Mr. Andrews, the new English teacher.

Where were you born? **Weatridge, Colorado**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **Pack backing into the wilderness as a kid**

Who is your favorite superhero? **Super Grover**

What was your favorite subject in school besides English? **Lunch & Philosophy**

What is your favorite dish (food)? **Sandwiches**

What do you love most about teaching? **The kids are passionate about the world and I have the opportunity to show them ways to take that passion and do something with it.**

If you could go back in time and meet one person, who would it be? **Leonardo Da Vinci**

What is your favorite book? **World According to Garp, Desert Solitaire, Helter Skelter**

What is your favorite movie? **Real Genius & LA Confidential**

What is your favorite T.V. show? **Twilight Zone**

Who is your favorite musical artist? **Beatles, Beck, and John Coltrane**

What is your favorite song? **Rhapsody in Blue**

Who is your favorite sports team?

I don't have one, I like to go hiking and backpacking

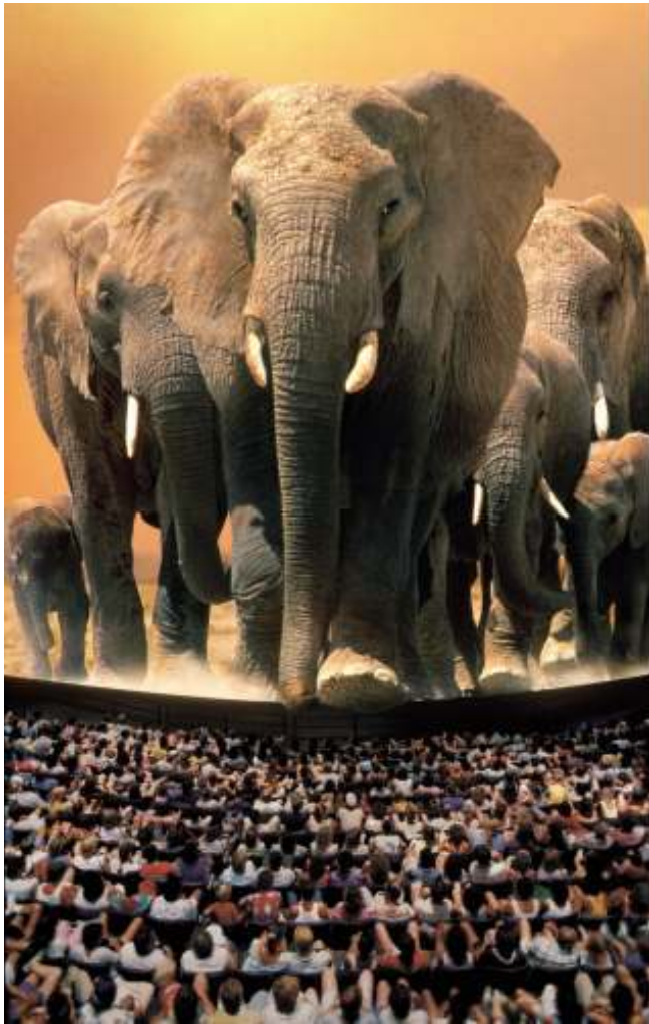
What is your dream car? **Winnebago**

If you could go anywhere on vacation where would you go?

Machu Picchu, Peru or Thailand

By: Jonathon Jordan





Safari 3D By: Jason Weinberger

Looking for something fun to do on the weekend? Why not visit the coolest thing out to date! The I MAX Theater in D.C is the most fun any one can have. It's 3D movie that is cheaper than regular movie with a screen three times the size of an actual theater. This weekend my friends and I went out to and I MAX and saw the film 3D Safari. This was one of the best experiences I have had in a long time. Not only was the movie fun but it was cheaper than a regular movie. The movie starts in a 3d view of Africa and takes you on an hour long journey through South Africa's most interesting animals. You learn about how Africa is formed and why the terrain is the way it is. After taking a tour of Africa from space in 3D, you meet your tour guide and climb into the back of the jeep. You wouldn't believe how real this looks; you feel like your actually in the back of the jeep. Then you start you Safari trying to find animals.

The first animal on the list is the Water Buffalo, one of the strongest animals in Africa. People have tried to domesticate this animal for years but it is so fierce that all the attempts have all failed. A lion won't attack a water buffalo unless it is sick or old.

After getting muddy with the water buffalo you find yourself on the hunt for leopards. A leopard spotting is even scarce for an expert tracker to find. Coming across a couple leopards you find how they are just like big cats.

The next stop was tracking rhinos. Rhinos are not so friendly; the reason they aren't very friendly is because they can't see too well so they have to hear what's around them so they are kind of skittish. The horn of the rhino is made from Chariton which is the same stuff our fingernails are made of. You can also tell how old rhino is by its second horn.

The last animal on your journey through your South African 3D Safari is the lion. You travel to the desert where the lion lives. The desert in South Africa is the harshest area to live in but the lion can do anything. Lions actually don't do anything all day but sleep for 20 hours and eat the rest of the time. The Female lions and cubs travel in packs which are called prides. All day they eat and sleep nothing more and nothing less.

The 3D safari was and amazing cheap experience, I recommend it to anyone. You can always find cool new movies coming out on I MAX like "Into the Deep" and "Roving Mars". Go to the I MAX Theater near you!

Holiday Recipes

Baked Codfish with Irish Cheese Crust

Recipe Summary

Difficulty: Easy

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

4 (6-ounce) codfish fillets, skins removed
 Essence, recipe follows
 1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
 2 tablespoons melted Irish butter
 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
 2 teaspoons Lakeshore Strong Irish Mustard or Colman's English mustard
 2 teaspoons minced garlic, or spring onions

6 ounces Irish cheese, such as Dubliner, Coolea, or Carrigaline, or Irish cheddar such as Kerrygold Vintage, grated
 1 cup heavy Irish cream

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter a casserole dish and set aside.

Lightly season the codfish on both sides with Essence and place in the prepared dish, skin side down.

In a bowl, combine the bread crumbs, butter, parsley, mustard, and garlic, and mix well. Add the cheese and mix well. Place on the fish, patting down to make a crust. Pour the cream over the fish and bake until the fish is

cooked through, golden brown and the cheese is bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve.

Emeril's ESSENCE Creole Seasoning (also referred to as Bayou Blast):

2 1/2 tablespoons paprika
 2 tablespoons salt
 2 tablespoons garlic powder
 1 tablespoon black pepper
 1 tablespoon onion powder
 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
 1 tablespoon dried oregano
 1 tablespoon dried thyme

Combine all ingredients thoroughly. Yield: 2/3 cup

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 POTATOES

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The Howler Schedule of Events



**March 10th Friday: 7:00 Basketball
Banquet**

March 16th : Hexagon at 3:30pm - 11:00pm

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day



March 20 and 21: College visit days

March 22: 3:30 Spring Play Auditions

**March 24th 7:00pm - 12:00pm:
Poker Night**

April 6th : Third grading period ends

April 7-16 : Spring break