



Couch From Main Building Vanishes, Prompting Search

School Calls It 'Egregious Theft of Furniture'

By BENJAMIN WHO '24
Editor-in-Chief

A couch from Senior Quad disappeared on Tuesday, prompting a school-wide search for the prized piece of furniture. The incident was reported to school officials by Jack Bordeaux '22, who expressed great dismay about the reduced seating in Senior Quad.

"This is an egregious violation of our rights as Seniors," Bordeaux said, initially believing that lowerclass students had stolen the couch. "Personally, I suspect one of the Preps must have done it."

Another Senior, Ben Johnson '22, expressed outrage and asserted that retaliation was in order. "[The Preps] can't keep getting away with such tomfoolery," he said. "I've assembled a squadron to egg the Prep tables at lunch on Friday."

The hasty decision to seek vengeance on the Preps came as part of a larger, administration-led effort to identify the culprits. Mr. Bradley addressed the community in the newly-renovated Walker Auditorium, calling for a unified effort to remedy the situation.

"I want to caution us against pointing fingers at others before a complete and thorough investigation is completed," Mr. Bradley said. "Rest assured that the school is doing everything it can to identify the culprits."

Progress was made after the Security department extensively reviewed hours of footage from cameras positioned in Main Hallway. On Thursday, they delivered a report to Mr. Bradley's office which contained a list of suspects and photos from the footage. The investigation also uncovered a listing on Facebook Marketplace for the prized school possession, which was titled: "Well-loved vintage leather couch, seats 10, very sturdy, floats well."

The report, which was obtained exclusively by The Record, named four students from Dana as the prime suspects. One of these students, who asked not to be named because of the ongoing investigation, said that economic uncertainty necessitated the theft — and resale — of the couch.

"The gas prices have made life so difficult for us. Not only that — supply chain issues have made protein shakes way too expensive in the Snack Bar," the student said.

Despite the confession and irrefutable evidence pointing to four Seniors as the offenders, the student investigators who vowed to seek revenge dismissed the report as "fake news."

"It is overwhelmingly obvious that the Preps paid off the Security department and are involved in a blatant attempt to frame members of our Senior class," Johnson said. "The truth will come out."



Security footage captured Dana boys moving the couch from Main Building to their dorm.

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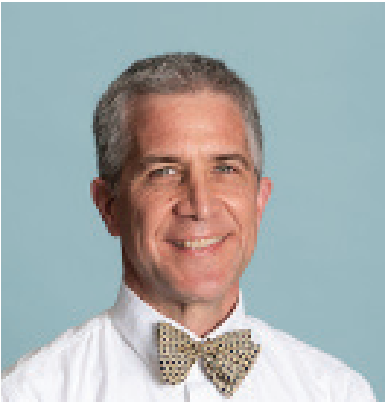
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By CARRIE CAO '23
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Citing Popularity, Dining Hall Will Only Serve Creative Grilled Cheeses

By REBEKAH OPPENHEIMER '24
News Editor

Sustainable, delicious, and nutritious! In collaboration with students, faculty, and staff, the Dining Hall overhauled menu offerings to celebrate the versatility and nutritional value of grilled cheeses. In past years, the Dining Hall has only prepared ordinary grilled cheeses, but throughout the school year, they've slowly diversified the options. The new additions will include the bacon and jalepeño popper grilled cheese, the sesame butter kimchi grilled cheese with fontina, and the infamous spaghetti grilled cheese, among others.

This past week the Dining Hall announced that it will move away from serving a rotating menu of balanced meals and transition to only providing innovative selections of grilled cheese sandwiches for every meal. There were numerous factors that contributed to the idea of becoming a solely grilled cheese-serving Dining Hall. Mr. Mike Webster, the general manager of dining services, said, "The new policy was created for several reasons, but the main motivation behind our decision was the

Spaghetti, Tofu, and Cod Grilled Cheeses on the Menu

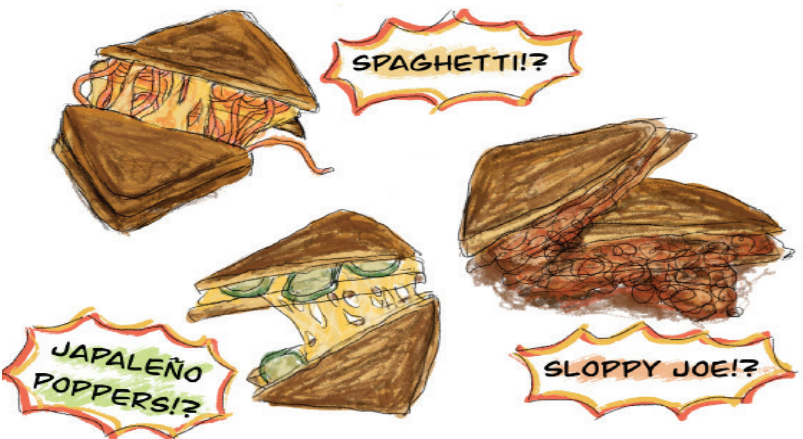
overwhelmingly positive feedback from students whenever we introduced a new type. The sloppy joe grilled cheese, in particular, received rave reviews."

However, not all students shared the sentiment that Mr. Webster described. Margo Donahue '22, said, "Not only is the spaghetti grilled cheese appropriating American culture, it is completely and atrociously violating my American and Italian roots."

Others expressed concerns about lactose intolerant students. However, Ms. Sarah Morton, another dining hall manager, assuaged those worries. "In addition to making regular grilled cheeses, we'll also be serving sandwiches with lactose substitutes such as soy cheese, cashew cheese, rice cheese, and tofu cheese," she said.

The grilled cheese only policy will go into effect on April 1, 2022.

Visual representation of the new, experimental menu.



HANNA SUN '24

Congress Funds Search for Taft's Swim Team

By ANJI ASHAYE '24
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Congress provided a reported \$3 million dollars to the government of Watertown, Connecticut, in an effort to aid in the continued search for Taft School's missing swim team on Friday, March 25.

The Taft School swim team disappeared shortly after the school's opening in 1890. Search teams were sent through the surrounding towns and woods, and diving teams searched nearby bodies of water in hopes of finding the team practicing. However, their efforts only recovered two swim caps and four pairs of goggles. In an act of solidarity, the Taft School halted all plans for the construction of a multi-million dollar, Olympic-sized pool, promising to resume once the team returned. Since 1890, hundreds of search teams have found no success, prompting the local government to appeal for additional assistance.

Watertown officials filed for funds from Congress in January to revive the search efforts. Using aid from the Federal Disaster Relief Fund, the Taft School had hoped to hire a private investigator to research the team's disappearance.

During an emotional interview, Taft's current Head Swim Coach Éch Two-Oh said, "We remain hopeful that the team will swim through our doors one day. It left undefeated, and I know we can defend that reputation when it returns." The team disappeared with a record of 0-0.

Due to long-standing rivalry, Hotchkiss students remain unbothered by the disappearance. Eric Preisig '23, a member of the Boys Varsity Swim team, said, "I hope they stay gone."

The Taft School has begun incorporating the funds received from Congress into the portion of its budget set aside for the search.



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Mr. Witkowski Pursues Kazoo

The renowned pianist expressed confidence in his decision to abandon a decades-long piano career.

Mona Lisa Moved to Tremaine

A worldwide council on artwork ordered the artwork's relocation after Da Vinci expressed such a desire in his will.

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The basketball star expressed disappointment in the injury, which occurred only days after a spectacular outing.

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Bearcats Acquire Tom Brady as New Football PG

Exiting a short-lived retirement, Tom Brady resumes his football career, this time wearing a Bearcat uniform.

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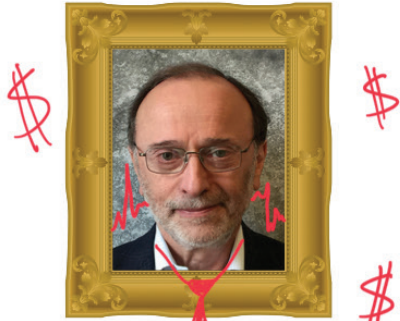
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Mr. Witkowski Abandons Decades-Long Piano Career to Professionally Pursue Kazoo

By MIA NYOIKE '24
Arts Editor

Mr. Fabio Witkowski, renowned pianist, piano instructor, and music enthusiast, announced on March 29 that he had decided to transform his long-suppressed dream of being a kazoo player into reality. The change marks the abandonment of the instrument that has accompanied him the majority of his life — the piano.

Mr. Witkowski assuaged concerns that the decision to quit was unwise. "Never take your crown off to make your haters feel comfortable," he said.

From a young age, Mr. Witkowski's parents banned him from playing the kazoo. Countless times, he was caught watching and dancing to Kazoo Kid on Youtube and hiding stashes of colorful, plastic kazoos he bought from the local department store under his bed. Mr. Witkowski recalled his sporadic, snot-filled breakdowns in the middle of the night when his parents threw his collections away.

Reflecting on those times, Mr. Witkowski said, "Luckily, my parents never found my backup stash under the fifth floorboard of my room." However, he refused to offer any insight into the noise complaints from his neighbors that eventually resulted in the Witkowskis' eviction.

Mr. Witkowski's study of piano dates



Mr. Witkowski poses with his favorite kazoo after his solo recital in Elfers.

back to an incident that occurred decades ago. When Mr. Witkowski was a toddler, he heard Ludwig van Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* playing on the radio. According to his family, he immediately sprung out of his baby seat, spilling carrot puree along the way. "That was my first memory and also when I spoke my first, profound words... 'Music is a moral law.' I guess my parents thought it was a sign from the universe," he said.

Now, Mr. Witkowski has found his true calling in the kazoo. Since his announcement, the school showed its support by funding the construction of the Witkowski Kazoo Conservatory on Bissell Quad. Mr. Witkowski said, "Two years! Two years is all it will take for me to get back on track. I know I haven't lost my touch; I practiced on rainbow kazoos, after all."

On April 1, Witkowski will perform 'Skrrt Skrrt', an original kazoo piece, in Elfers Hall.

Da Vinci's Mona Lisa Relocated From Louvre to Tremaine Gallery

By ANGELA LI '24
Arts Editor

She has one of the most recognizable smirks, with a face that's been featured on merchandise, in films, and even referenced in songs. She's known by every art lover worldwide. Yes, the Mona Lisa is coming to the Tremaine Art Gallery.

The famous Italian Renaissance painting is soon relocating from the Louvre to the Tremaine Art Gallery per Leonardo da Vinci's final wish. In his will, written just a mere few days before his death in 1519, the world-renowned painter asked that his painting be hung "[In] one of the most prestigious and exclusive art galleries, approved and well-loved by the most esteemed art connoisseurs, preferably to be enjoyed by the young creative minds of the future..."

The Faction of Artistic Relations Trans-Continentially (FART) met to decide which art galleries would house the painting, and after several months of deliberation, the council found the Tremaine Art Gallery to be a perfect fit for the Mona Lisa. FART council member and art dealer Pablocio Asso III said, "We're very excited for The Tremaine to house Ms. Mona. The

gallery absolutely astounded us in its prestige, and we had no choice but to choose it as her new home." Another FART council member, Michael Angela commented on the matter, saying "What is going on? I did not by any means vote in favor of this . . . whatever this is, and I do not want to be associated with this shameful decision. Is this even legal?" As Da Vinci once said, legality is a social construct that keeps creatives confined within the bounds of lifelessness.

The upcoming spring exhibit, to be premiered on Friday, April 1 will display the Mona Lisa among other paintings and artwork. For more information, email ldavinci@hotchkiss.org.



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Opinions

Who Let the Doge Out?

Chase Dobson '23

The United States is, well, boring. It's big, covered in asphalt, and doesn't appear to be moving in any one direction. The most boring piece of the U.S, by far, is the relative consistency and security of the U.S. dollar. I get extremely bored by the fact that the value of our national currency doesn't fluctuate day-to-day. How am I supposed to get my thrills and kicks without the constant possibility of Elon Musk's twitter feed causing our entire country's net worth to rise or plummet?

Let's do away with pesky physical bills adorned with serious-looking people and serious-looking terms like "legal tender." Let's move to a far less safe, far more hilarious mode of currency. Let's go from "finance" to "FUN-ance." Let's switch to Dogecoin as a national currency.

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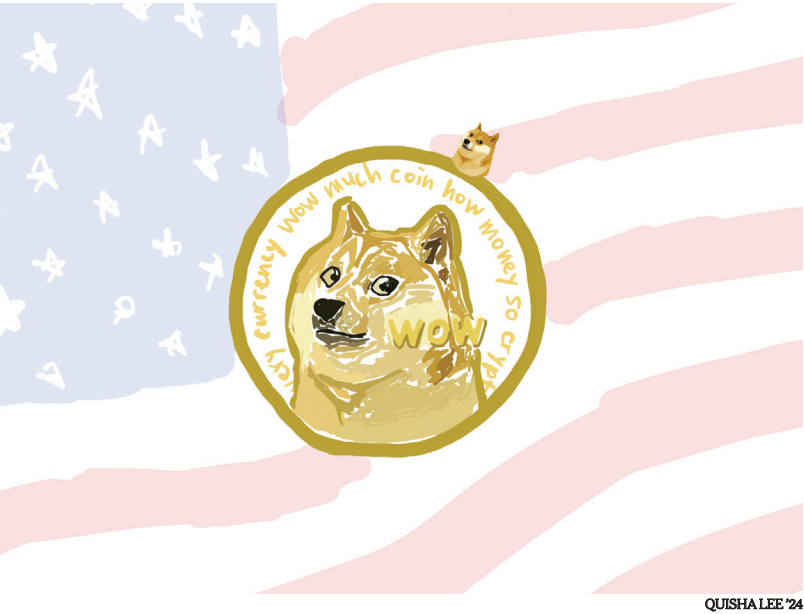
America was built on fun and excitement. It was Abraham Lincoln who famously said: "I love fun things. I'd much rather build a trampoline park or a Harry-Potter themed amusement park than something boring, like a hospital or an elementary school. Now scram, I've got to get to the theater." We should honor the legacy of our founding fathers, and base our economic decisions not on the advice of fancy economists with irrelevant qual-

ifications such as college degrees, but on our own desire to get some laughs and some thrills.

Let's go from "finance" to "FUN-ance."

Some have argued that Dogecoin's volatility would add too much risk to our national economy. Once I explain that "doge" is actually based upon a hysterical and not-at-all-annoying internet meme about a cute Corgi puppy, they usually see my side of things. If this doesn't work, I explain that currency volatility is great for the economy. Dogecoin is interesting; where do you think banks get the term "interest" from? They get that term from the deeply-held conviction that when the stock market is interesting, exciting, and, put quite simply, zany, the American people will benefit. In fact, billionaire Warren Buffett once remarked: "The dollar needs to be as unpredictable and unsafe as possible. Otherwise, everyone will stop paying attention to it. Just yesterday, I was complaining to my fellow billionaires about the security I feel having my money invested in American Dollars. Where's the fun in it?" Buffett surely knows best. Dogecoin's unreliability is sorely needed in the American economy.

So here's to America. Here's to over two centuries of fun, risk, and completely moral leadership. Americans, this one's for you. USD, you have served your purpose well. It's time for meme stock to take over. Let's get this show on the road.



Consider the Prep Housing Crisis Solved

Petr Berlizov '24

Preps: you know them... But recently, there's way too many of them. The school's massive over enrollment is now threatening the wellbeing of other students, and we need to stop this massive threat.

The school's lack of housing has already caused significant problems - disappearing common rooms, broken vending machines, overused laundry rooms, not to mention fire hazards and potential grizzly bear attacks (grizzly bears don't live in Connecticut, but according to reputable experts, an over enrollment could contribute to their migration to the region). But how do we fix this problem? Well, there's a set of desperate but completely sane and underappreciated solutions that the school needs to implement immediately.

Step 1 is a no brainer: convert the Boat-house to dorms. You're telling us that there's a facility on campus with bathrooms, shelves, floors, a roof and a nice view and it's not a dorm yet? This place should accommodate about 10 students. Not Preps, of course - they don't deserve the view - but it could help ease the strain on some of those very seriously impacted upperclass student dorms.

Step 2 is also obvious. There's a way to expand the existing capacity in our dorms without affecting the structure of any of the dorms. What is it? It's clear - we put an extra floor on the roof of each building. Now, the roof doesn't seem like a good place for a room, you'll say. I can already hear your questions: "What about rain and the pos-

sibility of falling off? It's, like, a 60 degree angle up there, where will you keep all of your stuff? Are you okay? What is wrong with you?" Well, don't worry. You won't have to live there. It's just the Preps. This alone should take care of about 30% of the Prep class.

Step 3 is a difficult, but acceptable decision for non-Prep students. We expel the Preps from their current dorms and give them an alternative setup - Ranger Cabin. Everyone loves Ranger Cabin; the preps will be thrilled to see names and misspelled profanity scrawled on every wall. With enough elbow grease, we can make it work.

This multi-step solution will help other students feel more comfortable - expanded rooms, return of common rooms, and generally an increased quality of life and happiness from the other classes. One hundred percent

of the people polled by *The Record* thought that this plan was a good idea (Preps were not included in the polls) and the administration is leaning towards accepting it. In an interview, Dr. Mardon, the school's deputy head and chief of faculty, enthusiastically said, "this idea is... interesting." In fact, real human anonymous sources tell us that 99% of the faculty have voted to move forward with the plan, meaning that if you're a faculty member reading this and you disagree with the project, it's highly likely that you're literally the only one. With such clearly expressed and totally non-fabricated support from the school administration, it's clear that this project will soon move forward.

So let's do it - let's transform the school environment and make sure that the three-year Hotchkiss experience is good for all students that participate in it.



Spain Gets Florida, America Gets Rich

Chase Dobson '23

It's no secret that the United States owes around \$30 trillion dollars to several countries, such as Japan, China, and Brazil. The national debt is a subject of much turmoil in American political and economic circles. The debt crisis is immense, frightening, and escalating at an alarming rate.

So, how do we solve this issue? Perhaps we change our taxation structure to ensure that the most wealthy Americans pay their fair share, or we strongly emphasize fiscal responsibility in the next budget cycle? While compelling, these ideas are ultimately unrealistic, as both would require each member of Congress and of our Federal Government to act responsibly and intelligently. Instead, we should opt for a more manageable option: Selling Florida back to Spain.

In 1819, Spain sold Florida to the U.S.

for approximately \$5 million, or \$92 million adjusted for inflation. Since then, the course of American history has been irreversibly changed, mostly by an overwhelming army of crazed "Florida Men" armed with their pet alligators and a complete lack of social awareness. Using the bribe of a 25% discount coupon for a stay at any Hilton Florida venue, the U.S. could convince Spain to buy back Florida for a value over the Sunshine State's yearly GDP of \$935 Billion. Alternative methods of convincing Spain to complete this purchase include sending Spain a gift package including tropical shirts, postcards, and bottles of orange juice. Using this money, the U.S. could pay back \$1 trillion of its \$30 trillion debt.

The consequences of inaction in this area would be devastating. Were the U.S. to default on its loans, A statement titled "Life After Default," published on October 06, 2021 to the White House government website, asserted that,

were the U.S. to default on its loans, "Financial markets would lose faith in the United States. The dollar would weaken, and stocks would fall." The issue of the debt must be remedied before financial catastrophe. Rather than continuing to raise the debt ceiling and take out massive loans from other countries, the U.S. could begin to pay down our massive debt by selling Florida.

When asked about the possible sale, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez had much to say: "Quien es? No llamen otra vez. Esta es una línea telefónica privada del gobierno." Where do Florida residents stand on the issue? Fynn Olsen '25, accomplished sailor and Miami resident, had only positive words for the plan: "I think its a great idea," he said plainly. "I'm all for it." The verdict is in: with debt rising as rapidly as that of the U.S., the only logical course of action is to sell Florida and make off with the sweet, sweet profits.

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DAVID XIAO '23

After his injury, Mr. Bradley provided a few words to the media from his wheelchair: «Je pense que mon genou vient de tomber!»

Mr. Bradley Suffers Season-Ending ACL Tear

By ALEX ZHANG '24
Sports Editor

Star basketball player, two-time NCAA March-Madness winning coach, five-time NEPSAC headmaster of the year, and current first team All-Administrative, Craig W. Bradley suffered a torn ACL during the Stu-Fac basketball game, according to numerous reliable sources. (While it is currently unknown what the “W” stands for in Craig W. Bradley, it is rumored to be the abbreviation of “Dubs.”)

Mr. Bradley fell to the ground and grabbed his knee after unloading a posterizing, windmill dunk over Federico Arengi Bentivoglio '22. After the dunk, Mr. Bradley tapped the top of his head, telling Bentivoglio “Too short! Watch the throne!” Shaking off medical attention from the sideline, Mr. Bradley continued to griddy all the way back on defense and executed an earth-shattering block.

Bentivoglio said, “This incident has single-handedly caused me to quit the game of basketball. To Mr. Talhaoui, Mr. Frankenbach, Mr. Kneeland, and the club basketball community, I sincerely apologize for my uncommitted nature to the game.”

It wasn't until Mr. Bradley returned to the sideline that the true problem was revealed. He was clearly in pain and needed wheelchair assistance to get to the athletic trainers, as pictured above. While initial exams were inconclusive, an MRI the following day revealed ex-

Record-setting game before devastating knee injury

tensive knee damage, including a completely torn ACL. Both Mr. Bradley and Bentivoglio got treatment afterwards, one for his ACL, and the other for his ego.

After the game, however, Bentivoglio claims that he challenged the injured Mr. Bradley to a one-on-one match. “I dunked on Mr. Bradley, then flexed on him. Mr. Bradley was actually faking his injury during the game, and it was in the one-on-one match when I crossed him so hard his ACL gave way,” Bentivoglio said. “Then I posterized him and stepped over him. Call me AI. Just the cameras weren't on.”

Arhan Chahbra '22 backed Bentivoglio. “It's true — I witnessed it. Federico is truly the greatest basketball player of our generation. His repertoire of skill, speed, and strength is simply unmatched. In club basketball, I witnessed him dunk on Peyton Wexler '22 numerous times.”

Mr. Bradley did not reply for comment. Instead, he pointed at Bentivoglio's ankle.

Bentivoglio denied the claim. “I promise Mr. Bradley did not break my ankle,” he said, scooting away.

In the game, Mr. Bradley had 53 points, 32 rebounds, 14 assists, 24 blocks,

11 steals, and one SportsCenter Top-10 highlight — at Bentivoglio's expense. This incredible statline came despite him leaving the game midway through the second half.

Mr. Bradley, speaking through tears after the game, had a positive message for fans. “I know it's disappointing to all of my fans out there, and I'm forever grateful for all that support, but I'll be back on the court before you know it,” he said. “I just let the ball come to my hand, and, you know, shooters shoot. I model my game after [Saint Peter's guard] Doug Edert and my fashion after Kyle Kuzma. This ain't the end, it's only the beginning. The comeback starts now. Let's go Big Blue!”

Doctors contradicted his overly-positive remarks, estimating that Mr. Bradley will be out for at least the rest of the school year.

Mr. Bradley further insinuated that he was going to bet the entire Hotchkiss endowment on Saint Peter's winning the NCAA men's basketball national championship. While some were worried about Mr. Bradley's risk-taking, Mr. Alexander Ginzburg agreed. “According to my countless calculations of matrices, Saint Peter's is simply the safest bet. I will put my full trust in Craig,” he said.

Indeed, in Craig we trust. *The Hotchkiss Record* and Record Sports extend its condolences and get-well wishes to both Mr. Craig Bradley Beal and Arengi-Bentiliglio. Get well soon, Mr. Bradley!

Bearcats Acquire New Football PG, Tom Brady, in Suprise Return

By HARRISON HOFFMAN '24
Sports Editor

Tom Brady announced his retirement and an end to his legendary 22-year career on February 1. At the time, his accomplishments included seven Super Bowl appearances and exemplary leadership on both the New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In a shocking post by ESPN's Adam Schefter that made waves on social media, however, Brady announced his return to football. Even more surprisingly, he committed to a postgraduate year at Hotchkiss.

Reports have stated just how excited Brady is to join the Bearcats. In an Instagram post, Brady wrote, “I can't wait to get started with the Bearcats and push for another NEPSAC Championship. I'm sure I will thoroughly enjoy the grilled cheese sandwiches served at the Dining Hall.”

Many speculate that Brady had only announced his retirement for publicity and always had his heart set on becoming a Bearcat. Experts have commentated that Brady's playing style is very compatible with that of Varsity Football Head Coach Dempsey Quinn, and that the new partnership will create nothing but success.

Brady's only concern appeared to be his ability to balance his football career with the school's rigorous academics. Due to Brady's age as a PG, he also expressed concern that he would not fit into the social dynamic at the school. “What if my Snap score isn't high enough?” he worried.

As of now, Brady is planning to stay with the Bearcats for one year, but a one-

The announcement has shocked rival schools

year extension is an option — and quite probable. Rival schools have expressed great shock and fear at the Bearcats's new recruit, and early reports reveal that many New England boarding schools have made an effort to take Hotchkiss off their football schedule. The head football coach at Taft responded violently to news of Brady's announcement, using expletives. Other schools have followed suit, beginning their own pursuit of professional players. Retired All-Pro wide reciever Chad Ochocinco is reportedly in talks with numerous rival schools at the time of writing.

Brady's mentors, Eli Manning and Nick Foles, were immensely proud of their prodigy on his acceptance into such a competitive boarding school, believing it will be the next step in his academic career.

The only people not excited about Brady's recent signing, except Hotchkiss's opponents, are his wife and kids, as Brady plans to attend Hotchkiss without his family, sources have confirmed with The Record. The school community is looking forward to Brady's arrival on campus in the fall and the expectations for the football team continue to skyrocket.

A rendering of Tom Brady in his natural habitat, Sprole Field.

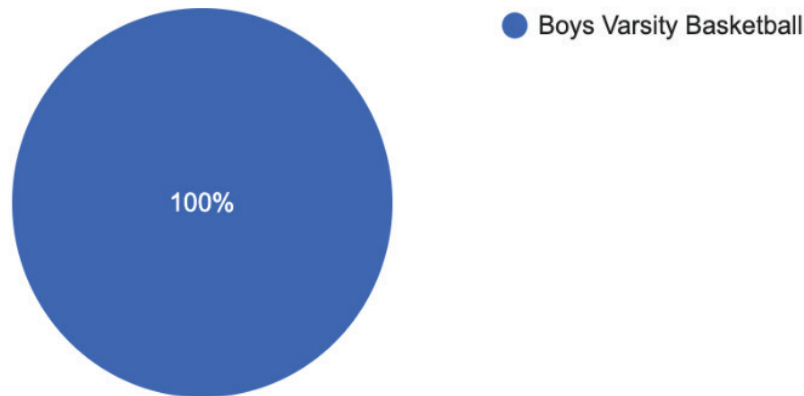


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Percentage of 2022 Winter NEPSAC Champions Won by Hotchkiss Teams

The Record has conducted extensive research to determine which teams have brought home NEPSAC championships in the previous season. This groundbreaking report provides new insight into an unsettled issue. Many on campus have been patiently await-

ing to truly find out who won Hotchkiss's NEPSAC championships, and now they'll finally know for sure. The incredible data are below, but please be mindful, there is a ±1% margin of error in the data.



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All Sports Events to Be Cancelled, Replaced With Fitness-Gram Pacer Test, Founders League Declares

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The heads of the 11 Founders League schools announced all games, matches, and meets will become Fitness-Gram Pacer test events, sending coaches and athletes into a frenzy. The winner of each game will be the team that has the highest average pacer score. A major benefit of the new revised format is more efficient scheduling; teams will now all be able to compete at the same time in one gym, instead of spread out over different fields and courts.

The Founders League, announcing the change, said in a statement, “The Fitness-Gram Pacer test is a multi-stage aerobic capacity test that gets progressively harder as it proceeds. The test will begin on a sound, and you will continue until you fail to reach the other side before another sound plays.”

These comments appear to have been plagiarized from the instructions that read before the test begins. No

longer relegated to the elementary school gym floor, fans of Pacer-testing, as many call it, are excited to see competition at higher levels, and other NEPSAC leagues have indicated they are interested in a similar change. The co-directors of athletics, Mr. Danny Smith and Mrs. Robin Chandler, were overjoyed at the change. “This has been something we’ve been working on for a very long time, and we’re glad everyone will get to experience something as great as the Pacer test,” they said.

Teams have already shifted their practice patterns. Team lifts have become cardio-only sessions and drills like the 20-yard shuttle and the 40-yard dash are now widespread. Varsity Track & Field has been running the same pacer test for the past three days. Huck Whittemore '22 is currently the team record-holder with a score of 1,723 and counting. He could not be reached for comment as he was still running.

Other teams, meanwhile, had a more

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difficult time adjusting to the new format. The lacrosse teams brought full pads and sticks to their first new time only to be told to discard them. Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Andrew D'Ambrosio said, “We have a really good group of guys and we're prepared to be the best team in the league. We've been working on our fitness and we'll outrun any opponent that comes our way.”

On the other hand, Varsity Track & Field Head Coach Nate Seidenberg was confused about the change, “I don't know why this needed to be an announcement,” he said, “We’ve already been doing this for years, basically, and now everyone else is just catching on?”

Get ready for some running, Hotchkiss, because it's Pacer Test season!