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### BEHIND THE COUNTER

Stacy Park '19 | Features Editor

Although Loomis Chaffee students eat and socialize in the dining hall every day, many hardly know the staff members, what they do everyday to prepare students' meals, and how seriously they take their jobs.

With limited time to prepare massive amounts of food, some dining hall staff members are required to come to work early every morning. For example, Lisa Everett, the one and only baker, who has worked in the Loomis Chaffee dining hall for almost eight years, "come[s] in at three-o'clock in the morning to turn on the ovens and try to get all [her] baking done before ten." She usually eats breakfast at around five-o'clock in the morning and eats lunch at nine-o'clock. Likewise, Miriam Cummings, a helper in the kitchen who began working at LC two years ago, claimed that "[most] start working here at five-o'clock for breakfast, but [they] have different schedules for everybody." Working from ten a.m. to seven

p.m., Miriam "like[s] working in the kitchen" and commented that "everybody has a very good relationship" and "[is] very happy working here." In addition, due to the opening of the new snack bar from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., a dining hall staff has to stay on duty until 10 p.m. For example, on Fridays and Saturdays, Richard Reyome, who worked in LC for 25 years, "come[s] in at 3 o'clock [...] and] do[es] the snack bar."

The sense of community at Loomis Chaffee is not only important to students and faculty, but also to the dining hall staff. Julie Clarke, the food service director, "thought [...] Halloween was really fun with [the staff] giving prizes to the fac brats." She also believes that the availability of the dining hall from seven a.m. to seven-thirty p.m. "gives [the dining hall] more of a sense of community." For Lisa, one of her best experiences working in the dining hall was the "scooping cookie" work job, although she claimed "many [students] hate it."

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### DAY STUDENT ROSTER

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### THE CONFLUENCE

Minna Gao '19 | News Editor

"Instead of having two pages for day student [group] photos, we are now going to have four pages, one for each grade," explained Rosie Park '18, Co-Editor of the Yearbook.

Before this change, the day students had limited coverage in Confluence, with only a quarter of a page allocated to day students from each grade. Additionally, if a day student happened to be absent on the day the group shot was taken, the student is then completely left out of the day student portion of the Yearbook. The change allows all non-senior day students to be individually acknowledged in the yearbook, as there will be a roster next to the day student group shots, similar to the ones next to the dorm group shots.

Julia Thompson '18, Day Student Representative of the Senior Class, was the one who brought about this change. "I noticed that next to the dorms, there was a list of names of people who were in the dorm, but next to the day student group photos there was none," she commented on the imbalance of representation in the Yearbook. To ensure that her proposal will be adopted, Julia advanced her idea to the student editors, started a petition to gather student support, and introduced in the student council.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER INTERVIEW:

### DIANA TURNER '20

Liam Scott '19 | Melange Editor

Social media usually gets a really bad rep because it can encourage teens to obsess over their image, and to change themselves in order to be liked. While this observation is sometimes true, social media can also be a very positive influence. Social media allows people to collaborate across the globe, to organize political movements and protests, and to help minority groups feel less alone. Social media can be a legitimate platform for normal people. Diana Turner '20 is doing just that with her YouTube channel, and other miscellaneous social media accounts.

**Liam:** What was your inspiration for starting a YouTube channel?

**Diana:** Watching other YouTubers inspired me, especially Logan and Jake Paul. I grew up watching their Vine. I love them. People are gonna come for me for saying that, but they're great.

**LS:** Tell me about your YouTube channel.

**DT:** Your voice cracked! Okay, well I post short, funny content. It's meant to be humorous and entertaining. I post mainly vlogs, but I also post story times and challenges.

**LS:** Do you consider yourself famous? How has any fame affected you?

**DT:** [My channel] is just a topic to bring up, but it hasn't really changed how I interact with people. I don't consider myself famous. I only have 78 followers, it's only people I told to subscribe, it's not someone in, like, Montana who's like "Whoa, this person is good." I'm looking to make the viewer happy, to make them smile, to cause happiness.

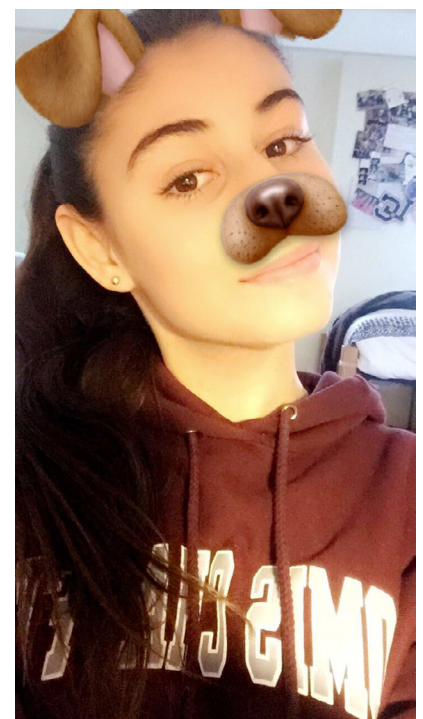
**LS:** What are your plans for the future in regard to your channel?

**DT:** When I'm eighteen and graduate high school, I want to move to LA, move into a cheap apartment in Pasadena, because they have cheap apartments there and it isn't far from LA, and I want to be an actress. My goal has never been to pursue YouTube. I want to be an actress. YouTube is a way to make myself known.

**LS:** Tell me about the time you saw a ghost.

**DT:** I've seen two ghosts while at Loomis. Founders and Hubbard. Hubbard was the first day of school. It was a woman, she was all white, wearing a white 1600s dress, on the balcony in Hubbard. In Founders there was a little girl and she had a Dora the Explorer haircut. She was sitting backwards on the stairs, like, floating, just watching me walk down the stairs, and I ran.

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Diana's YouTube Profile Picture

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# YEARBOOK ADDS DAY STUDENT ROSTER

Minna Gao '19 | News Editor

When the issue was brought to the weekly Yearbook meeting on January 16, the Yearbook Advisor, Mr. Stan Forrester, agreed to adopt the change and immediately put it into action. The Yearbook staff agreed unanimously on the proposal, and concluded that it was unfair for day students to not have a roster of their own. Staff members dedicated the rest of the meeting to rearranging the layout to clear out two pages for the day student rosters.

"I was surprised that I had not thought of that, but after hearing her out, I fully agreed and after discussing with Leonie and Mr. Forrester, we decided to make the change," reflected Rosie.

Mr. Forrester also welcomed the proposal. "I was the one who decided to do the day student group photos, so I was all for it," he affirmed, "it[adding rosters] just never occurred to me. She [Julia] didn't have to start a petition, she could've just came to me and I would've said that it's a great idea. And I did."

"We try our best to represent the student and faculty body. One thing we always keep in mind when taking photos is not taking too many photos of the same person/friend group. When doing layout, we try to make sure that the photos we put on the page represent the diversity of the community here at Loomis." The student editors further affirmed that they're open to student suggestions and will take them into consideration when editing the Yearbook.

The inclusion of day student rosters is another step toward a fuller integration of day students into the Island. Julia shared that her next plan is to "propose to have regular, family-style lunches" to include day students in this special Loomis experience.

The Yearbook's unique role in representing the Loomis Chaffee community is unquestionable, and through including day student rosters in the upcoming edition of Confluence, the staff members hope to better incorporate the day student experience into the Yearbook's portrayal of the life on the Island.

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Photo by Sam Goldfarb '18

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## HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING CHOCOLATE AND US

Anna Li '21 | Staff Writer

Climate change has begun to make an undeniable difference in the lives of people around the world. Just this winter, Connecticut and the Northeast experienced record-breaking or near record breaking temperatures. In Boston, the last week of 2017 was one of the coldest weeks in recorded history. Scientists theorize these extreme weather experiences are due to alterations in the jet stream.

A jet stream is located about six to nine miles above the ground in the troposphere. Different levels of air pressure are formed when tropical air masses and polar air masses meet. This phenomenon, combined with the rotation of the earth, forces wind currents to move in certain patterns, usually in waves.

Jet streams affect and regulate the weather, but these bands are becoming less and less stable. Winter is when the difference between the polar and tropical air masses are greatest because the polar air gets stronger.

In the eastern part of North America, the upper jet stream dipped more southward than normal. This means that polar air currents are pushing even colder and stronger winds toward Canada and the United States than ever before. The Midwest and Northeast were both affected by these arctic air blasts, resulting in record-breaking cold temperatures. Changes in the air pressure, caused by climate change, result in a directional change in the jet stream, and it is impossible to deny the impact they are

having on the weather.

Despite the frigid winter America had, 2017 is the third warmest year in 123 years of weather recording. According to NOAA, in 2017 the U.S. experienced 16 weather disasters that totaled to approximately \$306 billion in damages- a new record for America. These weather disasters included one freeze, one drought, one wildfire, two floods, three major hurricanes, and eight severe storms.

Since 1980, the US has had 219 weather disasters. That amounts to an average of six disasters per year, but in 2017, America experienced sixteen. This data suggests that the planet is not only becoming warmer, but the weather is becoming more severe.

Climate change is not only affecting the weather, but it is also affecting our food supply. The world's top grain producer, China, has been having problems growing corn. The soil quality has been decreasing drastically because of the dry conditions in China. In Liaoning, moisture levels in the soil have reached their lowest in five years. This will become a problem when it comes to feeding the world's growing population.

Chocolate production has also been decreasing. More than 70% of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa. Cocoa production has decreased due to unusually dry weather, caused by shifts in the jet stream, as well as frosty pod, a fungal disease that is nearly impossible to control. The International Cocoa Organization believes that frosty

pod disease has wiped out almost 40% of the total global production. A struggle against this disease has led to farmers to switch to more manageable crops, such as corn.

Deficits in chocolate production have now risen to possibly the longest streak in over 50 years. According to the Washington Post in 2013, the world ate 70,000 more metric tons of cocoa than what farmers produced. It is theorized that by 2020, the deficit could reach one million metric tons.

Knowing that chocolate is essential to many people's livelihoods on a day-to-day basis, scientists have been trying to find alternative solutions to alleviate the deficit. According to CNN, scientists are trying to find a way to incorporate mango instead of cocoa into chocolate production. The structure of mango butter closely resembles that of cocoa butter; this similarity makes it possible for cocoa butter to be replaced by mango butter in the chocolate production.

At the current rate that cocoa production is depleting, chocolate could eventually be treated like caviar and become a luxury that only the rich can afford. Severe storms are injuring people around the world. Climate change is not something to be taken lightly; it is making a dangerous difference in the world around us, but scientists are working to help the globe adapt to such changes and to prevent further aggravation of this issue.

## GOLDEN GLOBES: FIGHTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Krishnapriya Rajaram '21 | Staff Writer

It all began with one accusation against one man, but that was enough. The Harvey Weinstein case ignited a revolutionary movement that took the world by storm. Hundreds of people, men and women, began to step up and courageously say, "me too." People began to tell their story, exposing sexual abusers who were not known before. Many guests at the Golden Globes also showed support for the Time's Up and #MeToo movements which both seek to aid victims of sexual assault.

Since 1998, 17,700,000 women have reported a sexual assault. The #MeToo movement has focused on supporting victims and encouraging victims to speak out against injustice. People who posted under the hashtag strive to create a community where everyone can tell their story without fear by telling everyone that they are not alone, that there are others who have suffered, endured, and have been sexually assaulted.

The Time's Up movement, founded on January 1, 2018, aims to end assault, harassment, and mistreatment of women in the workplace. 1 in 3 women from the ages of 18 to 34 have been sexually assaulted in the workplace and 71% women at the time did not report it. The Golden Globes was the first major Hollywood event to take place after the tide of sexual misconduct investigations and accusations of powerful men in different industries. Prominent guests at the event such as Meryl Streep, Chris Hemsworth, and Reese Witherspoon demonstrated support for the Time's

Up movement by wearing black.

Lucy Watson '21 believes that the Time's Up movement will bring a positive change and further commented that she thinks "it's great that so many women in places of power are coming together to help women who are in maybe less powerful places."

During the Golden Globes, Oprah gave a speech that aimed to acknowledge the women that have spoken up. "For too long women have not been heard or believed" and the movement that is currently happening, "transcends any culture, geography, race, religion, politics, or workplace," said Oprah.

For the foreseeable future, the Time's Up and #MeToo movements are making an impact in the world. "We are going to be listening to a lot more to women and maybe taking their accounts more seriously," said Lucy. Mrs. Helfrich added that, "More broadly speaking about the movement, I think we're witnessing something pretty compelling . . . we're seeing not just women but lots of other marginalized groups that are coming together and forming a collective voice and I think that is very powerful." By utilizing social media outlets and popular events such as the Golden Globes, people have voiced their support for victims of sexual harassment and for the promotion of public awareness of the issue.

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## EXAMINING THE LOGAN PAUL SAGA

Grace Lawrence '19 | Contributor



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Recently a video created by Logan Paul shocked the internet. Logan Paul released a video of himself and his friends in the notorious 'suicide forest' located in Aokigahara, Japan. In his video he came across a dead body and proceeded to film close-up shots with himself and the body while making constant jokes about death. Even though his disclaimer in the beginning of the video stated "mental health and suicide is not a joke," that did not stop him from completely disrespecting the man. When this video was first released, it received major backlash. The number one question that spread across the internet, especially within the Youtube community, is why the video didn't get removed immediately. Many Youtubers put out content everyday that are demonetized because of swearing and inappropriate jokes. You would think that if the simplest swear could get Youtube to remove your video, a video containing wild behavior around a forest filled with suicide victims would. This wasn't the case, but Youtube did eventually apologize for not realizing that the video should have been taken down sooner. On January 11, 2018, a Youtube spokesperson came out to say that Logan Paul's personal channel will still remain on Youtube, but it will be removed from the Youtube premium advertisement line up. He will also be removed from the fourth season of his Youtube Red Show, Foursome, and all his other Youtube Red projects are on hold for the time being.

Logan released a statement in a form of a screenshot from the Notes App posted to Twitter in the rise of the backlash, but never sincerely apologized in the message. However, he proceeded to mention that because of his huge fan base he did not need to release an edgy video for subscribers or more followers. That type of comment was included to remind people of his success as a Youtuber, and was also completely dishonest. Logan didn't post an apology video until two days after the initial video was published. All content put out by serious Youtubers is for viewing and entertainment in hopes of obtaining more subscribers. So, to say that he didn't need more views or subscribers contradicts the reason why people make a job out of creating

content for Youtube. Personally, knowing how controversial Logan is, this video wasn't a complete surprise. He clearly doesn't register the consequences of his actions and this video is one of few that just happened to get noticed.

Evidence also has led many people to think that the body in the video was fake and planted by Logan or his filming crew. Other youtubers, such as Emma Chamberlain, have come out and have stated that people can only hope the body was fake, and that Logan would not have behaved in such a way around a real suicide victim. Since Youtube is on the rise as a career path for entertainers, many videos have surfaced in response to this incident and each shows a common perspective: entertainers are disgusted and want everyone to know that this action should not and does not represent the Youtube community. They have stated that everyone will learn and grow from this mistake. I think that Youtube will be more careful from this mistake, but at the end of the day they are a company. Their company thrives off of loud Youtubers like Logan, so to say that they are going to be changing their brand seems a little bit of a reach. Also, many Youtubers and people are telling him he deserves to die. It is hypocritical and very wrong. This kind of response needs to stop, or else growth will be impossible.

His brother has also been in the news for misconduct and the destruction of his previous home which he shared with his group of friends known as Team 10. Coincidence that they're related? Likely not. Both brothers are oblivious to the fact that actions have consequences, and continue with their ignorant behavior and choice of words. Many Youtubers are appalled by their behavior and hope to never become associated with this type of conduct that is glorified by Youtube. Clickbait and provocative videos that often end up with lots of views and have ad sponsorship are the kind of videos that are seen on the trending page. We will see what the future holds for Youtube, Logan Paul, and the rest of the Youtube community, and if they stick to their promise to grow from this mistake.

## LCGVH ATTENDANCE WHAT'S WITH THE DIFFERENCE?

Nina Gildor '19 | Staff Writer

**B**uzz! Excitement erupts in the crowd as we score that game winning goal! The wait is over; boys' Hockey season is finally upon us yet again. Cheers and drums fill the rink as Larry the Lobster glides onto the ice. But what do students truly like about the games?

There is a striking difference between the attendance of boys' varsity hockey games and girls' varsity games. While the girls have a very impressive record yet again, winning every game but one this season, the boys' record is not quite as good, with five losses already. Yet despite this difference, there is significantly less student support for the girls' team. This past weekend, only fourteen people showed up to support the girls' hockey team. However, at boys' varsity games, there can be up to fifty students watching and cheering on the team.

Why do students watch boys' games instead of girls'? The boys' team has a very entertaining characteristic: aggression. There is no checking in girls' games, but boys have huge hits that build tension and thrill throughout the game. This aggression is extremely engaging and can attract the attention of many students. After interviewing

various students from all classes, I've found that pelicans attend boys' games over girls because of the atmosphere at the games.

As Miriam Bussel '21 experienced her first Loomis hockey season, she noted, "I think because the boys are rougher and have less rules on physical contact, similar to boys' and girls' lacrosse, more people attend the games."

The exhilaration that surges through the audience creates an electric atmosphere. However, this same atmosphere could be found at a girls' game too! While there is less aggression, the girls exercise equally impressive technique that create games that are just as thrilling and exciting games as the boys'. So why do we still only attend boys' games?

Weekends at Loomis can be dull, so a night, home game against one of our biggest rivals attracts Pelicans from all over campus. However, while boys' hockey routinely has night weekend games, the girls' team have only half the amount of their counterparts' weekend games.

"It felt as if the whole school was at the game; there was a really high energy level and everyone was excited to be there," senior Cara Keogh said as she recounted the last

boys' varsity game she watched.

While a close game creates amazing anticipation, it is the fans that really create the thrilling atmosphere as senior day student, Andrew Cohen, observed, "the bigger the crowd, the more spirit!"

Bussel offered insight that might explain this strange trend: "there are more people at boys' games because the hockey boys' friends show more excitement for them than the girls' friends." This remark brings up a much bigger question: do girls at Loomis support other girls enough?

All these observations help to establish why the boys' varsity games are more popular, but that doesn't justify why the girls' team is missing school spirit. The boys' games are not only sports entertainment but also a social event for Loomis students. Whether it is a night, home game against Avon or a Sunday afternoon game against Cushing, the team and the fans create an overwhelming amount of hype surrounding the games, encouraging pelicans to come support. So, the next time you see a girls' hockey game on the weekend events, get hyped, go support your fellow pelicans, and watch one of the best girl teams in New England!



# GOLDFARB'S TOP 5

Sam Goldfarb '18 | Editor in Chief



AP Photo/Chris Szagola

Late January; when we finally establish an academic rhythm, enjoy playoff football from the comfort of our couches, and return the fake Christmas trees to our basements three weeks late. It's also when the College Basketball season really heats up.

Conference play is well underway, and while some contenders have passed their opening tests with flying colors, others have cracked under the pressure. The following teams certainly fall into the former category. In my opinion, these are the best five squads in America.

## 5. Michigan State Spartans

Michigan State may be the most well-rounded team in the nation. The Spartans have a top-25 offense and defense; MSU drops 85.2 a night and only allows a mere 63.7. "Sparty" also leads the entire country in assists and has the third-highest rebound average.

Tom Izzo's roster is loaded with talent. Sophomore sensation Miles Bridges is having another terrific year, averaging 16.9 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. Bridges still struggles with turnover issues, but this season, he has a significantly stronger supporting cast. Future one-and-done forward Jaren Jackson Jr. has lived up to the hype this season, recording an incredible 3.3 blocks per game and draining nearly 45% of his shots from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, Nick Ward has been College Basketball's most improved player thus far; the 6'8" forward currently snatches 1.3 more rebounds per game and makes over 70% of his field goal attempts (about an 11% increase from last year). Michigan State is a very deep team and will wear down many opponents in Big Ten play. Ignore their recent rocky stretch: the Spartans are built for a deep tournament run.

## 4. Duke Blue Devils

Let me get one thing straight: Duke's defense is mediocre at best. The Blue Devils allow almost 74 points per contest (21st in D-1), and that average is improved by some of their weaker non-conference games. However, any College Basketball fan will tell you that this Duke team is impressive nevertheless. The Blue Devils may have the best offense in America, dropping a nation-leading 92.7 points per game and recording an eye-popping 19.8 assists a night. Mike Krzyzewski's roster

is also loaded with NBA talent. Future one-and-done forward Marvin Bagley III may be the best big man in America, averaging a double-double and terrorizing opposing defenses on a nightly basis. Fellow five-star recruit Wendell Carter complements "MB3" quite nicely; the two have become an unstoppable frontcourt duo. The Blue Devils also have a true point guard in athletic freshman Trevon Duval, and pure scorer Grayson Allen is finally healthy after his injury-plagued 2016-17 campaign. This Duke team has unmatched potential. If Coach K's team can reach its ceiling, he might own a sixth National Championship ring in April.

## 3. Purdue Boilermakers

Purdue looks absolutely unstoppable right now. The Boilermakers have reeled off 14 consecutive victories, boast an impressive 18-2 overall record (7-0 in conference), and are the current National Championship frontrunners, according to ESPN's Basketball Power Index (BPI). Coach Matt Painter's team also excels on both ends of the floor, sitting in the top-25 in both points (84.7) and points allowed (62.1) per game. The dynamic duo of Carsen and Vincent Edwards is also demolishing opposing defenses on the glass and around the perimeter.

So why are the Boilermakers only ranked third in my rankings, despite their virtually unparalleled run of form? In my opinion, Purdue has not completely proven itself. The Boilermakers have only defeated two ranked opponents all season, including an Arizona team in the midst of a complete meltdown (the Wildcats had lost two games in the two previous days). They have not yet faced a ranked Big Ten opponent, and they only have one major win in conference play (a 70-69 nail-biter at Michigan). Purdue does have some big games coming up, and if they manage to grab a road win against Michigan State next month, I will probably eat these words. However, for now, I'll rank them at #3.

## 2. Villanova Wildcats

Villanova is one of the best offensive teams in all of America. The Wildcats drop around 88 a night, and its top five scorers are all averaging above 10 points per game. Villanova has also surpassed the century mark on four separate occasions, half of which have occurred during

conference play. Point guard Jalen Brunson is having a phenomenal junior season, leading the Wildcats in scoring and assists. Meanwhile, Junior Mikal Bridges is also enjoying a breakout campaign, posting career highs in virtually every major offensive category and boosting his draft stock in the process (he is the tenth pick in Sports Illustrated's most recent mock draft).

However, Wildcats' fans should be concerned about their team's recent defensive struggles. In their last six games, Villanova has allowed opponents to score an average of 78 points. During that stretch, the Wildcats suffered their only loss to an unranked Butler team, and the Bulldogs dropped 101 on Jay Wright's ball club. Don't get me wrong: Villanova is still an incredible basketball team. Their defense just hasn't been consistent enough to propel them atop my rankings.

## 1. Virginia Cavaliers

For some odd reason, many fans have been sleeping on UVA this season. In the midst of Purdue's 14-game win streak, the Cavaliers have quietly ascended the polls, receiving little attention from the national media. Virginia currently has a 17-1 record, has won eight in a row, and sits alone atop the ACC standings. Guard Kyle Guy has excelled as a starter this season; the 6'2" sophomore currently leads the team in scoring (15.5 PPG) and has already recorded more steals than he did in the entirety of last year.

Statistically speaking, Virginia has the best defense in America, holding opponents to 52.9 points per game. People may bemoan the Cavaliers' "mediocre" offense; however, they don't realize that UVA is not a high-octane, fast break team. Virginia's style of play is built around its stifling defense. The Cavaliers love to play at a slow pace, using most (if not all) of the shot clock on every offensive possession and hounding the opposition for 30 consecutive seconds on the defensive end. This strategy minimizes the total number of possessions for both teams, transforming virtually every game into a contest of patience and efficiency. Spoiler alert: Virginia usually wins these battles. Coach Tony Bennett's team should make plenty of noise in March, as long as they don't get into a shootout.

NOTE: All statistics, unless mentioned otherwise, were found on espn.com. They were last updated on January 20.

# THE RISE OF DONOVAN MITCHELL

David Choung '19 | Staff Writer

"With the 13th pick in the 2017 NBA Draft, the Denver Nuggets select Donovan Mitchell from the University of Louisville." Cheers roared from the stands as NBA Commissioner Adam Silver emphatically announced this selection to the entire Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. After exchanging warm hugs and shaking hands with friends and family, the 6'3" twenty-year-old shooting guard nervously walked up to the stage with a Denver Nuggets hat on his head. At that point in time, he wouldn't know that the Denver Nuggets would trade him to the Utah Jazz in exchange for power forward Trey Lyles and the 24th draft pick. It didn't matter though. This trade marked the beginning of Donovan Mitchell's spectacular ascension to becoming a Rookie of the Year contestant as well as being one of the most dynamic scorers in the league today.

Born on September 7, 1996 to parents Donovan Mitchell Sr. and Nicole Mitchell, Donovan Mitchell grew up in New York for 16 years while attending the Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut. As the son of a former minor league player, Mitchell's love for baseball compelled him to play it for two years between Greenwich Country Day School and the Canterbury School in Connecticut until an in-game collision with another baseball player caused Mitchell to break his wrist. His absence for the rest of the baseball season and his inability to play AAU Basketball deeply affected him and made him "learn to appreciate things a little bit more" according to an interview with Bleacher Report. Transferring to the Brewster Academy in New Hampshire for his junior and senior year while dropping baseball to focus on basketball, Mitchell quickly became noticed by college coaches and was recruited by the University of Louisville to play for head coach Rick Pitino.

Donovan Mitchell struggled to prove his innate basketball talent as he was forced to play behind veterans in his freshman year. Regardless, with 19.1 minutes per game, Mitchell averaged 7.4 points, 1.7 assists, and 3.4 rebounds while shooting a 44.2% field-goal percentage with a paltry 25% 3-point percentage and starting 5 games in the 31 games he played. Mitchell's respectable freshman year exposed many of the weaknesses in his game. According to the New York Post, when he asked his coach what he had to do to improve his chances of getting into the NBA, Pitino replied that Mitchell had to get a "jump shot with [an] arc and really develop it." To the surprise of everyone around him including his coach, Mitchell did just that.

Foregoing another chance to enter the NBA draft, Mitchell had a phenomenal sophomore year at Louisville, starting 33 of the 34 games he played while putting up an average 15.6 points, 2.7 assists, 4.9 rebounds, 2.1 steals, a 40.8% field-goal percentage, and an improved 35.4% 3-point percentage per game. His 2016-2017 campaign led the Louisville Cardinals to the second round of the NCAA tournament as well as a spot on the First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference. Such success

prompted Mitchell to try out a possible path to the NBA by going to California for pre-draft training.

Despite going to California, Mitchell still felt hesitant on entering the 2017 NBA draft. In fact, according to Bleacher Report, when Don MacLean, the coach of the pre-draft training, asked Mitchell if he was planning on going back to school for a third year, Mitchell responded that he was and MacLean reportedly found it "absurd." His momentous decision to enter the NBA draft was supported by glowing recommendations from other NBA players such as Paul George of the Oklahoma City Thunder as well as from Chris Paul of the Houston Rockets. Despite his insecurities coming into the draft, Mitchell was able to impress the Utah Jazz management enough that, when the Denver Nuggets drafted him with the 13th pick, the Utah Jazz shortly traded for him after. His NBA career had started off on the right foot.

Donovan Mitchell's role on the Utah Jazz was seen as questionable by most. Many saw his 6'3" stature as a weakness for someone playing the shooting guard position. Others pointed to what scouts viewed as his apparent weaknesses coming into the NBA: his inconsistent shot, his lack of finishing, and his inefficiency. However, his 6'10" wingspan, solid 3-point shot, confidence, and athleticism would prove to be vital components of his defensive and offensive game.

Today, Donovan Mitchell has collected several accolades in the short 3 months he has been in the league. Despite being from an impressive draft class filled with potential all-stars such as Lonzo Ball, Jayson Tatum, Dennis Smith Jr., and Lauri Markkanen, Donovan Mitchell has led his draft class by averaging 18.9 points, 3.3 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game while shooting 44% from the field and 34.9% from behind the arc. On December 1st, Mitchell also scored a mind-boggling 41 points as his new career high against the New Orleans Pelicans. The importance of this achievement cannot be overlooked as only six other players can boast at least one 40 point game in their rookie seasons: Blake Griffin, Eric Gordon, Carmelo Anthony, Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, and LeBron James. Donovan Mitchell continues to quiet his doubters as his efficiency, finishing, and clutch confidence have brought the Utah Jazz several close games and solidified his position as a starter in a team full of seasoned veterans. His achievements have not gone unnoticed as he has become one of the frontrunners for the NBA Rookie of the Year award alongside Ben Simmons and Jayson Tatum. Despite all his success, Donovan Mitchell has remained extremely humble when any normal rookie would be intoxicated by this fame and good fortune. He has been heralded as the next "big thing" by other stars such as Russell Westbrook, Devin Booker, Rudy Gobert, Chris Paul, and Paul George.

Chris Paul, the point guard of the Houston Rockets said it best in an interview with Bleacher Report: "[He'll] be good for a long time." The sky is the limit for Donovan "Spida-Man" Mitchell.



# NFL SEASON RECAP

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This season, the NFL has quickly evolved from a professional sports league into a fascinating soap opera. As the regular season comes to an end and Super Bowl 52 approaches, preseason expectations have been rendered inaccurate. The playoff picture is completely shaken up from the previous year; only four of the twelve teams that punched their tickets to the postseason were there a year ago. The 2017 NFL season has offered the best storylines yet.

The second half of the season offered two surprise teams: The Buffalo Bills and the Tennessee Titans. The poor Bills started the season just like every other in the past decade and a half, bouncing between the second and third place in the AFC East in the midst of a competitive race for the wild-card spots. The Bills were 6-4 through Week 11 and were sitting just outside of the playoff picture. However, instead of losing their remaining games like they did in previous years, the team rallied around their strong defense (led by star rookie cornerback Tre'Davious White), their ageless wonder running back LeSean (Shady) McCoy, and their efficient and mobile quarterback Tyrod Taylor. Their final six games of the regular season may have been their toughest. They were only favored in one of their matchups and had to play the Patriots twice. The Bills handled the pressure relatively well; they went 3-3 the last six games and snuck into the playoffs for their first time in the new millennium, ending their 17-year drought. Although they lost immediately in the wild-card round, the Bills' playoff appearance probably counted as a Super Bowl win for their fans, the Bill's Mafia.

Another one of the sneakily good teams were the Tennessee Titans. The Titans had a fair record through the first eleven games at 7-4, with their most recent loss being a 40-17 rout at the hands of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Titans finished with a strong record of ten wins and six losses and earned the fifth seed in the 2017-2018 playoffs. The Titans, with everyone counting them out against the Chiefs in the wildcard round, overcame a 21-3 halftime deficit in their 22-21 victory.

Surprise contenders seem to be a theme in this season; they could be found easily in both conferences' playoff brackets. The AFC South Champion Jacksonville Jaguars certainly fit into this category.

With one of the worst records in 2016, the Jaguars dominated this season, obtaining the AFC's third seed. Most surprisingly, they upset the Steelers in Pittsburgh in the divisional round of the postseason. The most remarkable underdog from the NFC is the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings, with a mediocre record in 2016, dominated the NFC this year, sporting the second-best record and earning a first-round bye in the postseason. The Vikings really showed their magic in the playoffs as they defeated the Saints with an improbable touchdown catch from Stefon Diggs during the divisional round. It was so incredible that you could hear screams during a Stuart-proctored Kravis study hall as many secretly watched the crazy game instead of being productive. The Vikings, with that win, would have a chance to be one of the top teams to host the Superbowl in their home stadium.

However, no matter what happens, there are certain things that will never change. As every reasonable sports fan expected, the Cleveland Browns finished yet another horrible season with a "Perfect" record as they went 0-16, only the second team to do so in the 21st century after the 2008 Lions. Their fans were so helpless that they threw an 0-16 parade (the event was actually criticized by the players). However, the Browns still have faith in Head Coach Hue Jackson, electing not to fire him after their disastrous season. The Browns have once again secured the top spot in the draft for next year. Interestingly, the Browns have less wins since 2012 than Tom Brady has playoff wins. The Browns have blessed every fan base with a laughing stock and the recognition that, no matter how bad their own teams are, it can always be worse. Do not fret, Cleveland loyalists, you still have the Cavs and the Indians. To end the section on a bright note, the Patriots and Steelers did not disappoint, as they dominated again and became the top two seeds in the AFC.

The top drama of the second half of the season is by far Jimmy Garoppolo's success as San Francisco's starting QB. Even though some called Garoppolo a system QB and a sure bust after he was traded out of New England, the former second-round pick surprised everyone as he went undefeated in his six starts this season. Every Patriots fan must have been scratching their head as they wondered why their team traded a quality backup for only a second round

pick. This leads perfectly to the second biggest drama and storyline of the 2017-2018 season. An ESPN report broke out just before the wild card round that there was reportedly a power struggle between the big three of the franchise, Head Coach Bill Belichick, starting quarterback Tom Brady, and Owner Robert Kraft. It is reported that there were many struggles between them on the situation of Brady's personal trainer being banned from the sidelines as well as another ridiculous yet scary accusation. The report claimed that Robert Kraft, the team owner ordered Belichick to trade Garoppolo to secure Tom Brady's status as a starter. It is said that Belichick saw the potential of Jimmy G and Kraft was afraid that one of his best friends and the face of his franchise, Tom Brady, would no longer remain their QB1. This report broke the heart of many Patriots fans, including myself. The report could be complete nonsense, but it still stings that my idol may be someone totally different than I initially expected. The Patriots have been the model franchise for the last 18 years, and fans are scared to death of the end of, by far, the greatest dynasty of all time. However, as long as Kraft and Belichick continue to receive support from fans, they will definitely be able to restore greatness, as they have been together for nearly two decades.

The playoff picture has full of surprises, and the conference championships are two games that no one would have predicted in their wildest dreams. Blake Bortles (yeah, Blake Bortles) is leading a powerful and dangerous Jaguars team against New England in the AFC. However, the ridiculous story is in the NFC, where two former Rams QBs, Case Keenum and Nick Foles, will face off with a trip to Super Bowl LII on the line.

My Superbowl prediction of Patriots vs Eagles is still quite possible, and I would not change anything from my previous prophecy except for maybe the NFC champion. The Eagles are running rampant, and backup QB Nick Foles has been playing decently, but the Vikings is a formidable team that could possibly dethrone the Carson Wentz-less Eagles.

After thorough consideration, I believe that the Patriots-Eagles Super Bowl matchup will still occur. That would surely be an interesting championship game to cap off one of the greatest seasons in NFL history.

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## RECENT SSAT GIVES STUDENTS UNWANTED FLASHBACKS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

A few weeks ago, the SSAT was held at Loomis. Several students reported walking into the gym and immediately feeling horrible vibes coming— from students and parents. That's all that was needed for some to be transported back to middle school. One upperclassman girl wanted to speak out: "I was back in middle school! And it was just so bad. I had braces. I had horrible bangs. I wore Uggs with shorts in the spring. I would Instagram my green tea Frappuccino with extra whip from Starbucks. I thought I was good at the flute. The SSAT's being held here made me remember that. We weren't warned. We should've been warned."

## LC ADMINISTRATION IS HIDING SOMETHING

On January 17th, Loomis students were blessed with a snow day. But that day lacked something: aggressive amounts of snow. No students are complaining— at all. We were all frankly ecstatic. But having a snow day, despite only a bit of snow, begs a question. That question is why? Why were the deans so nice on January 17th? What do they feel so bad about that they thought an unwarranted snow day would ameliorate? What do they want to divert our attention away from? What's really going on in the deans offices? Something this ruse of a snow day helped to keep secret? The LC administration feels bad about something or is hiding something, but if knowing means less snow days, we don't need to know.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER INTERVIEW: DIANA TURNER '20

Liam Scott '19 | *Melange Editor*

LS: Do you receive any hate?

DT: The answer is yes. I receive plenty of hate but that doesn't affect anything I do because you will always get hate. You have to learn how to deal with people who don't like what you do because there will always be someone who doesn't like what you do. Do what you love no matter how many people hate it. There's always gonna be someone who hates it.

LS: Tell me about being color blind and seeing color for the first time.

DT: I'm mild proton, which affects the red cone in my eye so I cannot see reddish brown. I can't see the reds in reddish brown, dark purple, and light pink. I explain more in my video. You can watch me seeing reds in my vlog.

LS: Tell me about your Instagram account.

DT: Instagram is my biggest platform right now. I have 4.8k followers right now. I think it's important to set yourself goals, so on my mirror in my room I have a post-it note taped saying, "I, Diana Turner, will reach 10,000 total views on YouTube, because that's a landmark goal. I say it to myself in the mirror every morning and every night. It's a proven fact by science. It is proven! But about Instagram, I will go to someone who is public who doesn't have many followers, you follow them, like everything, let them follow you, and then unfollow them. It's called the follow, like, unfollow tactic. I learned it from Jake Paul. I've only done it a hundred times, but their friends followed me, too. I'm public figure, that helped, too. Also, if you want to be a social media influencer, you need a business email. That's the first step I did. dianaturnerbiz@gmail.com. "Biz" with a z. It's so people know who they're talking to. I'll let you in on something else. Jake Paul released this website called Edfluence. It's a course I paid for that teaches you how to be a successful media influencer. I watched every video twice, and took notes in a notebook.

During this quirky interview in the Richmond common room, I learned a lot about social media, and about YouTube in particular. Social media can be a really positive place, and it gives normal people a place to be known and be heard.

Diana also asked me to give her a plug, so the following are all of her social media accounts. The profile pictures are all the same, because she said that "the insider scoop is to keep the propic the same so people can recognize you."

## YouTube: Diana Turner

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 Snapchat @realdianaturner  
 Twitter @realdianaturner  
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## WOULD TRUMP MAKE THE GRADE AT LOOMIS CHAFFEE?

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Loomis Chaffee prides itself on accepting students of impeccable integrity, on cultivating a community built on tolerance and inclusion. We matched actual words uttered by Mr. Trump with typical interview questions in an effort to answer the burning question: Could the United States President gain acceptance to a private high school?

### How would you describe yourself?

"I'm a very intelligent person. Look – my uncle was a great professor and scientist and engineer, Dr. John Trump at MIT; [I have] good genes, very good genes, okay, very smart, the Wharton School of Finance, very good, very smart – you know if I were a liberal, if, like, okay, if I ran as a liberal Democrat, they would say I'm one of the smartest people anywhere in the world – it's true!"  
 (MSNBC Oct 25 2017)

### What are your strengths and weaknesses?

"Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart. I went from VERY successful businessman, to top T.V. Star...to President of the United States (on my first try). I can't be doing so badly, because I'm president and you're not. I think that would qualify as not smart, but genius...and a very stable genius at that!" That is all.  
 (Washington Post Jan 12, 2018, Interview with Time Magazine, March 2017)

### How do you respond to failure?

"Clinton failed, Bush failed, and Obama failed. I won't fail."  
 (Independent UK Jan 1 2017)

### Are you open to making friends from all different countries and backgrounds? For example, those from a Mexican background.

"They are not our friend, believe me...They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people...Mexico's court system [is] corrupt. I want nothing to do with Mexico other than to build an impenetrable WALL and stop them from ripping off U.S. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words."  
 (Time Aug 31 2016, Trump Candidacy Announcement Speech, June 2015)

### Would you say you show humility in times of success? Give me an example of how you would console others in situations in which you have succeeded and they have failed.

".@CNN poll just hit 49% for Trump. Interesting how my numbers have gone so far up since lightweight Marco Rubio has turned nasty. Love it! Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest -and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault."  
 (Fortune Mar 21 2016 & D.J.T. twitter)

### Talk about something you are passionate about.

"Why are we having all these people from s\*\*\*hole countries come here? Why do we need more Haitians? Take them out."  
 (Washington Post Jan 11, 2018 & D.J.T. twitter)

### Do you have any type of bias against anyone for their religion, ethnicity, or race?

"No, I'm not a racist. I'm the least racist person you will ever interview. [But also] I would love to be a well-educated black, because I really believe they do have an actual advantage. Our government now imports illegal immigrants and deadly diseases. Our leaders are inept... Mohawk Indian record of criminal activity is well documented."  
 (Boston Globe Jan 15, 2018, New York Times Jan. 15, 2018, New York Times Dec. 23, 2017, D.J.T. Twitter, New York Times Jul 31, 2015, Washington Post Jul 25, 2016)

### Do you think everyone should have an equal chance in the world?

"No matter what the color of our skin or the place of our birth, we are all created equal by god. I've always had a great relationship with the blacks."  
 (Huffington Post Jan 13, 2018, D.J.T. twitter, Talk 1300 Radio Station)

### What is your attitude toward gender equality and the role of the opposite gender in our society?

"I'm automatically attracted to beautiful women. I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet, and when you're a star they let you do it. You know, it doesn't really matter what [the media] write as long as you've got a young and beautiful piece of a\*\*."  
 (New York Times Oct 8, 2016, New York Times March 25, 2016)

After careful consideration, the admissions office has decided to reject this candidate, Donald J. Trump, in spite of his political and business credentials. While we feel he has the potential to be a quite adequate academic performer, his social standards appear to fall well short of the standards here at Loomis. It is our sincere hope that, as Mr. Trump continues to work diligently, he will, over time attain, a level of common decency that would match that of the average 9th grader at our school.