

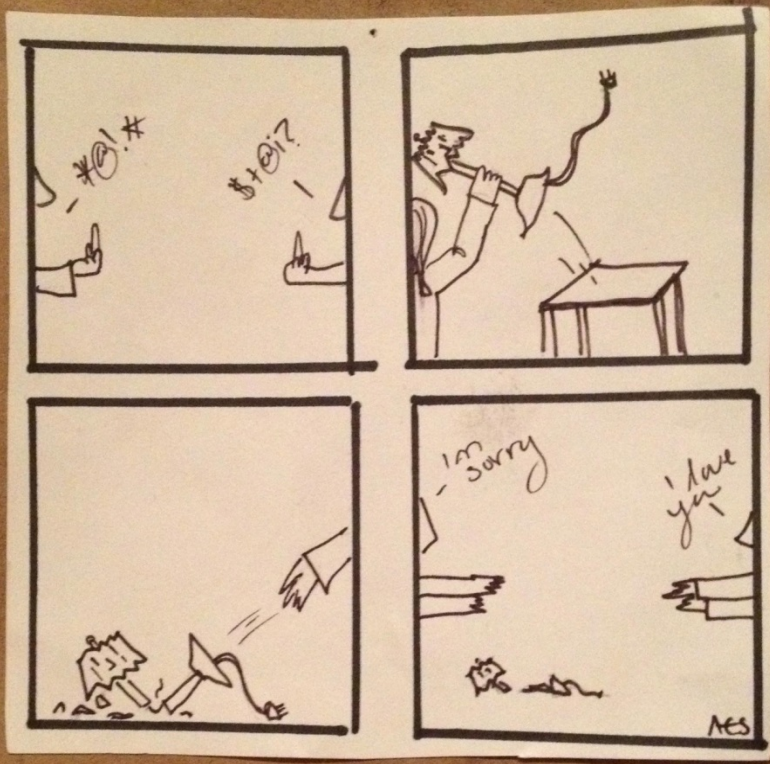
I Love You Comic

By Allison Smith, Pulp Contributor

On Fri, Jan 24, 2014

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Allison Smith



Good

By Andrew Gettings

By, Pulp Editor Erika Marcinek

On Fri, Jan 24, 2014

Mel was good. She had brown hair. She did girl's track. She had no piercings except for one in each earlobe, which were only ever adorned with conservative studs. Mel didn't listen to rap music, she liked country. She was always home by eleven and she always had her schoolwork in on time. Mel never had any stories to tell at camp or fingers to put up when playing "never have I ever".

It was a few days after Mel's birthday when she told her little brother Ian that he'd have to walk home from school. She told him she had stay after school and work on the yearbook. Mel didn't like to lie to her brother, it made her feel like a mean older sister, which she wasn't.

That day after school Mel hurried to her car and drove out of the student parking lot. She was careful to not be seen by her brother or anyone who might stop her and ask for a ride. She needed to be alone.

Mel drove for fifteen minutes before pulling into a gas station in the next town. She got out of the car, her palms were damp and her breath was short. A cold winter breeze pushed Mel forward as she walked into the store and swallowed her nerves. She was going to be fine.

She walked up to the counter and surveyed the array of cartons behind the cashier.

She cleared her throat.

"Can I have," she played with her car keys, "can I have a pack of Newports please?"

Mel was afraid to look up as the man turned around to get the little box she had requested.

"Can I see your ID young lady?," the cashier softly placed the carton on the counter.

"Here." Mel slid her license out of her paisley wallet. She could hear her heartbeat.

"Alright is that all?" The man's finger levitated above the cash register.

"Yes." Mel handed him a ten and said, "You can keep the change." He thanked her as she walked briskly to her car, not looking back.

Mel turned the key and pulled out of the small lot. She drove for what felt like hours, just going in circles, stalling. She was excited but terrified at the same time.

Finally when she was ready and she took a left into the North Point Beach parking lot. She could hear her tires grind against the sand and the asphalt.

In the summer this lot would be full of beachgoer's cars but now it was empty. No Ice-cream truck jingle. No seagulls squawking overhead. The lot was silent.

Mel rolled down her windows. She took a deep breath.

Mel opened her cigarettes as quietly as possible, and took one out. She turned it over a few times in her clammy hands, checking for imperfections.

She reached to her right and opened the glove compartment. The day before she had hidden her family's long fireplace matches in there.

She put the cigarette in her mouth. It felt dry. She lit a match, held the flame to the end of her cigarette and inhaled. Flames licked up the sides and her mouth felt warm. She took the cigarette out of her mouth and coughed, then she inhaled again. It tasted like cigarettes smell. Mel didn't like it but she continued.

Skidmore Outing Club to Announce Minority Opportunity Initiative

By Alex Hodor-Lee, Contributor

On Tue, Jan 28, 2014

A collective Anglo complexion and sense of privilege have long oppressed members of the Skidmore Outing Club. This has fostered a very elitist environment, leading minority students to feel uncomfortable at the prospect of joining.

To remedy the social injustice (and assuage their Caucasian guilt), the Outing Club will launch a new program to attract Skidmore students from all shades of the rainbow.

Known as "The Outside Club", the pilot program will help teach underprivileged minority students how to "get in touch with their inner-outsideness." The Outing Club is hoping to shed their image as a white's ~~only~~ an intolerant and exclusive club.

The Outing Club is one of the largest clubs on campus and its members often measure the size of their walking stick by boasting the number of email recipients on their listserv. However, some have admonished them for their lack of diversity as related to their relative clout on campus.

Others have come to the club's defense, noting that hiking and bird-watching are predominantly Anglo "sports," that Others (employed in the anthropological sense) are not privy to. Moreover, proponents of the club contend that a lack of integration is not a problem specific to the Outing Club, but representative of a systemic issue at Skidmore.

The situation also raises interesting questions about the role of forced integration on campus. Should college clubs, or even the College, be responsible for legislating or regulating interracial interactions on campus? Is it even a big deal?

While some contend that diversity substantively enriches our perspective, ability to collaborate and capacity to learn, others recognize that diversity is simply a descriptive element: a corporate instrument employed in an effort to raise Skidmore's perceived prestige.

In any case, this white man's burden initiative will begin "whenever we get our shit together", wrote one member, who, unauthorized to discuss the program, spoke on condition of anonymity.

A College spokesman remarked, "We're very proud of the College's commitment to diversity and support new initiatives, such as the Outing Club's." The spokesman also astutely pointed out, "diversity and integration are two of Skidmore's most difficult challenges and require hard work and dedication," continuing, "[diversity and integration] certainly can't simply be achieved by writing sententious, satirical pieces in one's pajamas."

It remains to be seen whether this post-colonial endeavor will teach minority students to fish. Most importantly: will these minority students assimilate to the Outing Club culture, becoming as integrated and accessorized as nalgenes on backpacks?

The Outing Club is currently seeking Asian, hapa and mulatto students, in hopes of abating culture shock in this transition period. Students seeking financial aid to cover the cost of equipment can apply for grants through the Cynthia Carroll Opportunity Fund.

Next week: If Pony Club told you to jump off a bridge...

Author's Notes: The Skidmore News's "Pulp" section often features essays, poetry and in this case, satire. It should be understood that satire stories are parody and employ humor to highlight social and cultural norms.

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Outing Club

Skidmore College



Men's winter sports catch-up

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Wed, Jan 29, 2014

While Skidmore students were on break, the men's winter teams were hard at work trying to establish themselves in the pool, on the ice and on the court. And although there is still much to be expected this semester, there also was plenty of action while students were gone that is deserving of attention.

Men's Ice Hockey

The hockey team entered the winter break with a record of 3-4-3, and now stands at a respectable 7-7-6. Three seniors led the team in scoring, with Aaron Beck (13 goals, 4 assists), Vlad Gavrik (8G, 9A) and Brad Schuler (5G, 12A) each contributing 17 points to the Thoroughbred offense. First-year Anthony Bird leads all of the first-years on the team and ranks fourth overall in scoring (6G, 10A). Gavrik is tied for sixth in the ECAC East in scoring and his three power play goals are tied for second overall in the league. Meanwhile, Bird is third in the league for first-year scoring while Schuler is fourth among defensemen. Jack McDonald '17 has been getting most of the action in goal, sporting a .920 save percentage and 2.68 Goals Against Average. The Thoroughbreds, who sit in sixth place in the league, have five games remaining, all of which are ECAC contests.

Men's Swimming and Diving

Heading into the break, the men's swimming and diving team had a record of 2-4, and finished off their fall semester with a fifth place finish at the Liberty League championships. In their first meet after the break, they finished sixth out of seven at the RPI Invitational before dropping their final dual meet of the season 127-160 to RPI. The meet served as the final home meet for seniors Taylor Best, Tim Brodsky, Jon Markowitz and Peter Quattromani. On the diving board, Jacob Nathan '15 qualified for NCAA events in the 1-meter and 3-meter dives. The men have two meets remaining as they travel to the Vassar College Men's Invitational on Feb. 2 and the state championship from Feb. 19 to 22.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team finished the fall semester with a solid 4-2 record and have continued that strong play since returning from break. With their 10-7 record and 4-4 Liberty League record, the Thoroughbreds are positioned to move up from their fifth place standing into a playoff spot. With the top four teams qualifying for the post-season tournament, Skidmore College will have to beat RPI, RIT and Vassar, all teams who are ahead of them in the standings, in their upcoming games. Sophomore

Aldin Medunjanin leads the offensive charge with 16.4 points per game, while classmate Erik Sanders is right behind with 16.2 per game. Both Medunjanin and Sanders are in the top 10 in the Liberty League in scoring. Medunjanin also is helping his teammates score, as he leads the team with 5.2 assists per game, also first in the league. Connor Merrill '15 and Medunjanin are tied for the team lead with 6.2 rebounds per game and Merrill leads the team with 1.9 blocks per game. Merrill and Perun Kovacevic '15 are first and second in the league in.

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Erik Sanders '16 is in the top ten in the Liberty League in scoring.

Bob Ewell



Women's winter sport update

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Wed, Jan 29, 2014

Not to be overshadowed by the success of their fall counterparts, the winter women's sports teams entered the winter break with solid efforts. The riding team continued its dominance, the basketball team's 3-4 record looked promising and the women's swimming and diving team finished in sixth place out of 10 teams at the Liberty League championships on Dec. 7 and 8. But how are they doing now?

Women's Riding

The reigning national champions started off the fall semester with four first place finishes in four shows, with the final victory coming on Nov. 23 at the Van Lennep Riding Center. The Nov. 23 show proved to be a tough test, but Skidmore College was able to beat Morrisville State College with a narrow two-point victory. The Thoroughbreds will open the second part of their season with two home shows in a row on Feb. 15 and 22. The Zone 2 Region 3 Finals loom in the future on March 29.

Women's Basketball

The Thoroughbreds headed into winter break with a respectable 3-4 record, including a convincing 75-42 win over the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Skidmore College went on to capture the Salem Holiday Tournament, beating Salem State University and Albertus Magnus College on their way to the title. Angela Botiba '15, who was named the tournament MVP, currently leads the 6-11 Thoroughbreds in rebounds and blocks per game with 10.4 and 1.2, respectively. Jordyn Wartts '14, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, currently leads the team in scoring with 14.2 points per game. Despite a 1-7 conference record, Skidmore's players are not giving up and are still strong in every game. Botiba is among the top in the Liberty League, sitting at third in both rebounds and blocks per game. Molly McLaughlin '15 is fourth in the league with 4.4 assists per game. The team has eight games remaining, games in which they can play spoiler for other teams in the league.

Women's Swimming and Diving

With their sixth place finish at the Liberty League championships, the women's swimming and diving team set themselves up for a strong finish to the season. Although they lost their dual meet against RPI on Jan 25., they received strong individual performances that bode well for the remaining two meets. Erin Donovan '17 won the 200 Free and Backstroke in addition to a second-place finish in the 50 Free. Yookee Roh '17 continued the freshmen push with two wins of her own in the 100 Backstroke and the

200 IM. The team also grabbed a first place finish in the 200 Free Relay. The Skidmore College Women's Invitational awaits them at 1 p.m. this Saturday, and the New York State Championships take place Feb. 19 to 22.

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Jordyn Wartts '14 leads the basketball team in scoring with 14.2 points per game.

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Catherine King '15 of the women's swimming and diving team.

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Photo by Bob Ewell

Students with fake identification likely to receive hefty fines

By Mira Brock, Contributing Writer

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

At least five underage students were issued tickets after attempting to enter The Mine - a 21-plus underground entertainment venue in downtown Saratoga Springs - on Saturday, Jan 25. The students, caught with forged or false identification, were escorted into a squad car, where they each received a ticket for as much as 450 dollars, according to one student.

The Saratoga Springs Police Department did not orchestrate the operation. Instead, according to one student who received a ticket, the Department of Motor Vehicles issued violations. The DMV is often involved in investigations of establishments with liquor licenses according to SSPD Lieutenant Robert Jilson, who also explained that the DMV can "impose civil penalties."

The students were issued a "uniform traffic ticket" which cited their violation of N.Y. Vehicle and Traffic Law 509-6. The law states: "No licensee shall voluntarily permit any other person to use his license, nor shall any person at any time possess or use any forged, fictitious or illegally obtained license, or use any license belonging to another person." Violating this law is punishable by a fine-between \$75 and \$300-and/or imprisonment for "no more that fifteen days."

The students in question reported inconsistent ID'ing practices, noting that several other people with false identification were allowed to enter The Mine. According to one student, as a DMV employee detained him, a friend of his with fake identification was allowed to enter the club, located on Broadway.

Many Skidmore students have observed a trend in which at least one or two arrests are made at the beginning of a semester, presumably to deter underage drinking at venues in downtown Saratoga. One student remarked, "it's not the first time this has happened, it might force people to think twice about going to Pony Club events."

Pony Club, a campus group that organizes weekend events at local venues, told *The Skidmore News* in an e-mail that they have "definitely had a harder time finding venues to host events this year." Several seniors at Skidmore have also noticed heightened strictness and an increase in downtown policing since their freshman year. Some referred to an increase in "ID busting," and one student said that there are now bars in which "Skidmore students are no longer accepted."

Peabody's, a bar that many seniors frequented in the past, is now under new ownership and has recently undergone renovation. They have told Pony Club that they have no interest in hosting a Skidmore event because in doing so, they would risk ruining the new space, as there have been problems with vandalism involving Skidmore students there in the past. Other bars such as The Parting Glass and Irish Times also no longer want to host Skidmore events, according to Pony Club.

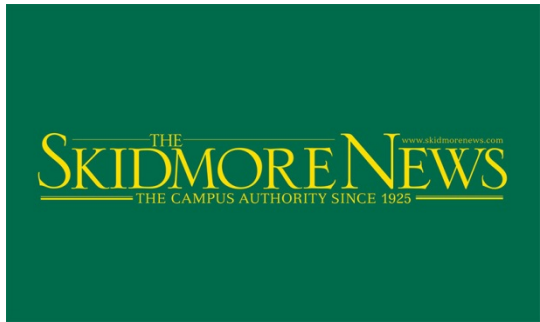
Skidmore students do not have the best record regarding substance abuse and alcohol related incidents. In 2010, during the annual Halloween Dance on Skidmore campus nine students were treated at the hospital for alcohol poisoning. In 2011, a visiting student from Boston College was found dead in Putnam Creek after attending parties with Skidmore students over the weekend.

Some students think that responsibility with alcohol consumption is an area in which Skidmore College needs to improve. Winifred Vaughan '14 suggests that a police crackdown may very well be "a direct reflection of the Skidmore community and their presence in the Saratoga community at large." However, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, David Karp, says that the "negative incidents are probably more than offset by the many positive interactions with students who volunteer in various community nonprofits and work, shop, and eat in the many small businesses."

Owen Lilly, a sophomore at Skidmore and Saratoga Springs native, points out that alcohol is a huge part of the city's economy - especially during the summer - and he believes that any sort of police crackdown has to do with the reputation of the bars and the city. "They don't want to be known as being shady, and associated with underage drinking."

Political reasons may explain why bars and policing downtown have become stricter. According to one source, the mayor of Saratoga Springs, Joanne D. Yepsen, is trying to pass a law that forces bars to close at 2 a.m. Some believe that the police may be attempting to build a case for why this law should be passed, and Skidmore is an undeniable source of underage drinking.

Underage drinking is a generally accepted feature of undergraduate college life. In regard to the production and use of fake ID's, Lieutenant Robert Jilson said that "it's one of those things: where there's a will there's a way." While the Lieutenant points out that there could be more school ramifications for underage drinking, one student argues that if there were a safe venue for underage students to experiment with alcohol on campus it could potentially eliminate unsavory alcohol-related incidents, "If there was a venue on campus that was more fun, less creepy, and maybe a little bit bigger than Falstaffs, it could solve some of these problems." This venue could be regulated by Campus Safety, who one student claims are "way nicer than the cops."



The DMV's operation may prove efficacious. As one underage student remarked, "Now I probably won't go downtown next weekend."

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The Mine was the scene of several fake ID busts on Saturday night

The Mine



NBA Talk: Sleeping on Milwaukee

By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

A bevy of NBA teams, mostly in the Eastern Conference, are in rebuilding mode (read: tanking). The Milwaukee Bucks are one of those teams, if not the worst, but in a few years time they could easily be a dominating team in the East. Here's why.

It's an open secret that a bevy of teams, mostly in the Eastern Conference, are in rebuilding mode (read: tanking). The General Managers of the 76ers, Celtics and Magic have to be lauded for their savvy accumulation of draft picks and high-ceiling youth. However, there is one team that has been overwhelmingly ignored, perhaps because they were originally expected to contend for mediocrity -- a bottom seed in the playoffs--but instead sunk to last in the whole league: The Milwaukee Bucks. Little has been said in regards to their future, but in a few years time they could easily be a dominating team in the East. Here's why.

This Year's Draft:

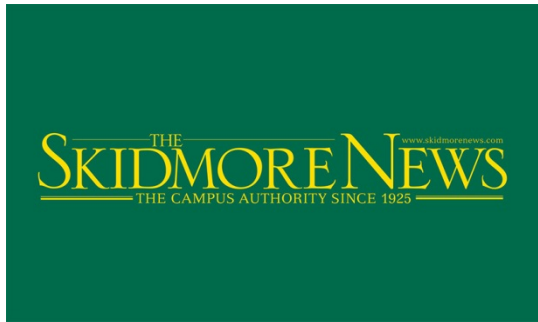
Quite simply, the Bucks will end this season in dead last, assuring them a top three pick. In all likelihood, they'll be in the same spot again next year. Not much can be said about next year's draft yet, however; the Bucks are just about guaranteed a franchise-changing player in this year's loaded draft. Two potential all-stars in the next two years does not sound too bad.

Their Current Youth:

Giannis Antetokounmpo, better known as the Greek Freak, is named such because of his exceptional size, wingspan and athleticism. When he was drafted last year, he was deemed a long-term project. However, he has shown flashes of brilliance that augur well for his high upside. He is already considered a future all-star.

The second year player John Henson has been an absolute stud for the Bucks so far, posting a Player Efficiency Rating of 20.3. For a comparison, that puts him above Kyrie Irving, Pau Gasol and John Wall. While his shooting range may be limited and his free throw percentage objectively abysmal, he can make his baskets and crash the boards for rebounds.

Larry Sanders, who had a breakout season in 2013, may be the x-factor of the Buck's future. After signing a generous contract, Sanders fell apart and all his stats have dropped. If Sanders can regain his



former shape, the Bucks will have a top-ten center with plenty more upside and room to grow. However, if Sanders continues to take advantage of his guaranteed contract, the Bucks will be facing a financial albatross that will severely hinder their ability to rebuild.

Brandon Knight also deserves a nod. While his upside and ability to lead a franchise to a championship is questionable, he is starter-worthy and is posting a PER of 15.8

The other player that should be mentioned is the rookie Nate Wolters who, during a spate of team injuries, was able to successfully prove himself a worthy floor general and will make for a productive backup.

Cap Space:

The Bucks currently enjoy the status of one of a few teams under the cap and will be clearing another \$19 million at the end of the season. Much of that will evaporate with Sander's new paycheck and the rookies they sign, but with the glut of rookies they have on cheap, the Bucks can look forward to accumulating enough cap space to potentially sign an all-star free agent in this offseason or the next. To pull this off, the Bucks will have to shed the contracts of OJ Mayo, Ersan Ilyasova or Zaza Pachulia. These are all serviceable players but are currently overpaid and do not meet the current needs of the Bucks. Ideally, the Bucks could trade these players away to contending teams for draft picks or expiring contracts, though the Bucks do have quite the pile of second round picks if other teams need incentive. If the Bucks can shed these contracts, they'll have the room to sign an all-star to lead a young team overflowing with potential.

The path for the Bucks is far from guaranteed. Shedding the aforementioned contracts will be difficult, and Sander's future productivity in consideration of this currently lackluster season is highly questionable. Furthermore, Milwaukee is a small market, unwilling to splash cash like the Nets or Lakers, and has never been much of an attraction for all-stars. However, between their youth, the rookies they'll pick up at least in this draft and the potential cap space they could acquire, the Bucks could be looking at seriously contending in just a few years.

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Antetokounmpo will be a key player for the Bucks in the next few years -- if he can continue to develop.

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Women's basketball falls to St. Lawrence, Brooks leads men to victory

By Matt Choi, Contributing Writer

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

Both Skidmore basketball teams took the court against St. Lawrence this past Tuesday, Jan. 28. The Skidmore women came into the game 1-6 in conference play and on the outside of the playoff race looking in. The game tipped off at 6:10p.m. after a delay caused by a shot-clock malfunction. Both teams were without the shot-clock for the duration of the game, and relied instead on the PA announcer to count down the clock from 10 seconds. Although competitive in the game's early stages, the Skidmore women were eventually outmuscled by St. Lawrence, most notably in a 13-2 Saints run to start the second half. The game had been competitive up until that point, and guard Jordyn Wartts '14 did her best to will her team back into the game with several three point plays, but the Saints early second half run would prove fatal a result of excellent 18 point performances from players McDuffee and Dalton.

If Skidmore can take some positives away from this game, it's in limiting turnovers, a full-court press that continues to cause problems for the opposition, and a resurgence in confidence from Jordyn Wartts. Skidmore is averaging 16 turnovers, two over the league average, and committed only 12 on the night. Wartts had a difficult game against Union in Skidmore's last home game, but seems to have responded well over the past three games and was a handful off the dribble on Tuesday. Backcourt partner Molly McLaughlin '15 struggled shooting the ball but pitched in 4 assists on the night. She was visibly frustrated as she fouled out as Skidmore applied full court pressure in an attempt to salvage the game late on. The equation may well change for the Skidmore women in the coming weeks, as the playoffs slip further from their grasp, and they begin to look towards developing talent and alternative ways to win.

The technical difficulties continued on into the men's game, as the scoreboard was added to the list of electronic casualties, and a small scoring role had to be placed on the scorers' table to display the point totals. The Skidmore men, also struggling as of late in the Liberty League, came in 3-4 after losing two straight games on the road. They vented some frustration in the first half with an absolutely relentless three point shooting display. Guard Tanner Brooks '16 made several threes from what looked like NBA 3-point territory, but it was his partner Aldin Medunjanin '16 who was lighting it up early with five first half three pointers. Highlight plays were spread throughout the roster in the first half, as forward Eric Sanders '16 threw down a break away dunk, and big men Connor Merrill '15 and Perun Kovacevic '15 traded blocks and post-up points inside the paint. The second half would be an entirely different issue

after a 42-28 half time score. Saint Lawrence employed a zone defense to perfection and greatly limited the three point opportunities for much of the half. Saints guard Al Jones made a three to spark a furious St. Lawrence run, cutting the lead to one in the final minutes of the game. Skidmore looked lost on interior offense at times, with several turnovers and missed layups in the post, and so it was no surprise that their salvation came in the form of Tanner Brooks' 3-point shooting. Brooks proved to be the Thoroughbred's clutch player of the night, scoring the team's final 9 points from a range that no coach accounts for in his defensive plan. Despite the Saints run, Skidmore will take solace in the fact that they were able to return to .500 in conference play, and grind out a tough victory. They will also enjoy holding Saints star Brady Condalin, averaging 18 points across all competitions, to zero points on ten attempts. Despite the good defensive work and long range shooting, the Thoroughbred men may have to work on their interior and mid-range game for when the 3-pointer isn't an option if they want to meet this seasons' lofty expectations.

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Brooks scored nine over the final 2:15 to lead the Thoroughbreds to a key Liberty League win.

Bob Ewell



Seattle's got the Super Bowl edge

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

The Super Bowl is on Sunday, and the No. 1 ranked defense in the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks, will find a way to beat the No. 1 ranked offense of the Denver Broncos. But who will win?

About 12 years ago I remember standing on a football field - yes, I played football - and hearing my coaches say over and over that "Defense wins championships!" For my football team, affectionately called the Purple Team, that rang true. We were able to ride the back of our 140-pound defensive lineman to victory over the White Team in the championship game. But why am I writing about a meaningless Pop Warner football game that occurred 12 years ago? Because the Super Bowl is on Sunday, and the No. 1 ranked defense in the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks, will find a way to beat the No. 1 ranked offense of the Denver Broncos.

Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos are arguably the greatest single-season offense of all time. Manning broke the single-season records for touchdown passes (55) and yards (5,477), and the team scored the most points in league history (606). Yes, Denver won two playoff games against two defenses in the top-half of the NFL. Against the No. 11 ranked San Diego Chargers, they put up a respectable 24 points. The next week, they put up 26 points on the No. 10 ranked New England Patriots. But neither of these defenses compares to what Denver will face at the Meadowlands.

Denver faced one defense in the top five during the regular season, beating the No. 5 ranked Kansas City Chiefs twice. However, neither the Kansas City Chiefs, nor the Patriots or Chargers, is at the level of the Seattle Seahawks "Legion of Boom" defense.

The Seahawks only gave up 231 points during the regular season, 74 less than the Chiefs - the Broncos' toughest test - and 107 and 117 less than the Patriots and Chargers, respectively. That's 14.4 points per game, which is the most important number when looking at defensive statistics. The Seahawks also lead the NFL in interceptions (28), turnovers forced (39), and yards allowed (4,378).

At this point in his career, Manning has taken to the short passing game, something that Seattle's young, mobile linebackers will be able to break up. And of course the Legion of Boom, as Seattle's secondary is nicknamed, has the ability to cover the multi-faceted Denver receiving corps. Other teams have not had the depth to cover all of the weapons in the Denver offense, but the Seattle secondary does. All this being said, Peyton Manning, ever-known for his meticulous studying of film, will find ways to pressure

the Seattle defense and put up points. So the Seahawks won't shut out the Broncos, but they will prevent them from reaching their average numbers, giving their offense a chance to control the game.

If defense can win championships, though, can't the same be said about defense losing championships? Well, yes. The Denver Bronco defense finished 22nd in the NFL during the regular season. The Broncos actually have one of the top rush-defenses in the league, only giving up 1,626 yards this season (interestingly enough, the same yardage Seattle gave up on the ground). Denver gave up 13 runs of more than 20 yards, but none over 40 yards. However, Denver also gave up 15 rushing touchdowns. Seattle's Marshawn Lynch, the second-best back in the league this year, had 12 rushing scores. Lynch also has a knack for busting one or two big runs a game that somehow end in the end zone.

So if the Seahawks can get Lynch going early, not necessarily with big runs but by eating chunks of yards and clock, they will control the game and keep the ball away from Denver. Quarterback Russell Wilson, oft cited for his mobility to role out and make plays with his legs, has an underrated deep ball, which the Broncos have a propensity for giving up (61 over 20 yards, 8 over 40 yards). If Lynch can get the ball rolling early and establish the play-action pass, then Wilson will have the opportunity to expose the slightly suspect Denver secondary.

Overall, the Seahawks defense is good enough to put Seattle in a position to win the game, it will just need help from Lynch and Wilson. The weather, too, will probably favor the Seahawks and their ability to ground-and-pound. Of the six coldest playoff games in NFL history, four were won by the team with the better ground offense but lesser pass offense. Manning and the Broncos' potent air-offense will undoubtedly make it interesting, and there is no way Peyton Manning goes down without putting up a fight. But in the end it is the defense - on both sides of the ball - that will allow Seattle to win. Seattle 27, Denver 23.

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Peyton Manning (I) and Russell Wilson have faced each other twice, both preseason wins by Seattle.

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Campus Safety Reports: Jan. 17 to 23

By Julia Leef, Managing Editor

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

Campus Safety Reports: Jan. 17 to 23

Incidents of Note:

- **Monday, Jan. 20**-Larceny: Two fire extinguishers found at 3:30 p.m. by Haupt Pond. It was determined that both were removed from the Art Center. Report taken.
- **Monday, Jan. 20**-Harassment: Report received of an email sent at 10:41 a.m. on Jan. 16 to Campus Safety regarding possible harassment between two current students.
- **Thursday, Jan. 23**-Suspicious Activity: A suspicious person reported at 7:20 p.m. walking near the Sussman Apartments. Officer dispatched located the homeless male subject and transported him to a shelter off campus due to the extreme weather.

Further Incidents

Friday, Jan. 17:

- Campus Safety Assist: A transport requested at 8:52 a.m. to the Sussman Apartments K as the reporting person was on crutches. Transport provided.
- Disorderly Conduct: Disorderly conduct, taunting and unruly behavior reported at 10 p.m. during a basketball game at the Williamson Sports Center. Officers responded and quieted the spectators. No further incidents.

Sunday, Jan. 19:

- Criminal Mischief: Officer reported at 12:14 a.m. finding that the phone on the fifth floor of Jonsson Tower had been torn off the wall. Report made and photos taken.
- College Violation: A reporting person called at 12:10 a.m. stating that there was loud music coming from a neighboring apartment in Sussman J. Dispatched officers reported speaking with the residents who agreed to lower the volume. The reporting person called again at 2:18 a.m. stating that the same apartment was noisy again. Dispatched officer reported finding several students watching a movie. Officer told the students that they would need to disperse, as this was the second time he had told them to quiet down. Students complied and left.

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 1:25 p.m. at 12 Whitman Way. Activation due to contractors. Alarm restored.
- Suspicious Odor: Odor of marijuana reported at 3:20 p.m. at Jonsson Tower. Odor dissipated prior to the officers' arrival.
- Suspicious Odor: The smell of gasoline reported at 3:25 p.m. at the Starbuck Center. Odor dissipated prior to the officers' arrival.
- Criminal Mischief: Criminal mischief reported at 4:56 p.m. at the Art Center. Upon entering the Ceramics Studio, the reporting person observed broken items and a piece of equipment left. Report taken.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 7:09 p.m. at the Sussman Apartments I. Dispatched all units, notified Unit-10, advised the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Alarm was due to cooking.
- Graffiti: Officer reported finding graffiti at 7:55 p.m. on the first floor of Wait Hall. Report made.
- College Violation: A noise complaint received at 10 p.m. at the Sussman Apartments J. Dispatched officers who spoke with the two subjects who turned the volume down. At 10:38 p.m., the reporting person called back stating that the noise was louder than before. Dispatched officer reported speaking with two different residents who stated that they would keep it down. The reporting person called back at 10:50 p.m. stating that it was still too loud. Dispatched officer spoke with the resident.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 10:36 p.m. at Penfield Hall. Dispatched officers.

Tuesday, Jan. 21:

- Campus Safety Assist: Transportation requested received at 8:33 a.m. to the Saratoga Hospital Emergency Room, as the subject was not feeling well. Dispatched officer. Transportation provided.
- Suspicious Odor: An odor of gas reported at 10:02 a.m. at the Dana Science Center. Dispatched officer and maintenance unit. Officer reported that no odor could be detected and advised the reporting person to call if the odor returned.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 4:25 p.m. at Penfield Hall. Dispatched officer could not find the source of the odor, which had dissipated prior to arrival.

Wednesday, Jan. 22:

- College violation: A noise complaint reported at 12:03 a.m. at Whitman Way. Officer advised that no noise was detected. Call unfounded at the time.

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 7:06 p.m. at the Sussman Apartments. Dispatched all units and advised the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Activation due to a cooking error. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 6:03 p.m. at Wait Hall. Dispatched officer reported that resident complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Suspicious Odor: Suspicious odor reported at 9:25 p.m. at Jonsson Tower. Officers dispatched reported a strong odor in the lobby but were unable to determine a specific source.
- On Call Request: Contact requested at 11:35 p.m. from Wilmarth Hall with a counselor on call. Message delivered and assistance given.

Thursday, Jan. 23:

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 4:20 a.m. in Palamountain. Officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department dispatched. Several subsequent activations due to a faulty smoke head. Electrician made repair. Report issued.
- College violation: A noise complaint reported at 12:03 a.m. at Whitman Way. Officer advised that no noise was detected. Call unfounded at the time.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 7:06 p.m. at the Sussman Apartments. Dispatched all units and advised the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Activation due to a cooking error. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 6:03 p.m. at Wait Hall. Dispatched officer reported that resident complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Suspicious Odor: Suspicious odor reported at 9:25 p.m. at Jonsson Tower. Officers dispatched reported a strong odor in the lobby but were unable to determine a specific source.
- On Call Request: Contact requested at 11:35 p.m. from Wilmarth Hall with a counselor on call. Message delivered and assistance given.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 6:32 p.m. from Wilmarth Hall to the Emergency Room. Officer dispatched completed the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Reporting person advised at 9:21 p.m. that she would like to report an uncomfortable situation that occurred in Penfield Hall. Officers provided assistance and issued a report.
- Medical Assist: Report received at 10:32 p.m. that a student worker at the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall had sustained a burn and would like medical assistance. Dispatched officer/EMT and the Skidmore College Emergency Service. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 10:52 p.m. at the Sussman Apartments. Dispatched officers reported that the situation had been rectified with the music lowered.

- College Violation: A noise complaint received at 11:02 p.m. at Whitman Way. Dispatched officers who reported that the residents agreed to lower the volume.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 11:10 p.m. at Cane Crossing. Dispatched officers reported that the television volume was lowered.
- College Violation: A noise complaint received at 11:55 p.m. for the Sussman Apartments. Dispatched officers reported that the situation was rectified with the residents agreeing to lower their voices.

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Campus Safety

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Delineation of the mind: Rebecca Baruc '15, student artist, has exhibition in Case Gallery

Rebecca highlights the importance of not filtering yourself when pursuing what you love.

By Blair Warren, A&E Editor

On Thu, Jan 30, 2014

People sometimes believe that the difference between their own convictions or way of thought to that of another's is merely their counterpart's misconstruction of a concept. Is this really accurate? Do we as humans have the liberty to categorize a person's beliefs or process of thought as right or wrong, with no space in-between?

Rebecca Baruc '15, an American Studies major and Studio Art minor, said, "When I look at things like the human form, I see abstractions and lines intersected. That's how you translate something onto two-dimensional paper. It's like you're creating an illusion when you're doing a portrait." Rebecca makes a good point, relative not only to creating art but also in the understanding of others. Everything that is believed is, in one way or another, an illusion of 'truths' that belong to the processes of one's own mind.

Rebecca attended the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland last semester and is back on the Skidmore campus this semester. During her term away, she spent focused time cultivating not only her art, but also the processing of it.

"It was exciting, I really loved it. It was two weeks of printmaking, two weeks of live model and two months of free time for self-determined studio art." When she returned to Skidmore, her works were exhibited from Jan. 21-27 in the Case Gallery of Case Center. Each piece represents not only her artistic talent, but also her own way of seeing the world and the people in it.

"I didn't title any of these pieces because I didn't want to be pedantic, by saying 'this is called this, so you should think that,'" Rebecca said, but one of her pieces that stuck out she sometimes referred to as 'The Feminist Essay Procrastination'.

"I had one essay to write the whole term about anything in art history, so I decided to write about feminism in contemporary art. Every time I sat down to write the essay, though, I would procrastinate by drawing these self-portraits. I don't think any of them look exactly like me, but they're all essences of who I am. It's multi-faceted, which is the conclusion of feminism in art today and is not constituted by

just one female artist. Also, feminism in art history is what allowed me to become a confident female art student today.”

Rebecca finds inspiration in the works of naturalist painters, specifically John Singer Sargent. She also admires the innovation of Klimt as well as the interactive, performance art pieces of Aneesh Kapoor.

While abroad, Rebecca discovered new ways of expressing what she saw in both the world and in people in her artwork.

“I’ve been really obsessed with delineation; it was an obsession I wanted to pursue. I also wanted to get over treating things as precious. So, I had this portrait of my friend and I delineated the color areas. I decided I’ve done a lot of portraits, so this doesn’t have to be precious. I also doodle a lot, so I wanted to take that line and make it invade a nice portrait. It’s all connected; it started in the life room, where I had to draw her [a nude woman] as she moved, but then I put my geometric doodling into it. This made me see her form as abstract shapes, which then crept into everything I did.”

Rebecca explained the importance of letting go of preconceived notions of what may seem right or wrong, giving the mind an openness to freeform, let things take shape, and create.

“I learned not to judge the process. For example, with delineation and doodling, I was told to explore different surfaces to do it on. At one point I was sitting at my desk delineating a toilet paper roll and wondering, why am I doing this? It’s so easy to judge something that you’re doing but I learned that it was all part of a larger process, which is probably the best thing I learned. I hope that people take away from this how to not feel scared about pursuing their curiosities. Just don’t filter yourself.”

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Delineated portrait by Rebecca Baruc ‘15.

Rebecca Baruc ‘15

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Referred to as ‘Feminist Essay Procrastination’, work by Rebecca Baruc ‘15.

Rebecca Baruc ‘15





Alcohol and Other Drugs 2.0

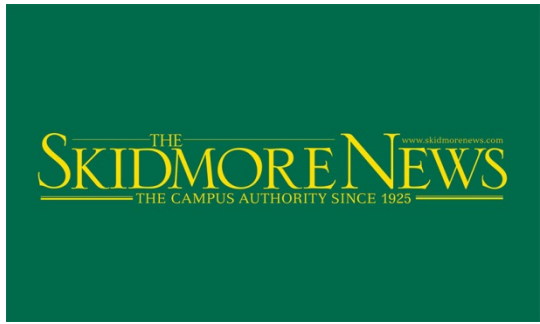
By The Editorial Board

On Fri, Jan 31, 2014

As college students, despite the fact that we attend a private college, we would very much like to believe that we do have rights. We understand that while we reside within housing provided by Skidmore, the institution has full remit to enter, exit, search, withhold and question as they see fit. We still, however, expect to be respected as adults, with our own certain freedoms on this campus. This is a belief we are justified indulging, for the most part, and it follows that when Skidmore exercises its ability to diminish these rights we feel threatened and betrayed.

As of this semester, the College has amended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy to include a new clause pertaining to the usage or presence of marijuana. This new section allows for the distribution of points and fines on the suspicion that a student or group of students is using the drug. Campus Safety does not need to see smoke, find any marijuana, note paraphernalia or observe students smoking. They need only to suspect, with probable cause, that the drug is being used. If there is a reported smell of marijuana and a student's room is searched to reveal a fan near the window, a towel by the door and a bottle of Febreze in sight, this gives Campus Safety the authority to administer points without the existence of concrete evidence of usage. The presence of items that facilitate the use of an illegal substance now makes students liable.

First and foremost, there is an undeniable link here to Skidmore's recent ranking as the number one school on the Princeton Review's "Reefer Madness" list. Additionally, a consultant hired by Skidmore to evaluate their AOD policy this past year gave the College a failing grade. The implementation of this new policy signifies that Skidmore is concerned with improving the College's public reputation, perhaps more so than it is with effectively protecting and benefiting the health and well-being of its student body. The school is evidently aiming to clear its name of this reputation, and is taking what feels like improper steps in order to do so. The ability to incriminate students for marijuana possession on fewer grounds feels not only like an infringement on student rights, but an effort towards stricter enforcement rather than prevention, which, if Skidmore was truly considered about the student's health, would be the proper route. The Editorial Board feels that greater enforcement will not alter the weed culture at Skidmore - students who smoke are inclined to do so regardless of the policy change, one whose implementation will be expectedly porous and half-hearted. Perhaps Skidmore will look better under public scrutiny --which may be all the administration is truly concerned about -- but if the administration



is genuinely interested in lowering marijuana use, this policy will not, in fact, benefit or deter the students.

Further, unintended repercussions may undermine, not bolster, Campus Safety. Residential Life works hard to impress upon its students that Campus Safety is present on campus for the safety of the students - their objective is not to get students in trouble. The belief is that a congenial relationship will allow students to seek Campus Safety when in need, preventing possible injury and protecting the campus as a whole. This new aggressive policy effectively undermines this cultivated image and paints Campus Safety officers as the enemy, a member of the opposite team. This perspective is potentially dangerous for students in terms of situations of crisis - it leads to greater hesitancy in reaching out to the officers even in emergency situations. Furthermore, it strains the relationships between students and their RAs who will be expected to report any and all signs to Campus Safety.

So yes, this new policy feels like an infringement on student rights and raises questions on the stalled status of the Student Bill of Rights. Yes, we, the students, lose power in that we must now accept consequences without legitimate grounds for accusation, but the school has this power, and we sign it over to them when we commit and pay our tuitions. However, the Editorial Board feels that this addition to the Alcohol and Other Drugs policy displays an effort on the part of the administration solely to improve Skidmore's reputation and ignores the desire to effectively improve the, safety, health, and happiness of the student body.

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Better now hide it with the bong.



Student group renews approach to mental health awareness on campus

By Elena Nogara '16, Contributing Writer

On Fri, Jan 31, 2014

In this day and age, the topic of mental health is one that is brought up on most college campuses. Whether or not it is dealt with properly is another discussion. As Skidmore College climbs in competitiveness, the stress inflicted on students begins to increase; what can be done about this? Are there enough resources on Skidmore's campus for students to seek help, and how can students learn about them?

As a transfer student from Drexel University, new to the Skidmore community, I have seen many students affected by the difficulties and pressures that come along with the heavy workload in college. Unfortunately, some are affected to the point where they have no more will to fight on. Drexel's neighboring school, the University of Pennsylvania, suffered the painful loss of freshman Madison Holleran, who took her own life in Philadelphia a couple of weeks ago. While Madison's death shocked friends and family, it immediately caused students in the area to recognize the importance of the care of mental health on college campuses.

Skidmore offers student counseling services, shining a light on mental health, but are we sure that students are aware of this? We do not need a tragic event to happen at Skidmore to realize the importance of mental health care. All students should be knowledgeable of the resources at their disposal, and the school is starting to catch on to this idea.

Active Minds, a non-profit organization that empowers students to speak about mental health, is an excellent provider of information. Just last spring, Skidmore introduced their own chapter to the campus, and immediately started working on making the issue of mental health more well known. The president of the club, Siena Tugendrajch, strongly advocates for mental health awareness, and was able to provide insight on some plans and opinions the group has.

Last semester, Active Minds actually made flyers for the counseling center precisely because we felt like students didn't know what was available to them. That's one of the ways Tugendrajch has addressed the problem with the lack of knowledge students have about the counseling resources. There is now talk of reusing this idea in the spring term, hoping to make another strong impression on campus.

Another big concern with mental health care on campus is what kind of counseling is offered and to what extent. According to Tugendrajch, "the counseling center does do a pretty solid job of working with people and referring them to outside counselors, but not everyone can afford to see someone outside of Skidmore." This shines a light on a big problem: students with fewer financial possibilities cannot always seek the help they might need. The counseling center also offers group therapy, but it is difficult for students to know how effective these confidential groups are.

In addition, there is controversy on campus about the availability of the counseling center's one psychiatrist. Currently, the psychiatrist is only available once a week, which causes many timing conflicts for students. This is an issue that is being talked about among students, and if spoken about loudly enough, could potentially create change.

What can be done to help solve these problems? Tugendrajch has some ideas of her own that entail the involvement of students on campus. "We could have student-run groups, but people would need to be trained." If these groups were to come to life, it could help students who are not comfortable talking to professionals find a safe haven.

Mental health requires constant dialogue, whether it is among friends, family, or professionals. Without the ability to have an open conversation, students are put in dangerously unhealthy situations. Students are here at Skidmore to enjoy a positive learning experience, not an uncomfortable one. It is important to keep our eyes open to these problems, as they are often veiled in feigned happiness. As students feel the need to hide their pain, they begin to suppress their real emotions, and replace them with "peace of mind." Most people have a much easier time understanding happiness than depression, so it takes a little more concentration to see what is really going on in a person's mind. With that extra focus, we, as a community, can improve the mental well being of students at Skidmore.

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