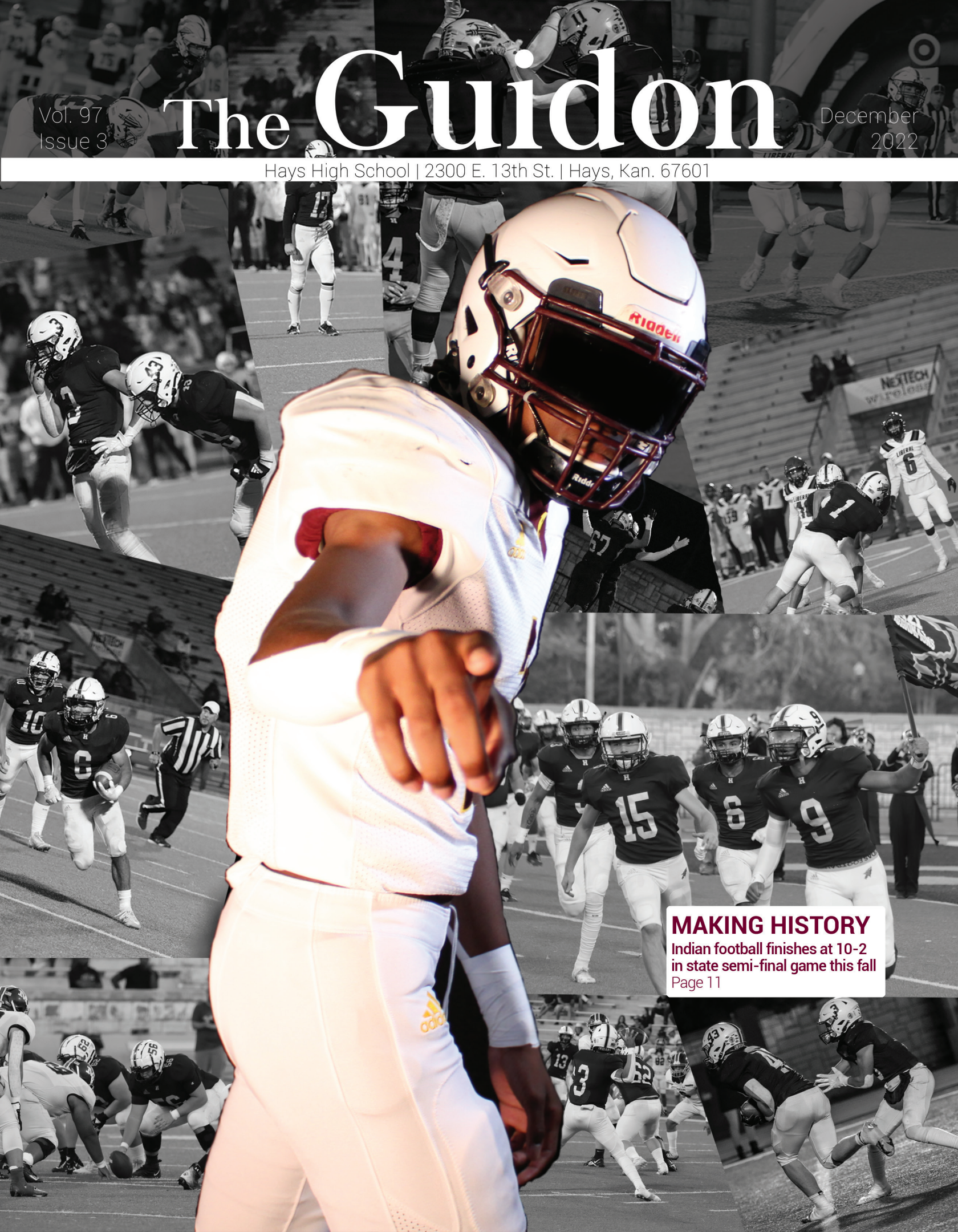


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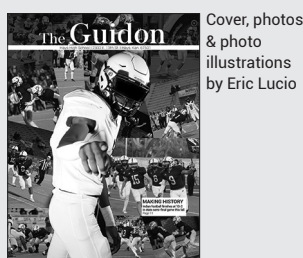
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Math team wins annual competition again

By Tavia Wynn-Coffman
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Each fall, a team of students who excel in one academic area competes at Fort Hays State University, and for the past four years of competition, they have placed first in their division overall.

The Math Relay team attended FHSU's 42nd annual competition on Nov. 10, winning with 130 points over Maize, who had 91 points.

"I love getting to compete against the whole state of Kansas in something I'm good at and bringing home the win," sophomore Isabelle Jones said.

During the competitions, students are put into teams of three people, who compete in six different tests that are each 20 minutes long. The teams that solve the most math problems with the least errors in the given time scores points for their schools.

Competing for Hays High School were seniors Anthony Arial, Landen Clark, Bradyn Dreher, Mackenzie Hagerman,



Photo courtesy of Dustin Dreher

MATHLETES

On Nov. 10, the Math Relay team joins together on the campus of Fort Hays State University. The team won the FHSU Math Relay competition for the fourth year in a row, scoring 130 points overall.

Devin Schmidtberger and Chase Summers; juniors Alexis Burton, Henry Fitzthum, Addison Otte, Brygette Ross and Emily Stenzel; sophomores Jones, Caleb King and John Weisenborn; and freshmen Jackson Chartier, Mariella Dreiling and Dawson Ruder.

To be part of the Math Relay team, sponsor Dustin Dreher, who teaches math at

Hays High, chooses students who do well in math based upon recommendations from their math teachers. However, if students are interested for next year, they can contact him directly, too.

"I like being able to take my strengths and smarts and use them to compete against other people," sophomore Caleb King said.

Student Council plans activities for holidays

By Jake Wentz
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Even as the first part of the school year comes to a close, Student Council has been busy with three main events, starting with Toys for Tots.

During the Toys for Tots drive, which StuCo sponsored from Nov. 14-18, PRIDE Time teachers received a cardboard box to put in their rooms, and their students brought new, unwrapped toys to donate to local children in need. Once the drive ended, StuCo members counted the toys and then donated them to the Marine Core Office, who oversees the program.

"I think Toys for Tots is super important because it supports our community, and it's a great way to give back," senior Kenzie Cunningham

said. "It is also an excellent way to show the kids they are loved and make sure they get to enjoy the holiday season."

While the drive helps area children, students also benefitted from the activity, as the three PRIDE Times with the most donations received treats from the Hays Culinary Arts Kitchen. Tied for first were teacher Kayla Brown's and teacher Matt Brooks's PRIDE Times; teacher Lora Gallegos-Haynes's students finished second, and teacher Luke Lundmark's students placed third.

The second holiday event that StuCo planned is a candy cane sale. From Monday, Dec. 12 to Friday, Dec. 16, StuCo will sell candy canes before school in the Commons area and in each PRIDE Time. During this time, too, StuCo

will be sponsoring a holiday door decorating competition for each PRIDE Time, too.

"It is also a great fundraiser for StuCo, and all the money they raise is then used for StuCo events and raises their budget for things, such as the Homecoming dance, the sweetheart dance [Indian Call] and more," StuCo co-sponsor Alan Neal said.

The last event planned for the semester is to have a hot cocoa bar for staff members on final exam days, Monday, Dec. 19 and Tuesday, Dec. 20.

"It's a small way that we can give back to the teachers for working so hard for the students this fall," Lundmark, who co-sponsors StuCo, said. "The end of the semester can be taxing, so hot cocoa can bring a small amount of joy and holiday spirit."

CONTROVERSY

BRAND NEW**USD 489 creates a committee of educators, community members to explore changes to Hays High School's brand**

By Jessica Feyerherm & Staff
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In one school day, students and staff see and wear so many different Native American representations and school color shades. This is why, as the new high school is being designed, USD 489 has begun to explore rebranding Hays High School.

Rebranding is “the creation of a new look and feel for an established product or company,” according to TechTarget.

“I think Hays High has never done a great job in branding,” long-time social science instructor Matt Brooks said. “We should have set colors, and we should be using the same things on all uniforms to be cohesive. But, every sport and organization uses different colors and symbols.”

With this in mind, the district solicited the help of Jostens branding consultant John Jensen, who offers his services for free. In September, USD 489 sent out a survey to staff and then to community members, and on Nov. 15, the district hosted a community meeting, at which Jensen discussed the survey results.

“This is the best time for you to say, ‘This is who we are, this is what we look like, this is what our colors are,’” Jensen said at the meeting. “This is a chance for you to come closer with clarity and unite, not a time to get further apart.”

While having brand consistency is one of the rebranding goals, another issue

that has created controversy is about eliminating the Indian as the mascot – a topic that has been suggested previously.

In June 2020, alum Delphine Burns started a petition to change the mascot, saying that the mascot was a “blatant display of racism.” Although the petition garnered more than 6,000 signatures, the district did not seek to change the mascot.

However, since then, the use of Native American mascots has become more controversial, even for professional teams. In July 2021, baseball’s Cleveland Indians changed their name to the Guardians, and in February 2022, football’s Washington Redskins rebranded as the Commanders. Even high schools have made changes, including Wichita North removing the Redskin as their mascot in 2021.

At Hays High, some groups and teams have eliminated the Indian head logo. For example, the marching band opted to remove the Indian from their new band uniforms and to use an “H” on their hats.

“I really dislike the Indian mascot,” junior Atlas Seib said. “I would say that most, if not all, of our new band apparel does not feature the Hays High mascot.”

The controversy has led the Kansas State Board of Education to issue a “strong recommendation” that public, non-tribal schools remove Native American brands as soon as possible, or least in three to five years. According to a Nov. 10 Associated Press article titled,

“Kansas Board Recommends Ending Native American Mascots,” by Margaret Stafford, the recommendation “fits with the board’s policies on discouraging bullying and encouraging equity, inclusion and justice for all students,” and retiring these brands would “reduce their harmful impact on students.”

While the state board left the decision to local school boards and said the retention of such mascots would not affect accreditation right now, some people in Hays feel that, in building the new high school, now is the time to make a change.

With this in mind, the district’s rebranding committee, comprised of about 30 district employees and community members, met on Dec. 7. The committee will ultimately give suggestions to the school board for it to make a final decision about the rebranding.

“This district could be more meaningful than it’s ever been as a result of the work we’re about to do,” Jensen said at this meeting. “So, let’s just have a really good conversation about who you are, who you want to be and how to move forward from there.”

While members expressed varying views, many seemed in favor of keeping the Indian, yet changing the logo and making everything consistent.

“I honestly really like being the Indians because I grew up in Hays, and it really goes along with Hays High School in my mind,” freshman Karlee Crispin said.



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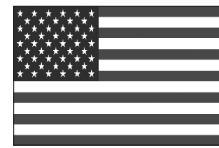
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STUDENT LIFE

COMING TO AMERICA



Senior moves from Russia to Kansas after unrest in her country

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In early 2022, tensions between Russia and Ukraine heightened, leading to the invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24. Because of the worsening situation in her country, senior Mary Mason moved from Russia to Hays, where she now lives with her uncle and aunt, Bill and Tisa Mason.

Where did you live before Hays, and what was it like?

"Before Hays, I lived in Moscow, Russia. Moscow is an amazing city, but it is not an accurate representation of Russia. It's a beautiful place, and I loved every second there. It's a huge town with an endless number of things to do. I believe it's one of the coolest cities out there."

When and why did you move to the United States?

"I moved to the United States in the beginning of October due to the unstable political situation in Russia."

How did the political situation impact you and others you know?

"The situation did not impact us directly at first. But, at a certain point, Western businesses began leaving the country, and that is probably when we felt the impact. Also, people have become more politically aware, which, in my opinion, has led to people being more depressed."

How did you feel when the Russian war with Ukraine started?

"I was shocked and confused. I couldn't believe I was living through history that

other people would be learning about in history class someday."

Is your family still in Russia? If so, how are they doing given the situation there?

"Some of my family is still in Russia. We keep contact, and they are okay and doing good right now."

How is life in the United States different from where you lived before?

"Everything is different! The people, the infrastructure, the cultural norms, etc. I would say the most noticeable thing is how friendly people are to strangers."

Has staying with your aunt and uncle made your transition to the United States better?

"Having family to help you transition from one place to another is a great help. I wouldn't have been able to do all that I can without their help."

What has been the most difficult thing about moving to a new country?

"The most difficult thing is not living in the past and trying to enjoy the present.



Photo courtesy of Mary Mason

BACK HOME

Senior Mary Mason stands near buildings in Moscow, Russia, before she moved to Hays, Kan., this fall to escape the unstable situation between Russia and Ukraine. Mason said that Moscow is "an amazing city" and "a beautiful place," but that it was not "an accurate representation of Russia."

Once you get used to the rhythm of life in a new space, it gets way easier."

What do you like and dislike about Kansas?

"I like the weather more. It's nice having a calmer pace of life after everything that was going on. Not having a constant sense of impending doom every other day is nice. I can't say that there are things I particularly dislike, though. I would say this is just a very different environment than what I'm used to."

Do you ever plan on moving back to Russia in the future?

"I would love to go back home sometime, I really miss it, but right now is probably not a good time to do that. I

don't think the situation back home will get any better for a while."

What do you plan on doing after high school?

"I am graduating this May and plan on going to college in the United States next fall. I'm not sure where exactly, but I want to major in fashion business management."

School to launch new Raptor software for improved security

By Jessica Feyerherm
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With increasing issues regarding school safety across the country, Hays High School is continuing to take many steps to avoid disaster. One of these steps is integrating Raptor software.

Raptor is designed to protect staff and students from threats on the campus and to allow the school to manage emergency situations. According to information on the program's website, www.raptortech.com, more than 5,000 schools nationwide and more than 52,000 schools worldwide use the software.

At Hays High, Raptor has been used since the beginning of first semester with its Visitor Management System software.

Using this software, when a visitor enters the building in the office, the secretaries scan the person's identification to ensure that the visitor is approved to be on the campus. The software allows the ID card to be compared to sex offender lists, custodial guardian orders or banned visitors, according to Raptor's site.

"I think it is a good idea to screen visitors because it adds

another layer of security to Hays High," junior Hailey Bond said. "With so many instances of security issues at schools, it is good to be prepared, just in case."

At the beginning of second semester, Raptor will also be used for its Emergency Management System software, which includes the Drill Manager and Raptor Alert functions.

The Drill Manager will allow the administrators to record emergency drills, such as fire, security or tornado drills. The Raptor Alert will allow school personnel to report their locations or students' locations in the event of an emergency and will allow administrators to provide instructions to staff members.

While the administration and the secretaries were trained on the Visitor Management System earlier this school year, all school staff will be trained on the Emergency Management System before it is launched for use on campus next semester.

"Raptor furthers emergency communication," assistant principal Becky Hickert, who oversees the school's crisis plan, said. "We can alert staff to any incidents happening and give instructions for things such as drills."

Student voice & choice



In 1944, Hays High School's Quill & Scroll Journalism Honor Society had 98 members, 19 of whom were stationed in the military for World War II. When the war ended, the *Guidon* covered how the war had affected students, as many of them spent all of their years in high school during the war.

In November of 1963, the *Guidon* covered the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The article about President Kennedy was written by alum Brett Allen and came out five days after Kennedy had died, which was very soon after the fact for a high school newspaper.



In 1969, the *Guidon* wrote about USD 489 trying to pass a bond to replace the 53-year-old high school on 12th Street with a new one near 27th and Hall for roughly \$4.5 million. The school would have had an auditorium, along with "pods" of classrooms, but the bond failed to pass.



In October 2001's issue, the staff wrote about the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and about how students of Hays High School might have to take part in "new war."



Reporting & photos by Jake Wentz

School news publication, the *Guidon*, serves as the voice of the student body over past 120 years

By Meg Taggart
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In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt was president – the first president who rode in an automobile. That same year, the Hays High School football program began with a 5-2 victory against nearby LaCrosse, and the Hays High School *Guidon* print newspaper was created.

Since 1902, the *Guidon* – which is now a printed newsmagazine – has survived economic depressions, two World Wars and countless other newsworthy events and has been part of two high school buildings and is anticipating its third move with the new school opening in the near future.

The two editors of the 1965 to 1967 *Guidon* newspaper, Sharon Cox and Diana Walker, celebrated their 55th high school reunion during Homecoming Week this past October.

"The biggest thing I can remember from being the editor was attending the journalism national convention," Cox said. "I worked babysitting from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. for 15 cents an hour; that was \$1.35 a night to save \$100 to buy a train ticket to the convention."

Notable prices from 1967 included 37 cents for a gallon of gas, \$12 for a ticket to the first Super Bowl, in which the Green Bay Packers faced off against the Kansas City Chiefs, and \$302 for the average yearly four-year college tuition.

The *Guidon* has changed since then as well. In 1967, the *Guidon* was a newsprint tabloid, which featured stories that were written by students in the first-year journalism class, and it was pieced together by hand in the newspaper class by the staff cutting out typed stories and printed photos and pasting them on pages to send to the printer.

"We had to cut out our own stories and use rulers to measure the columns and spaces between bylines and headers,"

Walker said. "We also had someone who was in charge of developing photos in the red room [darkroom]."

During their senior year, Cox and Walker decided to make 12 issues in that school year, which could have partially been the reason why the *Guidon* won an exclusive Gold Medal Award from the University of Columbia, which only five schools in the nation won that year.

"We found out our freshman year of college that it was the first time our paper had won that award," Walker said. "I remember making the front page of the *Hays Daily News* for it."

Cox and Walker said they give credit for their success to the journalism adviser in 1967, Edna Coder.

"Mrs. Coder was just amazing; she won that award just as much as we did," Cox said. "All of us were family to her."

Cox pursued journalism as a career and had a fruitful 45 years in the profession, including going to Texas to report on the construction of the Dallas-Fort Worth



Photo by Meg Taggart

MAJOR CHANGES
Hays High School alumni Sharon Cox and Diana Walker, look at the October 2022 issue of the *Guidon* newsmagazine during Homecoming Week in early October. Cox and Walker served as editors of the *Guidon* newspaper from 1965 to 1967 when it was a newsprint tabloid size.

20 years. She is retired now and enjoys spending her time traveling the world with her family, most recently visiting Prague.

After surviving over the course of 120 years, it is clear that the *Guidon* has a rich history and even the power to change lives.

"I loved working on the paper during my high school years," Walker said. "I met so many people and made so many memories that I would remember for the rest of my life."

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former newspaper editor Diana Walker

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Eric Lucio
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Madighan Norris
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Tavia Wynn-Coffman
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"Glee" show

Jessica Augustine
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 by Taylor Swift

Sugar Bowl game



Cartoon by Meg Taggart

New high school building gives district chance to rebrand Hays

With the new high school being designed, many questions have been posed – where should each department be, how should the exterior look, where will the bathrooms be? However, along with those questions, another question has been raised lately – should the high school be rebranded?

The discussion of rebranding has included ideas, ranging from the suggestion of having one specific maroon and one distinct gold, to the more controversial suggestion of removing the Indian as a mascot and replacing it with something less offensive to Native Americans.

Although using Native American likenesses has been considered offensive by some people for a while, the most recent movement in Hays got its start in June 2020. 2013 alum Delphine Burns started a petition, stating, "The Hays High School mascot is a blatant display of racism. The mascot represents a Native American person at this predominantly white high school." While the petition caught the attention of Hays residents, the district never made a serious move to change the school's brand.

With the new building being a blank canvas, though, there is an opportunity for Hays to change its brand.

To start, rebranding would eliminate items that may be considered offensive to Native Americans. At Hays High, there are many stereotypical representations of Native Americans, including the multitude of "Indian" logos, paintings and statues. One of the most contested items is the totem pole because the Central Plains Native Americans historically never used totem poles.

Another reason to consider rebranding now is the Kansas State Board of Education's "strong recommendation" that public schools eliminate Native American branding within three to five years, if not earlier. While this is only a recommendation, not a requirement at this point, local school boards can determine if they want to make any changes, and it may be in USD 489's best interest financially to change the branding now rather than later – after the new building is done – when it may be required or when the opposition to the Indian as a brand may become louder.

Although the branding discussion is in early stages, the district has accepted the offer of a branding expert to guide the process, has completed a survey about rebranding and has formed a committee to explore the ideas. While many people on the committee seem to be in favor of keeping the Indian mascot, there does seem to be agreement that the school needs better branding to be more consistent in its identity while eliminating offensive representations of Native Americans.

Opinion of the Guidon Staff

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LISTEN IN WITH ERIC

With Christmas upcoming, columnist judges three holiday albums

Over the years, we have seen a variety of styles and covers of our favorite Christmas songs. From smooth crooner music to party and pop, there is a type of holiday music for everyone. Here, I will review three genres of Christmas music from three different eras of music.

First, on Sept. 21, 1957, Frank Sinatra released his famous album, “A Jolly Christmas from Frank Sinatra.” The album contains 15 tracks with a run time of 38 minutes, and in that time, the classic crooner lets his smooth voice tell the famous stories that so many know and love.

Due to the time of release, the production and the vocals can become slow and boring. While staying to his style is important, I think the lack of versatility and excitement makes it much harder to listen to and get through. However, Sinatra’s voice singlehandedly carries the mood and sets the bar for future Christmas albums.

The second album was released on Oct. 15, 1970, as the Jackson 5 released their take on holiday music with “Christmas Album.” The album contains 11 tracks and has a run time of 33 minutes. The family

quintet continues their famous Motown style of music, mixed with delightful harmonies and solos from all members of the family. They use both slow and fast tempos throughout the album, even switching the mood mid-song in “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.”

While Christmas music can be mundane and repetitive, the Jackson 5 inject their own creativity and style into the music, telling stories and talking to each other in songs like “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus,” giving much more life and energy to the album. I personally love the Motown style, so the production really pulled me into enjoying the music and getting me into the Christmas spirit.

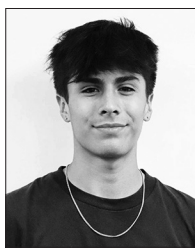
Lastly, released on Nov. 1, 2011, Justin Bieber dropped his pop music take on famous Christmas songs in “Under the Mistletoe.” Bieber uses the most unique and most original take on Christmas music, sticking very much to his brand of teen love. In addition to his uniqueness, Bieber is the only artist of these three to feature other artists on his album, such as Usher on “The Christmas

Song.” Bieber also utilized different genres and took inspiration from others, as in “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town,” in which he used a Motown instrumental.

While Bieber’s album is entertaining and keeps the listener engaged, it steers away from the traditional spirit and feels more like a normal pop album.

All three albums have made significant contributions to how people listen to and make Christmas music. In their own separate ways, each of these artists have inspired others through their music.

Personally, though, I enjoyed “The Christmas Album” by the Jackson 5 the most. I think its versatility, innovation and catchiness sets it apart from the other two. Next, I would have to choose Frank Sinatra’s “A Jolly Christmas from Frank Sinatra.” Its classic tunes and rhythms set a tone and inspired many artists in the future. Lastly, I would have to put Justin Bieber’s “Under the Mistletoe.” While the music was creative and bright-spirited, at times it felt too much like a teen romance and not enough about Christmas. While I understand that was Bieber’s intent, I think that is an overall negative in terms of listenability. Overall, I love that the genre of Christmas music can be interpreted in so many ways.



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Staff member revisits older work of popular young adult author

Lately in the young adult genre, author Colleen Hoover’s pieces have gotten a lot of attention – novels like “It Ends with Us,” and “Ugly Love.” While those have gotten a lot of the spotlight, the book “Confess” has grabbed my attention.

“Confess” was published back on March 10, 2015, but it is still relevant to young adults today. The book is set up with two main characters, Auburn Reed and Owen Gentry.

Starting the first chapter, the reader sees the action from Auburn’s perspective. The following chapter is from Owen’s perspective. Within the book, chapters jump from present to flashbacks. This can become messy for the reader, but it becomes better for the plot.

The opening setting is in a hospital where Auburn’s boyfriend at the time was being treated for cancer. Here, Auburn was a teenager, and so was her boyfriend. Further on in the chapter, her boyfriend passes away. Starting the book with this

gives background to how Auburn will live her life with this hole in her heart.

After this event damages Auburn, the book fast forwards to her adulthood life, where she is still mourning the death of her boyfriend. As Auburn tries to move on with her life, she comes across an art studio with anonymous confessions taped on the windows. This intrigues her, then the door opens and a man stands in front of her. His name is Owen, and he asks her to work on his art show later that night. Auburn agrees to help because of her lack of money. As Hoover wrote this, I think it was a good way to show how Auburn was living after she was left with a wounded heart in her youth.

After Auburn meets Owen, the rest of the book details their relationship as they learn more about each other and as they

develop stronger feelings for one another. Auburn, though, still hesitates to get close to Owen, and she questions if she trusts him or not.

As they get more familiar, the reader finds that Owen has a huge secret he has been keeping from Auburn. When he finally reveals his secret to her, she no longer knows if she can trust him anymore. I like how Hoover wrote this part because it shows how, when something goes wrong, it does not always work out in your favor.

After Owen explains his secret to Auburn, she eventually forgives him, and they continue their lives – possibly together and possibly not, as you must read the book to find out. While the events in “Confess” tend to spiral downward quickly, it makes for an interesting read.



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COMPETITION

WINTER ATHLETICS

With early competitions on the records, winter teams preview their seasons

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BOYS BASKETBALL with coach Sean Dreiling

What excites you the most about the season?
“We have a chip on our shoulder; no one thinks Hays has any talent left. They think we graduated everyone, and we will have a down year. We are excited to show the WAC and the community who we are and what we are capable of.”

What returning players are you excited about?

“We have a group of guys that can really guard, including [senior] Keamonie Archie, [senior] Remy Stull, [senior] Kyreese Groen, [junior] Kyzer Fox and [senior] Chason VanDerWege. We have some guys that can shoot the ball with [senior] Devin Schmidtberger, [junior] Jack Weimer, [senior] Landen Clark and [junior] Edwin Muller. Each guy brings something different to the table. If we can come together as a team and play with that chip on our shoulder, we can be a really dangerous team.”

GIRLS BASKETBALL with coach Len Melvin

What are your expectations for this season?
“We have very high expectations for the girls. While we know we have a very difficult schedule, we also feel like will provide a difficult challenge for our opponents. This group is not content with just competing, but rather winning. I anticipate this team to do a lot of very positive things this year.”

What returning players are you excited about?

“We return three starters. [Senior] Carly Lang is a four-year player, All-Conference and All-State last year. Jillyan Sheldon is a junior and has played a lot of varsity minutes going back to her freshman year. Molly Martin, a sophomore, started every game last year and led the team in scoring. In addition, [senior] Claire Humphrey is back and has also played varsity. We have some others that are ready for meaningful varsity minutes that we are excited about as well.”

BOYS SWIMMING with senior Anthony Arial

What are your expectations for this season?
“Our No. 1 goal is to have somebody qualify for state. No. 2 would be to win WAC or at least win a meet. And, No. 3 would be to improve ourselves personally.”

What excites you most about the season?

“I honestly think we have a really good chance at winning WAC. Great Bend and Garden City have always been dominant at WAC, but we have a strong team – probably the most athletic team since I’ve been here.”

What returning swimmers are you excited about?

“[Sophomore] Marshall Sook, [senior] Evan Dealy and [sophomore] Feyden Hileman. Marshall is one of our fastest guys, and there is no doubt that he is going to make it to state. Evan does the 500 and is really good at it. Feyden is really fast at freestyle and really good with relays.”

GIRLS WRESTLING with coach Heath Meder

What are your expectations for this season?
“The expectations for the girls is to just grow on last year, going from a pretty new program to having four state qualifiers and two placers. This year, realistically, we are talking about getting a lot more state placers.”

What excites you the most about the season?

“One of the biggest excitements this year is that we will be better able to compete for a WAC title. Some of the best teams in the state for girls wrestling happen to be in our league. If you look at Dodge City returning state champions, and you have Garden City and Great Bend who are some of the top teams in the state for girls wrestling. This year, with the returners, with underclassmen coming in and with how many girls we have out, we will be able to fill almost our entire lineup, and with that happening, we can compete for a WAC title.”

BOYS WRESTLING with coach Heath Meder

What are your expectations for this season?
“We need to fill in what we lost; we lost some great seniors last year. My expectations would be for both the returning wrestlers and the new ones coming in to fill those roles. Hopefully, we can see those boys finish in the Top 10 at state. It’s been a few years since we’ve been in the Top 10, and hopefully, we can get back there.”

What returning players are you excited about?

“We’ve got some returners who were one match away from being a state placer last year. We’ve got some returners that were in the state finals last year. I like to see growth from everybody, and I think all the returners have potential to really put some work in and do good things. My excitement has grown a lot to see a lot of the underclassmen step up and really wrestle well.”



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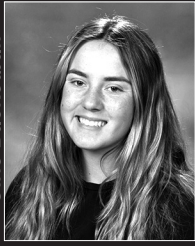
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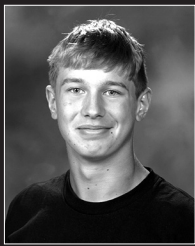
Girls Basketball



senior Claire Humphrey

"Sports have taught me to be a team player, how to be a good leader and how to be disciplined. I play basketball because I love my team, and I have been playing since I was in elementary school, so it has been a very important part of my life."

Football



senior Wyatt Waddell

"Sports taught me a lot, including teamwork, leadership and how to build relationships. My favorite memory this season was when we were celebrating in the locker room after our Week 1 win. The coaches usually start the celebration, but after the game, the coaches just stood outside and listened to us celebrate on our own."

HISTORY

Football team finishes best season on record

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Coming off of an 8-3 season and a trip to the state playoffs last season, many Indian football fans had doubts about the potential of this fall's team after such a strong senior class graduated, notably star Jaren Kanak. However, the Indians overcame the uncertainties to put together the best football team in school history.

The team opened with wins over Junction City and Great Bend, then faced the No. 1 team in 6A, Manhattan, losing 31-21. However, the team bulldozed through the rest of the regular season to have a 29-point average margin of victory and to secure the second seed in their playoff bracket with a 7-1 record of 7-1.

"I think the kids went from hoping we would win, to expecting to win," coach Tony Crough said. "They saw the classes in front of them set the groundwork on what to do and how to do it, and it just became an expectation that we're going to win."

The Indians did not let off the gas pedal in the playoffs, winning their first matchup on Oct. 28 against Wichita West, 44-20, and their second game on Nov. 4 against Valley Center, 28-6. A week later, on Nov. 11, in the cold, the Indians succeeded in making history, easily handling Salina Central, 49-12, making them the winningest team in Hays High history, as the previous record included nine wins in one season. In the semifinals, the Indians fought a tough team, losing to Maize, 42-9.

After the season ended, several Indians were named to the Western Athletic Conference teams.

Senior Bryce Salmans was named WAC 5A Defensive Player of the Year, All-WAC First Team for defense and All-State First Team on defense, while junior Malik Bah earned WAC 5A Offensive Player of the Year, All-WAC First Team for offense and All-State First Team for offense.

In addition, seniors Kyreese Groen, Quinton McGuire and Derrik Riggs earned All-WAC First Team offensive honors, while seniors Connor Dreiling, Evan Lind, Carson Spray and Wyatt Waddell received All-WAC First Team defensive honors.

Seniors Keamonie Archie, Deondre Broom, Will Cadoret and Ben Pfeifer and junior Henry Fitzthum were named members of the All-WAC Second Team.

"It really is a blessing," senior Remy Stull said. "As a kid, you always dream of making an impact on people. It was always a dream of mine to create opportunities and create a legacy that will always be remembered, and I feel like we did that."



Photo by Kaylee Sustaita (Indian Call)

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

After the victory against Valley Center on Nov. 4, varsity football team members celebrate together, as they hold the regional championship plaque. The Indians ended their season in the 5A state semi-finals with a record of 10-2.

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Warm Winter

Winter season brings back old and new fashion trends

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Tops

Starting off, shoppers will see a lot of thrifted “grandma” sweaters. These chunky, oversized sweaters have become popular recently, and they will likely be seen layered over undershirts. Speaking of undershirts, turtlenecks are the perfect option for layering, whether wearing a thin one underneath a sweater or wearing a thicker one with a jacket on top. Based off this year’s autumn wardrobe, long coats will also follow into the winter.

“Sweaters are cozy but come in different styles and colors,” sophomore Caleb King said. “Plus, they are affordable and better for the environment since they can be thrifted.”

Shoes

For shoes, Converse have recently made a huge comeback and are able to be customized. Another perfect winter shoe is Doc Martens, with the most popular version being the black boots. These are both stylish but also capable of walking in snow and ice. Finally, a pair of shoes that have resurfaced in the fashion world are Uggs. Uggs are not made for snow, but they do still help to combat the chilly weather with the sheep-skin interior.

“I like [Converse] because they go with any outfit, and they’re comfortable,” freshman Delia Dixon said. “I just have one pair, but I’m asking for a new pair for Christmas.”

Bottoms

With bottoms, like last winter, shoppers will see a lot of pajama pants, specifically red and black buffalo plaid; students have already been seen wearing these comfy pajama bottoms. Another prediction is more cargo pants, which are back in style again. Most cargos are made of thick material that traps in heat and protects one’s legs from cold weather. For the less casual days, sheer leggings will be perfect for layering under skirts.

“I wear pajama pants because they’re comfortable and warm,” junior Sophia Ballenger said. “Honestly, they can go with so many different tops while still being cute.”

Tops

To end, we have quite possibly the most important part of an outfit: accessories. The primary hat of the season is a beanie. Beanies come in all colors and styles, ranging from knitted to ones with a pom-pom on the top. They are perfect for outside in the cold, providing warmth and style. Another common thing we will most likely see is a lot of homemade crocheted or knitted accessories, such as bags, scarves, hats, etc. The handmade look has become trendy recently.

“Beanies are wonderful because they’re equal measures stylish and functional,” junior Brooks Baczkowski said.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



What has been your best experience with music thus far?
“My best experience with music so far would be the Fall Musical this year. I got to perform with good people and be around my friends.”

What is your advice for people wanting to pursue music?
“The biggest piece of advice I have for people wanting to pursue music is that they should stick with it. Also, don’t let other people persuade you to follow a path you don’t want to go down.”

What is your why?
“I perform because I genuinely enjoy it. Music is something that is very personal to me. It helps explain my feeling and emotions that I have.”

What has been your favorite performance?
“I think it’s a tie between ‘Urinetown’ and ‘Seussical.’ I loved both musicals. They were a lot of fun and helped me find my footing in acting and performing.”

Do you have any role models or anyone who is a source of inspiration for your acting?
“I am going to be honest, one of my role models is Paul Rudd. He went to KU [University of Kansas] for acting. He gives me hope that, maybe one day, I’ll make it to where he is.”

What’s your why?
“I perform because I love it. I love being able to portray characters and turn into someone new.”



senior Spenser Mills-Kulmala



Student Statistics

- Favorite & Least Favorite Fashion Trends (in a poll of 50 students)**
- Top Three Favorites**
1. Low-rise jeans
 2. Baggy clothes
 3. Air Jordan sneakers
- Top Three Least Favorite**
1. Crocs
 2. “Wife-Beater” tank tops
 3. Panda Dunks



Future Films

- Dec. 16**
“Avatar: The Way of Water”
“Mindcage”
- Dec. 20**
“Code of Silence”
“Inu-Oh”
- Dec. 23**
“Babylon”
“I Wanna Dance With Somebody”
“Corsage”
“Joyride”
- Dec. 25**
“Women Talking”
“Ever After Happy”
- Dec. 30**
“A Man Called Otto”
“Alice, Darling”
“White Noise”



Witty Wisecracks

- What do you have in December that you don’t have in any other month?**
The letter D!
- What can you catch in December with your eyes closed?**
A cold!
- What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?**
A meltdown!
- What’s the smartest type of animal at the North Pole?**
Braindeer!
- Why don’t Christmas trees ever pollute?**
They are ever-green!
- Why did the boy wear only one snow boot?**
There was only a 50 percent chance of snow!