

# THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

## ~ WELCOME BACK ISSUE ~

### Senior Year Beware...A Q&A on All Things College!

by Katie Asenbauer

So you have some questions about college, I hear...well, luckily, I have *some* answers! There are countless confusing aspects of the college admissions process but trust me, we've got this! To start shedding some light on questions everyone may have... here are some answers to the questions asked on our Instagram poll (Are you following us @chs.newspaper)!

#### *How can we prepare early with classes so that we don't need to take them in college?*

There are plenty of classes offered at Columbia that are worth college credit! Most AP and University in the High School classes are worth 1-3 college credits. A one-semester class may be worth one college credit and a full year class may earn three college credits. By taking these classes (such as Spanish 4 with Mrs.Leforeister, Intro to Psychology with Mr.Lapolla, or any AP science, English, math, or history courses) you will gain credits that may transfer for your freshman year in college (so you won't have to take these classes your first year)! However, some colleges do not accept credits gained in high school so it is extremely important that you research what credits the colleges you are looking at will take. Your guidance counselor can give a full list of courses offered in CHS that are worth college credits.

#### *If we know where we want to go, what should we be focusing on the most right now?*

College essay. College essay. College essay. Your college essay is the one part of your application that lets your personality shine through. By having a super solid essay your chances of being accepted into the college of your choice significantly rise since it will set you above other applicants. Another helpful thing to do is to research that college's policies. Whether it be transfer policies, study abroad options, financial aid, etc., make sure you look into every aspect of that college and meet all the requirements for its application. Lastly, scholarships are key. Replace that time in which you would've been visiting other colleges with applying for scholarships. Apply for many scholarships as humanly possible to save some cash in the long run ;). You can reach out to your guidance counselor for lists of scholarships and they are also posted on your Naviance account.

#### *Is it okay if you don't know what you want to major in while looking at colleges?*

YES! Trust me, many of us are applying to colleges in two months and still don't know what we may major in. Most (if not all) colleges let you enter as Undecided and you don't have to declare a major for at least a year. If you are unsure of your major, colleges allow you to get a feel for which classes you like before setting down one track and you are also even able to change your major (multiple times!) so there is ZERO pressure if you don't know what you'd like to major in yet!



#### *Will we be able to visit colleges?*

As of right now, almost all schools are doing virtual tours and some schools are doing in-person. If you are interested in visiting a college, their visiting/touring policy will be posted on their website!

*Stay tuned for more questions, polls, and opportunities on our Instagram, @chs.newspaper!*

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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

**We are so excited to be back in school in both the hybrid and remote model! It will definitely be an adjustment, but it is just another way to show everyone that Gen Z is adaptable (and the best generation!) Our goal with this special editors' edition is to show incoming freshmen and transfer students a small portion of what a normal issue looks like, as well as remind all of the returning students what our club can achieve, even from these virtual distances. Enjoy this shorter issue that will hopefully distract you from the world imploding around us in the whirlwind that is 2020. Come join us for our first virtual meeting on September 22nd at 2:45 PM to pitch some article ideas and start writing!**

**-Katie, Benson, Maddie,  
& Morgen**

QUESTIONS?

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# 4 Things You May Not Have Watched During Quarantine

by Morgen Doyle

Netflix has been a lifesaver at a time like this. So many shows available to watch at all times of the day, all different genres, something for everyone. But now that production is starting back up after COVID delays, we might have to wait awhile for the next season of *Stranger Things* or those long-awaited Marvel movies. So while we're all waiting for the next big thing to hit the screen, I wanted to shine some light on those hidden gems all the way at the end of your Netflix list.

So if you like *The Office* (who doesn't), go ahead and check out *Parks & Recreation*. Not entirely a hidden gem, but a severely underrated show in my opinion. Written by former *Office* writer and producer, Micheal Schur, the show has the same charm and hilarity as its predecessor. *Parks & Rec* follows the Pawnee, Indiana Parks & Recreation Department run by the stoic, but hilarious, Ron Swanson and the slightly annoying and determined Leslie Knope. Knope leads the show through her daily life of trying to turn a giant pit into a beautiful park, with many detours including people falling in the pit, concerts by Pawnee favorite, Mouse Rat, and government shutdowns. Andy Dwyer, lovable, crazy, utterly stupid, is one of the shining stars in the show's larger ensemble of characters. The things that fall out his mouth will have you on the floor because of just how ridiculous they are. If you can make it through the slow-moving first season, you won't regret binging this NBC comedy over the course of the next few days. (All seven seasons available now on Netflix)

If you binged *Tiger King* in two days like I did and were fascinated by how Joe Exotic made it so far without ending up in prison, you might enjoy HBO's *McMillions*. Remember those McDonalds Monopoly peel-off games? The ones you would keep getting free small Cokes from? So apparently, an ex-cop rigged the games for years, stealing millions of dollars with the help of people from all over the country. This 6-part docuseries breaks down how he did it and how he was caught in the process. In my opinion, sometimes documentaries and real stories that are dramatized are more immersive than fiction itself and *McMillions* is a show that proves it. As you watch this show, you will think to yourself "there's no way that he got any with that, right?" and then he DOES. It was definitely worth watching because now I know how to scam a global conglomerate out of millions. Thanks, Uncle Jerry! (All six episodes available on HBO/HBO Max)

Finally, if you watched any teen Netflix movie that they have put out in the past year, (*The Kissing Booth 2*, *To All The Boys I've Ever Loved 2*, etc.) please please **PLEASE** go watch Netflix's *The Half Of It*. I loved this movie, it gave me a very grounded high-school, coming of age film experience in the way these big-budget Kissing Booths can't. The movie follows Ellie Chu, a typical high school student who juggles taking care of her father, keeping her grades up, and running an illegal underground essay-writing ring within her small town school. In comes Paul Munsky, tall, awkward, nice guy who has a giant crush on popular girl, Aster Flores. Paul asks Ellie to help him write Aster love letters, but then surprise-surprise things don't

go to plan and it all spirals out of their control. The story is predictable in the way most Netflix movies are, but the writing in this movie is so natural and smooth, unlike so many of cringy Netflix movies we all flock to. I have to say it even though most people won't really notice, but the cinematography and imagery/motifs in this film are amazing. It feels as if the movie was adapted from a best-selling book, but it is an original screenplay written and directed by Alice Wu, veteran writer and director within the film community. I highly suggest watching this movie and really listening to what it is saying, as I believe there is something everyone can take from the experience. (Available on Netflix now)

Honorable mention is definitely *Schitt's Creek* from Pop TV. All of it is on Hulu right now and it is hilarious. Ever wanted to watch rich people lose all their money and live in a rickety old motel in a small town? I know it doesn't sound like much, but that the best part. It's not too complicated and the jokes still put me on the floor. I only learn my new vocabulary words from the queen herself, Moira Rose. Seriously go watch it. (All six seasons on Hulu)



## Folio Pestilentia

Benson Haley

### Where were you when the pestilence knocked upon your door?

Were you curled on a carpet, gazing towards the light of the hearth,  
or twisting amid the charcoal skies of the burnt corpse of Earth?

Were you skipping stones across a cerulean sea,  
or thrashing against the violent tides that follow escapees?

### Who were you when the pestilence knocked upon your door?

Were you the shivering puppet pulling the trigger,  
or the martyr recapitulating shattered ideas of vigor?  
Were you the wealth that you worked to obtain,  
or the fading thoughts that last in your brain?

### What did you hear when the pestilence knocked upon your door?

Pounding, tapping, creaking, or sighing,  
the rhythms heard in the last breaths of the dying?  
When the pestilence comes to knock upon your door,  
you will hear the footsteps of a human walking to war.

# How Do We Keep The Balls Rolling? The Return of US Sports in A Covid-19 World

by Maddie Ingoldsby

The sports industry has taken more hits this year than Brett Farve has had at quarterback in his entire career, and that is saying a lot. COVID-19 has posed many challenges to the sports industry such as player safety, spectator safety, and economic concerns. For a long time, sports fans were left wondering if any of their favorite sports would return. Then, in March the sports world officially shut down and sports fans threw in their towel on their aspirations for the return of sports. However, now enough time has passed and leagues have had ample time to discuss their plans for their current or upcoming seasons.

Perhaps one of the most blind-siding returns to sports was announced by the National Basketball Association. After a near 5 month hiatus, the NBA announced it will officially return at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex inside Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The players are residing in a place commonly referred to as “The Bubble.” Here, they are served food and can even get a haircut but they are not allowed to leave. Due to strict quarantine rules, the league decided on an 8 game regular season played by the top 22 teams in the NBA with no spectators. The season began on July 30th with a game between the Utah Jazz and the New Orleans Pelicans ending with a Jazz win (106-104).

One of the most controversial returns to sports was announced by Major League Baseball earlier this month. A 2020 MLB season was looking dismal for a while as many of the MLB representatives and the Major League Players Association representatives could not come to an agreement on anything regarding the return of baseball. Fortunately for baseball fans, the MLB announced a 60-game



season for 2020 followed by the compliance of the MLB-PA. The season began on July 23rd, with no spectators and a game in Washington virus the New York Yankees. Garret Cole claimed his first win as a New York Yankee defeating the Washington Nationals 4-1 despite getting rained out after six innings.

To continue safe play in the return of these leagues, organizations should look to the NWSL Challenge Cup. Started in late June, the National Womens’ Soccer League was the first US sport to come back after COVID-19 cancelled seasons in March 2020. The 23-match tournament in Utah, took a similar approach to the NBA Bubble, containing players in what was known as the “NWSL Village”, just outside of Salt Lake City. All players and staffers were tested before transitioning to Utah and throughout the tournament. Due to this initial test, the Orlando Pride was to sit out of the tournament due to several positive tests from both team members and staff, that later turned out to be false-positives. With regular testing and strict protocols throughout the tournament, the Houston Dash won the Challenge Cup and the bubble remained COVID free for the entire month. Streamed daily from both Twitch and CBS All Access, the Challenge Cup proved to be a great return for US Sports post-COVID break and another great stride for the popularity of womens’ sports in the US. The finals between Houston Dash and the Chicago Red Stars amassed a viewership of 653,000 during the CBS-streamed final, which dwarfed the 572,000 viewers of the Challenge Cup opener between North Carolina Coruage and the Portland Thorns.

Some organizations such as the National Football League are hopeful for a 2020 season. The NFL and the NFL Players Association have agreed upon all outstanding items necessary to start training camp on time from a health and economic standpoint. Will there be a 2020 NFL season? Players and fans can only hope.

# Knowledge Retention and the Unfortunate Lack Thereof

by Benson Haley

“The more you know, the more you realize you don’t know” is a quotation that has been passed through word of mouth, through books, and across the internet time and time again. It has been credited to Albert Einstein, Laozi, Aristotle, and many others, but while its exact source may be unknown without some lengthy research into philosophy, the point remains abundantly clear. As knowledge is gained, one’s horizons expand, and more unknown information can be found just out of reach. The quotation is usually brought up to show that people should not feel thwarted by the fact that they will never be able to know everything. The problem is that, not only do people’s horizons expand, but people actively lose knowledge over time.

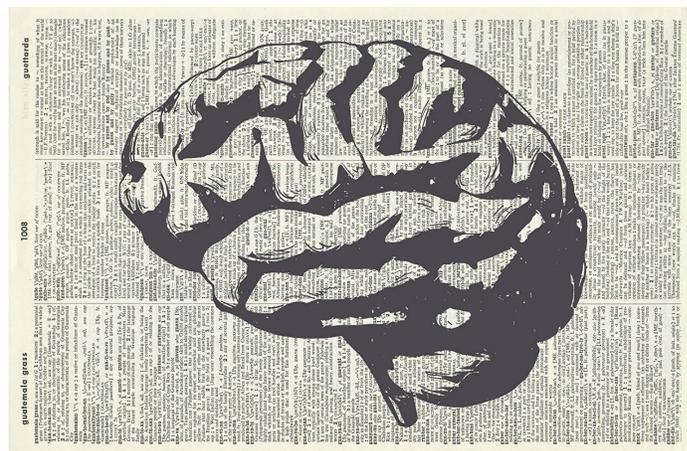
In the 1940s, a teacher named Edgar Dale miraculously produced knowledge of neuroscience that would not be understood until years later. His “Cone of Experience” was a pyramid that showed the amount of knowledge retained from various methods, showing that, for example, writing or doing something allows that writer or doer to retain more knowledge than if they had simply heard the knowledge. Dale’s original cone, of course, was rapidly spread, misinterpreted, and changed. Newer versions of the cone that come with exact percentages of how much information is retained are baseless, and even the original work was not exactly correct, but it gets the job done. For the majority of people, the cone is relatively correct.

Of course, if the exact percentages seen on later, incorrect versions of the cone are not to be trusted, then the cone does not explain that much. It clearly shows that people do not retain all the information that is thrown at them, because those people certainly do not spend the time to think about how exactly they need to remember it, however, it does not show how much information anybody is really losing. According to Daniel Willingham, a member of the American Federation of Teachers who pulled studies about knowledge retention from various scientific papers in order to get to the bottom of the mystery, roughly 50% of knowledge about any topic can be lost after three years without learning about that specific topic. After three years, even more than 50% of knowledge is lost, at a frighteningly fast rate.

Initially, this information might seem absolutely atrocious. How pointless everything must be if everyone only remembers 50% of a given topic, right? Not quite. The bad news is that someone who learned about a specific topic, algebra, for example, and then spent three years not thinking about algebra at all would lose 50% of the information, but it gets better. Studies found that if a student takes algebra and then continues to higher-level course

work, like, trigonometry, geometry, or calculus, while that higher-level knowledge is lost at a fast rate, knowledge of algebra is lost at a much, much slower rate. This does not only apply for math, but for any topic where information can be built upon prior knowledge. Revisiting ideas over long periods of time can cement those ideas in one’s mind, and stop 50% of it from vanishing. Studies also show that while information may seem lost, it is usually more easy to relearn information that is lost than it was originally. This means that 50% of knowledge is not lost forever, just a little bit difficult to find again.

This article may be part of the knowledge that readers will fail to retain, but hopefully it inspires some to actively review what they have learned to keep their hard-earned knowledge. Information used to write this article came from [www.aft.org/ae/fall2015/willingham](http://www.aft.org/ae/fall2015/willingham), which can be viewed for further information on the subject of knowledge retention. Never stop learning.



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