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## Your Teachers Once Wrote for The Panther Too!

## CLAIRE RULYAK '24

## Staff Writer

Most newspapers have been around for decades, if not centuries. As media and the social climate grow, so do these papers. The Panther has been no exception to this trend. Each journalist of The Panther comes from a different place with a different story, yet some come right back around to teach at Seattle Prep where they once wrote. It may not surprise you that both happen to be Collegio teachers.

Collegio and Government Teacher Mr. Arthur was a staff writer and became editor in chief of The Panther from 1985 to 1987. The 80s were a very different time for the newspaper. There were no window periods, so interested student journalists would have to meet after school. At that time the moderator of the paper was Mrs. Susan Kennedy who Mr. Arthur described as “a beloved English teacher”. He also recalls that not many students had interest in writing while he was at Prep, but the paper was still read by many as it is today.

A particularly interesting aspect of writing for The Panther in the 1980s was the printing process for each issue. Arthur said, “It was a labor intensive process!”. For each page that was to be printed, there

was a wax board with stories to be laid out on. Once an X-acto knife was used to meticulously trim each story, a staff member would have to drive the boards to a printing company that would photograph and print each paper. Clearly, today's staff has it much easier with the help of programs such as Adobe InDesign.

Jumping to the years 2005 to 2008, Collegio and Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Slack was a staff writer for The Panther. Writing for the newspaper was popu-

The paper was a hot commodity in the early 2000's according to Slack. She said that everyone read the paper at this time because “There wasn't social media, so it was the cool thing to read”. This brought some instant excitement around The Panther because there was no access to school Instagram stories about basketball games and the latest social activities. Evidently, the way we spread information has changed hence the semi-recent launch of The Panther website. Over the past forty years the paper has, and will continue to, adapt to the way Prep students live.

Arthur and Slack both emphasized the current strength of the newspaper. Both teachers are still active readers of each issue today. As students have access to new technology and media, the paper has been forced to become brighter than ever. Arthur complimented “The Panther is written better [than before] in my opinion and is certainly more visually appealing”.

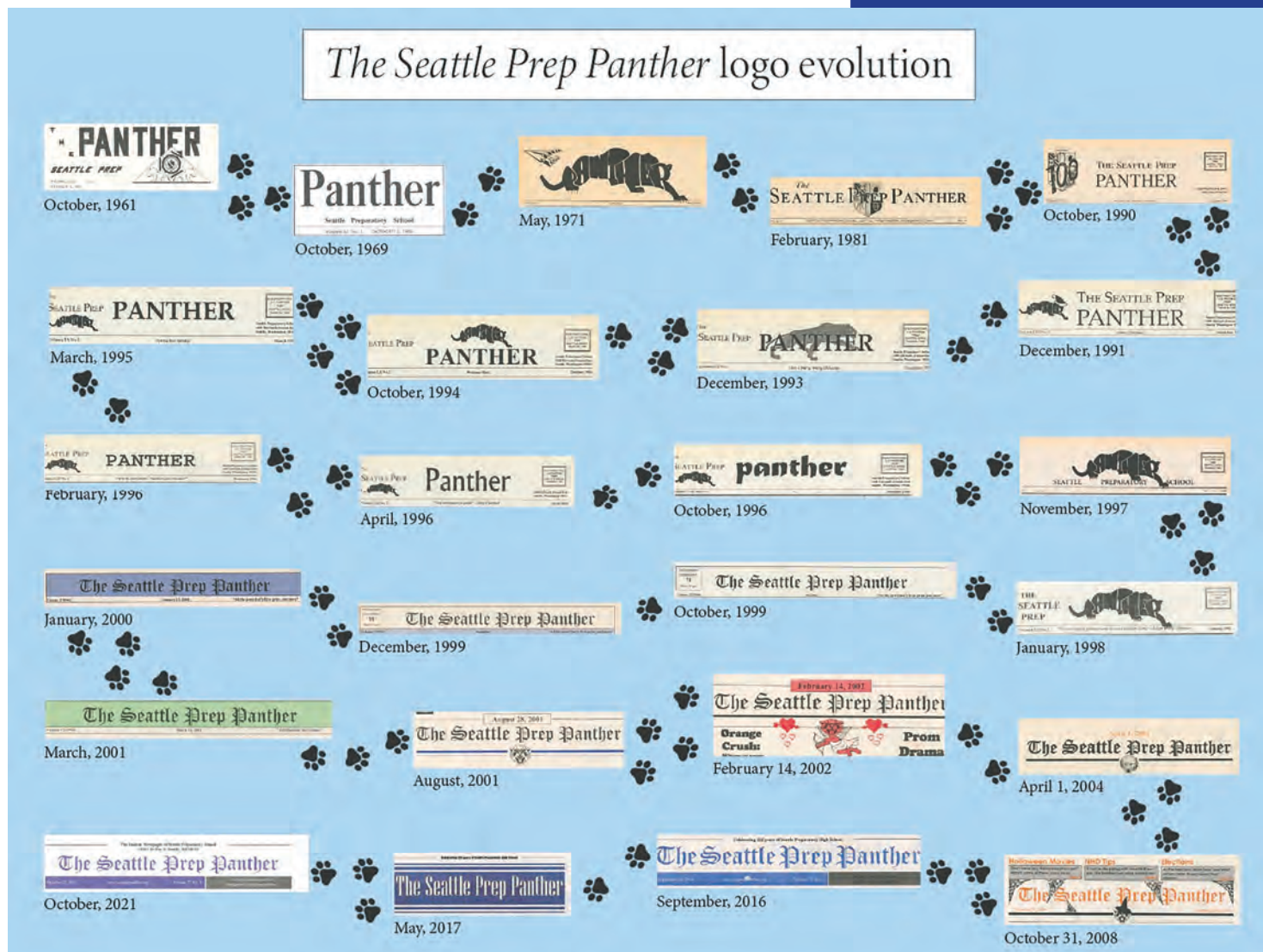


Check out some of Mr. Arthur's work for The Panther!

lar with her friend group in high school, and more Prep students were involved at this time than in the 80s. While Ms. Slack was on the paper, Ms. Freeman, who still teaches Math here at Seattle Prep, was the journalism moderator. By this time window periods were in full swing, so the paper could meet the same way it does currently. She also recalled “tension with the year-book staff”.



Scan to view some of Ms. Slack's work for The Panther!



Graphic by ALISON CHOI '24

## 1891

Seattle Prep founded in a rented space at St. Francis Hall on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Spring street in downtown Seattle as a co-ed school.

## 1894

Immaculate Conception School, now Prep, moves to a property bought from Seattle founder Arthur Denny on Seattle's Madison and Broadway and became all-boys.

## 1895

Renamed to Seattle College, despite students being primarily of high school age and receiving high school diplomas.

## 1902

Blue and White are adopted as school colors, based off of the Virgin Mary.



## 1919

Adelphia Hall constructed at the current Capitol Hill campus.



BENI JURION '22 & KATE RIDGEWAY '22  
Editors-in-Chief



# Jesuits at Prep: The Past, Present, and Future

EAMON MOHRBACHER '24  
Staff Writer

There have been many changes to Seattle Prep since it was founded in 1891, but the one constant? Jesuits. At the turn of the 20th century, Jesuits roamed the campus. When Prep converted from an all-boys school to co-ed in 1972, the Jesuits helped incorporate the change. As every alumni passed through Prep's halls and graduated, the Jesuits prayed for their success. Old buildings were demolished, and new buildings took their places as the steadfast Jesuits adapted. When the '20-'21 football team defeated O'Dea for the first time in 40 years, the Jesuits cheered with the rest of the school. Despite the ongoing evolution of our school and world, the Jesuits consistently provide the backbone for life at Prep.

Many may wonder what the life of a Jesuit looks like outside of teaching theology or leading the school in mass. At Prep, our Jesuit priests are immensely active and involved in many aspects of the community. Speaking on behalf of current Jesuits on campus, Fr. Celio explained, "Fr. Rallanka and I both teach theology classes and serve on the Community Ministry team. That means we direct retreats, preside at liturgies, lead the student music ministers, and support students' spiritual lives in whatever ways we can. On the side, Fr. Rallanka moderates the Video Game and D&D clubs and I coach baseball."

Academic responsibilities have transitioned over the years, and as Rallanka described, there used to be a lot more than two or three priests on campus: "The school was founded in 1891, and back in the day, almost all of the teachers were Jesuits, so try to imagine a school where all the classes were entire-

ly run by Jesuits."

Not only was theology taught by the Jesuits, but also math, science, English, history, and nearly everything else that fills out the Prep academic roster. Celio shared, "In the past Jesuits have served on the Community Ministry team (most recently Fr. Paul Fitterer) and have served as administrators (presidents and likely principals too), teachers, and coaches at Prep. You name it, and we've likely done it."

With all of these academic and leadership commitments, it is hard to believe that many "typical priestly" activities can be achieved as well. Despite all their other work, Jesuits live a rich life of prayer and develop strong relationships with God. Celio describes, "I pray about an hour a day, not counting mass (which is another 30 min). In the morning, I pray with the readings of the day, and with some psalms. In the evening I pray the Examen. By this point in my Jesuit life, no one tells me that I should pray more or less. But I have found that this rhythm of prayer helps me to stay rooted in my relationship with God and helps me pray through my experiences each day."

At one time, Jesuits lived on campus, making it more convenient to manage their busy schedules. Celio said, "Back then, the school was not as large as it is now, so it was convenient to build one

building that housed the school and the Jesuit community."

Even though Jesuits do not live on campus anymore like the priests of the past, being surrounded by students, staff, and many school activities can be spiritually and emotionally fulfilling. As Fr. Rallanka tells, "The morning masses are really helpful on my end, especially since I am a theology teacher. I also always appreciate the morning prayers that are over the intercom. Both the faculty and the students give thoughtful reflections that give our day a good start."

Although Jesuit life may have more contemporary looks and practices than the Jesuits of the past generations, the foundations of their faith, and the massive positive impact they bring to the Prep campus remains.

Later in life, when students return to

Prep to serve as an ASC member or watch a game of Prep football as an alumni or parents, or even when we come back for our high school reunions, many things may have changed. Some of our favorite teachers may be gone, some of our classmates may be spread around the world, new buildings and new students may be present, but the one familiarity that we will all recognize will be the presence of the Jesuits.

between his novice director and Prep administration.

Habib's favorite part of being at Prep so far is getting to know the students: "They've been so warm and hospitable and friendly and generous."

Having gone to public school, Habib noted that there were some preconceived notions about private schools that have been more or less proved wrong by his time at Prep. "It has surprised me that Prep is way more down to earth than I assumed. You know, I thought it was going to be much more strict... and elitist." He enjoys being in a place similar to where he went to school but with the added ability to talk about more profound questions of spirituality. "Students and faculty have just been extremely warm and inviting and kind and lovely to get to know... I really like the balanced approach towards intellectual, physical, and spiritual wellbeing."

Habib is often busy with Mock Trial and teaching Collegio, English, and theology classes, but he can be found in the Community Ministry office most other times. He said he's "Available and excited to get to know people," and "If students don't really know what they want to talk about or they don't have anything specific on their minds, just come and say hi and introduce yourself. I'd love to get to know you."

NICK PICKEL '23  
Staff Writer

Seattle Prep has been blessed yet again with a new addition to the Prep family; a man well known in political environments and renowned as an advocate for higher education and economic development, but who is now committing to a life of faith and service.

Most recently serving as Washington state's 16th Lieutenant Governor, Cyrus Habib began his stint in politics in 2013 as a member of the Washington House of Representatives. Prior to his political career, Habib attended and earned degrees from Columbia University, St. John's College, Oxford, and Yale Law School. He worked at Seattle law firm Perkins Coie from 2009-2017.

Habib, who was born in Baltimore and grew up in Bellevue, is a first-generation Iranian American who fought cancer

three times, lost his eyesight and became fully blind at age 8. Habib said that having parents who believed in him and taught him to be an advocate, as well as a resourceful and supportive school system with Bellevue Public Schools, allowed his blindness not to become an obstacle as a child.

So, why did Habib leave behind politics and adopt a life of devotion with the Society of Jesus? "Politics is a culture in which you have to keep moving up, or else you become irrelevant very quickly. I found that was not bringing out the best side of me, and also was not bringing me deep joy," He answered. "I read a book called 'The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything' by Father James Martin ... and somewhere in the back of my mind, this interest, this curiosity, and this attraction to the life was born and it just kind of stayed there" said Habib.

Habib stayed in politics for several years after this, but his desire to live as Jesus did - placing service above self-interest and

## Former Lieutenant Governor Habib Joins Prep Faculty



PHOTO: ALDEN ARNOLD

1923

1925

1929

1933

1937

Seattle Prep yearbook is renamed from "Palestra" to "Echo," a tradition maintained to today.

Seattle Prep Panthers destroy O'Dea Fighting Irish in a stunning 7-0 victory in their first football game.



Baseball superstars Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth (pictured) visit Prep. Ruth addressed Prep students and hit fly balls from Adelphia Hall entrance.



Garrigan Gymnasium opens. One of the most popular gyms in Seattle at the time.

Seattle College High School is renamed to Seattle Preparatory School.

Fr. Christopher McDonnell becomes Principal, President and Rector until 1956. He transforms the school. He also implemented a coat of arms.



# Mrs. Boyle Celebrates 36 Years at Prep!



ABBY BALDWIN '23  
Staff Writer

Could you imagine being at Seattle Prep in 1985 – before Cell Phones, Netflix, or the Prep Parking Garage? Mrs. Boyle sure can! Mrs. Boyle has worked at Prep for over 36 years, starting at the school in 1985. Mrs. Boyle has seen an amazing transformation during her three decades at Prep including changes to the curriculum, campus, technology, and in the counseling department.

In the 1980s student life was drastically different than it is today. The senior class was a fraction of the size as it is in 2022. Most students went through the Matteo Ricci Program, where they attended Seattle Prep for three years and Seattle University for three years. In addition, student schedules at Seattle Prep have morphed over time. In the 80s and 90s, the students had 7 subjects a day with no rotating schedule. “There were 3 lunch periods so students might go through the whole day without seeing their friends if they had different classes and lunch times. If friends were not in the same Collegio class, that usually meant they were not going to see their friends till after school. That was hard for students. Even with 65 students and 3 teachers in each Collegio, you might not have any close friends in any of your classes.” Mrs. Boyle stated.

The most significant impact from the mid-1980s to the 2020s has been the advancement of technology. When Mrs. Boyle started at Seattle Prep there weren't cell phones, computers were rare (and expensive), and people had to talk face to face or, on their family phone, in order to communicate. The lack of technology made life less complicated and, there seemed to be less stress. The absence of technology as we know it makes me remember the 1980's as a much calmer time in our world”, she stated,

““Without social media, there was much less pressure and stress that students had to face on a daily basis”.

Mrs. Boyle knows intimately how technology has affected students, because of her long tenure as a Prep counselor. Back in the 80s and 90s, the offices were not as nice or inviting and the counselors weren't involved with students as much as they are today. There wasn't a counseling center, it was hard to make appointments, and the offices weren't very private. Mrs. Boyle talked about how the changes to Prep counseling over the years have been extremely positive, “Prep counseling is really accessible now, we have a nice facility, individual counseling offices, and we have rooms to offer people who are stressed and want quiet.” The counseling department has grown their programming by offering Forefront training (a suicide prevention program), One Love classes (program to prevent sexual violence), advising the Every Mind Matters Club, offering wellness classes and one to one counseling sessions with students.

Mrs. Boyle has seen significant transformation at Seattle Prep over her 36 years at the school. Even though the school has changed so much, Mrs. Boyle continues to embrace the school community and she maintains her love for the students, her staff, and the mission of Seattle Prep. “...I love the Prep community and the many ways counselors here can help students with their academic, social and emotional needs. Students today are blessed with more support than they were in the 80's and 90's. There are more counselors and a welcoming counseling center with many comfortable offices to relax, talk and feel heard. Although we are living in a very stressful time with the worlds COVID virus and it's variants, it is good to know you have a place to go when you need someone to talk to.”

## The Matteo Ricci Program:

The Relationship Between Seattle Prep and  
Seattle University

GINGER DORAN '23  
Staff Writer

In the 131 years of Seattle Prep's and Seattle University's existence, the two schools' relationship has evolved and expanded together.

Both Seattle Prep and Seattle University opened their doors as Jesuit schools for boys in 1891. In 1898, the schools' relationship began as Prep merged with Seattle University and was renamed “Seattle College”. Seattle College primarily taught high school classes while also offering a few freshmen college courses. Later, in 1929, Seattle College separated from Seattle College High School. In 1933, Seattle College high school was officially renamed Seattle Preparatory School and, in 1948, Seattle College officially became Seattle University again.

After 46 years of separation, Seattle Prep and Seattle University reunited with the creation of the Matteo Ricci program. The Matteo Ricci program was named after Jesuit Priest and missionary, Matteo Ricci. As a missionary, Ricci taught western mathematics and shared European ideas in China.

In 1975, Seattle Prep made two big transitions by introducing the Matteo Ricci program with Seattle University and open-

ing their doors to girls for the first time. At first, Prep only offered the Matteo Ricci program with the sole option of three years of high school and three years of college to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (BAH). But, in 1984, they reformed the program to also offer a fourth year of high school for students who needed it. In 1988, the Matteo Ricci program extended into other Catholic high schools in the area including O'Dea, Kennedy Catholic, Eastside Catholic, Forest Ridge, and Archbishop Murphy. The Matteo Ricci program continued at Prep for 40 more years but ended in 2017 due to a decrease in interest in the program.

Alumni, Mary McDowall Schimmelman, departed from Prep and commenced at Seattle University in 1985, along with 120 other students. Schimmelman was drawn to the Matteo Ricci program due to Seattle University building a new gym and being known for its warm community. Schimmelman's two older siblings, whom she admired, also participated in the Matteo Ricci program at Prep.

For Schimmelman, the only disadvantage was missing her senior year, but this was only a slight disadvantage because she was still able to participate in the sports, ex-

tracurriculars, and dances at Prep. When asked what some advantages were to being a Prep and Matteo Ricci student, Schimmelman said, “I loved Collegio, it was so interesting to learn about history and society from a holistic perspective with multiple teachers who brought different opinions, information, and attitudes to the conversation, and encouraged us to do so too”.

Alumni, Bella Oishi, departed from Prep and commenced at Seattle University in 2017, with only 2 other students from Prep. By junior year, Oishi knew she wanted to attend law school, so the Matteo Ricci program gave her the opportunity to fast forward a year of school. The only disadvantages Oishi experienced were the awkwardness of being a high schooler in a college class. When asked what some advantages were to the Matteo Ricci program, Oishi responded with, “I could pick 2/3 of my classes every quarter from any course at Seattle University, so I took random classes on anything that sounded interesting”. The program also gave Oishi a more flexible schedule with only having classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Because of this, Oishi was able to remain involved at Prep in what



**MATTEO RICCI  
COLLEGE**

would be her senior year, while also attending Seattle University, with being a captain of the cross country and lacrosse teams and attending school events such as dances and graduation. Oishi began law school in 2020 and now attends Georgetown law.

### 1938

Seattle Prep Panther Newspaper is founded. It has a news and gossip column.



### 1940

Nicknamed the “Wonder Team” the boys basketball team shatters individual and team records with 21 victories out of a 23 game season.

### 1941-1945

Many Prep students leave the school to enlist into the army. Leaving Prep with an enrollment problem.

### 1947

The Seattle Prep Panther newspaper is awarded the International First Place Award as one of the most outstanding publications in the United States.

### 1949

Prep creates the Manresa Retreat for Seniors. The oldest retreat still in use today.





# Evolution of the Drama Department

GAEL LOOR '22  
Online Editor

Over the years, Seattle Prep's Drama Department has put together many performances such as plays in the fall, musicals in the winter, and student theatre festivals (student directed plays), in the spring. The most recent production was "The Imaginary Invalid" which premiered during late October and early November.

This year marks the 12th year Mr. Othman, current Program Head of Drama Fine Arts, has worked at Seattle Prep. Mr. Othman joined the Prep community back in 2010 after receiving degrees in theatre performance and production from Seattle University. During his 12 years leading theatre and film-making programs at Prep, Mr. Othman has helped put together many performances, presenting 3 major productions a year.

Before Mr. Othman joined the Prep community, Mr. Lange, who worked at Prep for 24 years before retiring, was head of the Drama department.

Since his time here, Othman has worked to increase the number of students on stage and behind the scenes, bringing in more professionals to help students with the technical aspects in each department.

Fiddler on The Roof, the first production Mr. Othman directed

when he first joined Prep, was one of favorite musicals to

work on because of the heartwarming story that deals with social justice issues that touched on many Jesuits values.

With the help of Mr. Othman, Prep joined the International Thespian Society, starting their own local chapter as "Troop 7949." The troop currently has 23 students who have earned the thespian rank.

"Because we are a part of the thespians, we now compete in local competitions and go to Washington State Thespian festivals every year to compete with other schools," adds Othman.

Of course, putting together a performance requires time to rehearse. Behind the scenes, there are different departments for different aspects of the production such as set, costumes, props, and lights. Student's along with brought in professionals work together in these departments and all of these components "come together for the visual aspect of the show," said Othman. Over the years, Othman has worked to bring in more professionals to assist students with the work behind the scenes.

When planning a production, "we try to do the musical in the winter season because students have other things like sports...[we] try to give the students enough time to rehearse to feel their best around finals, retreats, and other busy schedules," adds Othman. Othman referred to it as a "balancing act" because there is less time to rehearse, there could be timing issues.

Each year, 80-90 students get involved working on stage and behind the scenes. For students who like to focus on dance, singing, acting, or all three, come talk to Othman for information on how you can become involved in Seattle Prep's next theatre production.

P rep loves their sports but the best reason to attend sports games and assemblies, of course, is Pulse. Pulse is the dance team that makes students want to dance right there with them, even though all the audience can do is chant and scream "pulse, pulse, pulse!" The team moves from one side of the gym to another, completely in sync with each other, mesmerizing the audience with their captivating choreography perfectly performed.

Everyone loves a great Pulse performance but what is the reason Pulse is such a talented team? Aara Meas, Pulse's head coach, said it is because the team is "zoned in on openness, acceptance, and the ideology that dance is for everyone." She went on to say that "we see ourselves as a family, first and foremost. We work together, we fight for each other...sometimes with each other just like any other family, but at the end of the day, we have each other's backs, we stand up for one another, and we always come back to the home that we created here at PULSE."

The Pulse team is built upon strong values of "unity, commitment, and gratitude", says Meas. Meas also added that these values have "been the same since we started in 2007."

Before 2007, Prep had a student-led dance team. The captains of the

student-led Pulse team in 2007 were Clarize Baldoz '08 and Fantasia Galarosa-Krager '08. However, they were hungry for more, so they started Pulse. Mrs. Bei Bernal volunteered to be the new moderator. At the time Coach Meas was the captain of a youth group's dance team, a freshman in college and she said she was, "hungry to share a dance."

Bernal shared with Meas her new role as moderator for the new dance team at Prep and that they were on the lookout

for a choreographer. Meas said, "we instantly connected and, as they say, the rest is history!"

In 2010, Pulse launched their first captains intensive, and shortly after in 2014 Pulse expanded from their genre of dance into ballet, contemporary, and acrobatics. And since then they have consistently added to their capabilities and achievements. The preceding year, 2015, the captains attended their first convention at Monsters of Hip Hop. Monsters of Hip Hop is a platform to introduce up-and-coming dancers to an industry

of professionals and potentially launch their dance careers. They received the opportunity of dancing with choreographers of "So You Think You Can Dance", Missy Elliot, and JLo.

In 2016, Pulse performed for the first time outside of Prep at the Seattle Center's Winterfest. Following that in 2017, 30 dancers traveled to California to dance at Disneyland. In 2019, Pulse assembled their first-ever competition team and won first place

in both of their pieces in their categories and won first place overall for their age group. Due to COVID in 2020, all performances transitioned to video.

Even with this drastic change to Pulse, Coach Meas said, "Over the last 2 years with the pandemic, we've been forced to think outside of the box, creatively speaking, so that we could continue to perform and be a positive beacon for our Prep community. We've learned how to conceptualize and perform for camera—developing skills in camera work, storyboarding, set design, light design, and editing." Meas said the team has "grown in numbers, in leadership, in creativity, in outreach, and family values." however one thing that has remained consistent is the team's values "to represent unity; one body, one rhythm, one pulse."



## 1952

Prep adds a south wing providing a student chapel, study halls, and cafeteria known as "Christy L."



## 1958

Senior Prep students are allowed to venture off campus but only in certain direction of a local drugstore and not towards "Nicotine Alley." Students can go home during lunch.

## 1965

Major damage is done to Adelphia Hall and faculty house during a major earthquake.



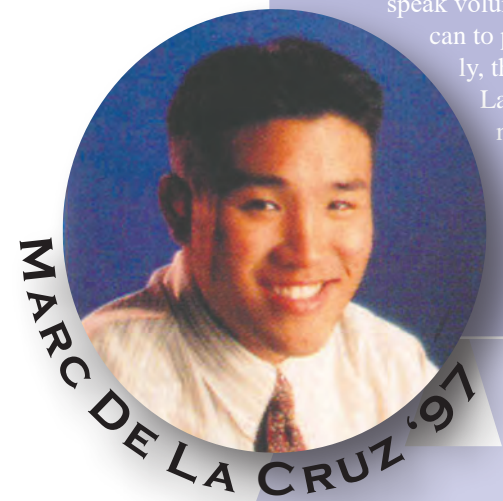
## 1965-1968

Panther football wins back-to-back championships in '65 and '66. Prep wins again in '68.





## NOTABLE SEATTLE PREP ALUMNI



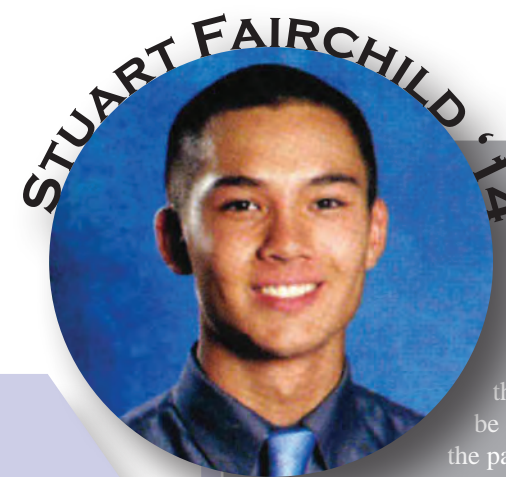
MARC DE LA CRUZ '97

Want to be in "the room where it happens?" Well, the room where De La Cruz performed as the lead role in "Hamilton" most definitely was. Not only does the show alone speak volumes, but De La Cruz was the first Asian-American to play the role of Alexander Hamilton. Surprisingly, throughout his whole high school experience, De La Cruz didn't participate in any sort of theater, he never really explored his passion for the performing arts until he was in college at UW. Born in Hawaii, raised in Seattle, now living in New York, De La Cruz certainly did not "throw away his shot" when given the opportunity to turn history on its head.



D.J. FENNER '13

Fenner's childhood came crashing down on him at a very young age. He navigated not only financial and housing troubles as just a high schooler, but also due to family circumstances lived part of his life in Seattle, and part in Washington DC. Although he lived a tumultuous childhood, he was taught a lesson he embraces as often as he can "you can't run and hide when things go bad." Through all the ups and downs Fenner experienced, the one thing that was always constant, that he could always count on was basketball. Fenner looked up to Kobe Bryant. He was drawn to Kobe and wanted to be like him in practically every way he could. Fenner is widely known for his charisma, his smile described to be "just like Magic Johnson's," and his huge heart. He excelled in playing college basketball at Nevada and later went on to play professionally in Portugal for the Immortal Basket Club.



STUART FAIRCHILD '14

ALEX GARDNER '24  
Staff Writer

Named to the Seattle Times' All-area baseball team his senior year in high school, to playing at Wake Forest university, to becoming a professional player in the MLB- Fairchild's life can easily be compared to a home run hit out of the park. He played for both the Cincinnati Reds and the Arizona Diamondbacks in the MLB, respectively. Contrary to what you might have initially assumed, Fairchild's parents actually wanted him to be a basketball player, but he felt a stronger inclination towards baseball.



BRIAN NOVA '78

Grammy winner who is considered one of the top jazz musicians in the nation- Nova is a true sensation. Many of the musicians he has toured with have claimed he is their favorite musician to work with and listen to. Nova has a beautiful and signature tone on his guitar, setting him apart from the average guitarist. He performs throughout North America and tours in Europe and Japan as well, while also finding importance in promoting youth to further their own musical education and stage presence. He began his jazz career in Seattle, lived in New York and Denmark, and now lives in California.

Probably one of the best golfers Prep has seen so far, Snyder received varsity letters all four years he was a Panther and was named to the first-team All-Metro League when he was both a Junior and a Senior. He then became a Cougar at WSU where he excelled as one of the teams top golfers, leading him to golf professionally and attend the PGA Tour. He's outdoorsy, he's a family man, and there is no question Snyder has a gift when it comes to swinging a golf club at a golf ball.



BLAKE SNYDER '10

The name "Mumbi" in the African language is used to define someone as unique, distinctive, and different from what has been seen before. There is no doubt Kweesele represents these outstanding qualities and many more. Not only does he have great values and personality traits, but he is also a great soccer player- soccer excites Kweesele and he truly loves it. He currently plays professionally for the Richmond Kickers and also works to grow the game with various different youth levels across the country.



MUMBI KWESELE '13

Player of the Year as a senior in high school, two-time national title winner at Stanford, captain for the United States U-20 national team at the World Cup in France two years in a row- soccer defender, Hiatt, is clearly a force to be reckoned with. Not only is she an outstanding athlete in all physical aspects of her game, but she also brings a mental understanding, an IQ, that makes her stand out from others. Coach Hendricks recalls, "Sam was always seeking to improve all aspects of her game- her internal drive and work ethic were never lost throughout the time I coached her." Another thing that Hendricks said always stood out about Hiatt was that she was a "natural born leader." She currently plays professionally for the OL Reign, a team based in Seattle.



SAM HIATT '16



**1919**  
TC McHugh decided to donate a sum of his money to charity. He and his wife Ella purchased Adelpia hall from the Swedish Baptists. The McHughs donated it to the Jesuits to serve as the new campus for the (then called) Seattle College, serving as Prep's primary building until 2013.



**1929**  
Garrigan Gym is opened to serve as a home for teams and events.

**1952**

South wing added to the Garrigan gym, providing classrooms, a chapel and a cafeteria. Named "Christy L".



**1968**

Peyton Hall, a new residential dormitory for the Jesuits is opened, later becoming offices and classrooms in the 80s.

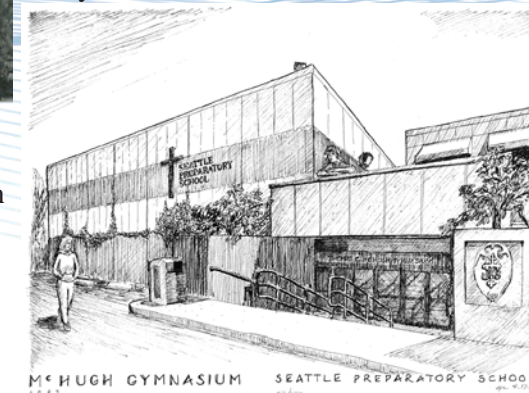


**1972**

The Old Jesuit Residence, located on Delmar Drive, is torn down after being damaged by the 1965 earthquake.

**1983**

McHugh Gymnasium is added in front of Adelpia Hall. A new training room, girls' athletics offices, visitors' locker room, and lobby are added.



**1999**

2-story underground parking garage is completed, as well as St. Ignatius Hall. A statue of St. Ignatius is added to the front of the McHugh gymnasium.



**2010**

After failing an earthquake safety test in 2008, Adelpia is torn down and plans form to renovate Peyton Hall to accommodate the growing student body.



**2014**

Adelpia Memorial Hall, Rudolf Field, Peyton Plaza, and Our Lady of Montserrat Chapel are constructed through the Building our Future Campaign.

**2019**

The Lico Athletic Complex is completed, featuring new locker rooms, coaches/HEX offices, a training room, and a hall of fame.



## Q&amp;A

Who were some past Principals of Seattle Prep?



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1891-1896  
RIGHT: Fr. Adrian Sweere  
1897-1905



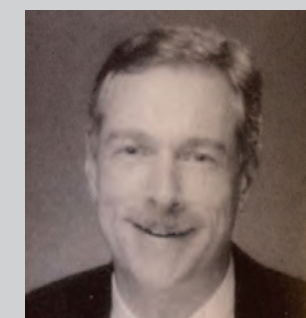
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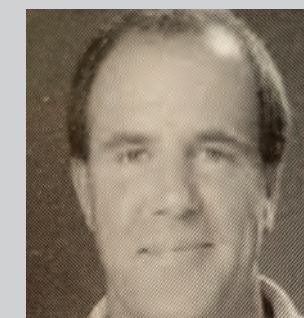
Fr. Christopher J.  
McDonnell  
1936-1950



Fr. Thomas Healy  
1974-1976



Chris Conroy  
1991



Matt Barnmore 1997-  
2005  
2009-2012



Erin Lauby  
2017-present



## Prep Fashion Throughout the Years

DELPHINE MOCK '24

Staff Writer

Fashion is always changing. What's in style and what's out of style is determined by many factors. We've seen a major change in fashion over the past century and at Seattle Prep, the evolution of school clothes has been enormous. The biggest change occurred when Prep became co-ed in the 1970's but there are many notable and subtle differences that took place every year.

The Seattle Prep dress code, which is now somewhat casual, wasn't always this way. In the 1950's, Seattle Prep's students were expected to wear a suit and tie. IT was commonplace and socially expected attire of the time. While this is something that may seem unusual today, for the era, this type of dress was the usual. While Prep never had a specific uniform, this strict dress code isn't too far away from one.

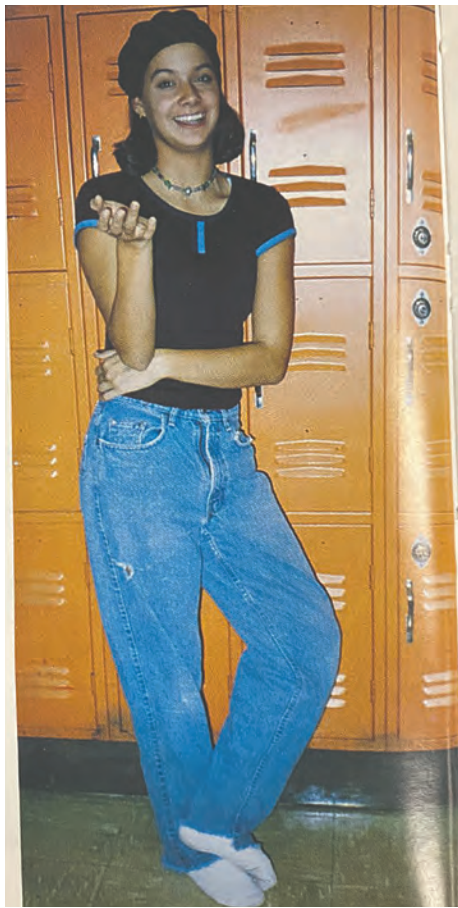
As time goes on, students began to express themselves more with their clothing. As the 1980's and 1990's rolled around, clothes were not only worn for function, but they also expressed helped one's identity. The dress code mirrored that. The suit and

tie rule was dropped and when Prep became co-ed in the early 1970's and we began to see the emergence of new fashion trends. Students at Seattle Prep began to use clothing as a way to express themselves.

Sophomore Siena Kiefer reflected on how she expresses herself through her clothing, "Wearing clothing that makes you feel good and confident is really important to me. I am thankful that Prep has a dress code that gives students the ability to show their personalities through their clothing."

Freshman Clara Henzke talks about the transition from uniforms in middle school to her first year of free dress. "The transition from uniforms to wearing whatever I want was a big shift. Clothes may seem insignificant but now, I feel like I have much more freedom, something that comes with many aspects if high school."

Students are thankful for the freedom that they are able to wear what makes them feel confident. Clothing and fashion are a major part of our culture and the evolution of style doesn't stop here.



## Merch: More Than Just a Sweatshirt

Seattle Prep without merch is unimaginable. No students wearing Prep sweatshirts all around campus, no Senior Skirts, and no team hoodies or warm-up outfits.

However, this was a reality many years ago – with the exception of the letterman jacket. From the 70s to the early 2000s, Seattle Prep's spirit wear was centralized around the letterman jacket, according to alumni and current track coach Deino Scott.

Scott said, "I was [a student] here when it was all boys. So in that context, back then, spirit wear didn't really exist. So just having it now is amazing. Our student store, for example, only sold textbooks. The closest thing we had to spirit gear was our letterman jackets."

Today, Panther Place sells a variety of spirit wear options for students and faculty. Each year the options change – in fact,

this year, Prep started selling a new blue and white Nike windbreaker. The windbreakers are easy to spot throughout campus, but if students do not have one of those, they likely have one of the classics: Prep crewnecks, sweatpants, or some Prep pajamas.

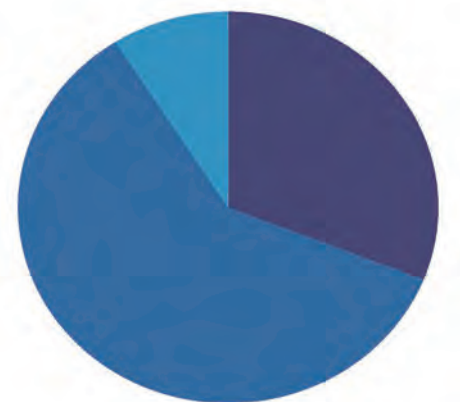
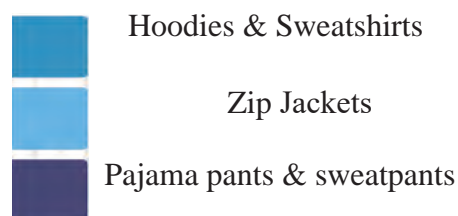
Junior Sophia Kennedy said, "I think the merch right now is really good. I would say it's getting better each year. My freshmen year I remember liking a couple sweatshirts and the pajama pants, but now there are literally 10 things I'm barely stopping myself from buying."

When asked what she wishes Panther Place would start selling, Kennedy '23 said, "some big fuzzy Prep slippers." Considering how often students wear other types of slippers to school, these would likely be a hit.

Spirit wear is not a necessity for any school – and four decades ago having

any of it was rare – but it certainly helps build community. Now that students have so many choices of Prep-branded clothes to buy, the hope is that at least one of these clothing items will stick with the student for many years to come. When Coach Scott was asked if he still had his varsity letterman jacket, he replied, "I still have it. I still have all the patches. It was special to me... I mean, it was a badge of honor."

PALOMA HISSONG '23  
Staff Writer



## Student Spiritwear Favorites

1975

Seattle Prep becomes coed again, substantially increasing enrollment over the following years.

Prep unveils the Matteo Ricci program, a unified six-year education with Seattle University resulting in the granting of a bachelor's degree.

Collegio is created, combining English, History and Theology into one class taught by three instructors. The class becomes a hallmark of Prep education.



1978

Prep hosts its first model UN. The sophomore collegio project completes with a 2-day model each spring.





# The Hop In: A Neighborhood Landmark Never Forgotten

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Visual Editor

Once beloved landmark in the Prep community is now known by students as an annoying construction site and the location of Burb's Burgers. Now seniors and some juniors look back onto their underclassman years and remember the days of grabbing a sandwich or some chicken strips before grabbing some gas on their way home or to class. The Montlake Market or more commonly known as the "Hop In" was a beloved site for Prep students.

Senior Lucy Kain said, "The hop-in was a place of community for everyone outside of school. I especially miss their dill pickles in a bag."

Washington State Department of Transportation closed the market in 2019 for construction on the 520 Bridge. The market was sold for more than 16 million dollars for a 5-year construction project. The Hop In stood tall for 83 years alongside a gas station. Alumni, teachers and a few upperclassmen have fond memories of the market, and many joined.

A King 5 coverage of the closure described the Hop-In as a staple in the community after standing tall since the 1930's. The fight to save the Hop-In truly began in



PHOTO: WSDOT VIA CREATIVE COMMONS  
The beloved Montlake Market, lovingly nicknamed the "Hop-in" prior to its closing in 2019.

2016 and 2017 due to rumors of its closure, but many current prep students and recent alumni remember 2018 and 2019 when the fight to save the market took off. It was officially announced that the state wanted to buy the site and students and neighbors alike made a stand.

Regan Toepel '20 said, "I would say the Hop In was a place of pure enjoyment. My most fond memory was getting corn dogs with my friends."

Alumni, teachers and a few upper-

classmen have fond memories of the market, and many joined the protest against tearing it down by signing petitions and donating funds. Unfortunately, it was not enough, but the Prep and Montlake community can look back onto the site with fond memories. The annual Christmas tree farm, "promposals" in the parking lot, stopping for gas on the way to practice, or simply enjoying some fried chicken are memories many in the Prep community can share.

# A Fight Song Tradition

AVA PITTS '24  
Staff Writer

Fight! Fight! Fight! Prep is notorious for their Panther Fight Song, a chant yelled by students after sporting events and at school assemblies. But where does this tradition come from? While no one quite knows the origins of the original Prep fight song, the tradition and lyrics have evolved over time to become the beloved song we cheer today.

The original chant was set to the Oregon State fight song melody and sung until 1953. At the time, Seattle Prep was an all-boys school. Lines like, "fight on Panthers, sons of white and blue," and "we'll cheer for every man, we'll cheer at every stand" represented the all-male student body.

Around 1956, the Panther Fight song changed to the version we chant today. It's believed that the Prep music teacher at the time, Thomas Rodrique, who also revived the pep band, changed the lyrics. When asked if he had any knowledge of the evolution of the fight song, Mr. Ellinger, a current math teacher at Prep, said, "The fight song used to have more of a tune with music in the background. It has evolved slowly over the past 25 years to become what it is today, a spirited yelling chant."

In honor of this long held school tradition, the graduating Seniors of 1993 donated The Panther Fight Song banner that now hangs in McHugh Gym.

# Coach Scott: "I Can't Ask for Anything More!"

ANNE ROSKE '23  
Managing Editor

"You can really tell he cares" says RJ Pedersen '23, reflecting on his track coach, Coach Scott, "He cares about students and the school a lot. It seems like Prep is more than just a job to him."

Scott is known for his passionate presence both on the track and on the prep campus.

His presence, however, did not start when he was hired. Scott was first introduced to the Prep community in 1971, when he began attending Prep for his high school education. "Prep just felt like home. It felt like community and I just wanted to come back" Said Scott. Today, he is the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the program head for Co-ed Track and the Black Student Union.

Scott was hired at Prep in 2005 as an assistant football coach. He then transferred into the English department and eventually the Health and Exercise program. Most recently, in 2015, he began working as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. "This was quite a change", said Scott. Due to his everlasting presence on the Prep campus, some students have dubbed him "Deino the Dino." When asked what has changed at prep over his time, he replied



Coach Scott's Senior Yearbook Portrait.

"I think the students and community have become much more caring about each other and the world around them."

"My favorite part is watching the transformation of students and getting to know them." said Scott, reflecting on his favorite part of working at Prep. Being involved in many different aspects of Prep and



Photo: ANNIE ROSKE  
Coach Scott pictured in his office today.

connecting with students with diverse interests, Scott sees Prep for all that it is and all that it can offer.

Having these connections to students has proved very beneficial for Scott. "I speak to many alums, they tell me that I made a difference in their life or in their time at Prep," He says, "I can't ask for any-

thing more."

Throughout his time at Prep, both as a student and as Faculty Member, Coach Scott has embodied the meaning of Virtus in Arduis, and continues to share his passion for education and kindness.

1979	Early 1980s	1999	2002	2003
The Jesuit residence on campus is transferred into a new school house named Peyton Hall in recognition of the family that donated a wheat farm in Eastern Washington to Prep.	Christy L wing is remodeled and named McDonnell Hall.	St. Ignatius Hall and the underground parking garage open. Ignatius Hall becomes the primary center for Collegio.	Collegio classes now represented by names of Jesuits rather than letters of the alphabet. They are re-structured to serve 45 students with 2 teachers, rather than 60 students with 3 teachers.	Principal Dr. Matt Barmore introduces the block schedule to Prep. Kairos comes to Prep. The Junior retreat has created an opportunity for reflection to over 3,000 students.



# 13 Sports, 19 Teams, 1 Goal

BEN OSWALD '25  
Staff Writer



Photo: 1996 Tennis Team poses for a team photo. They ended the season as State Champions.

One of the foremost programs that attracts students to Seattle Prep is the exceptional athletic program. Home to 19 different teams throughout 3 different seasons, Prep holds a prominent history of success across all sports.

With a total of 19 Prep athletic teams, 13 have clinched State championship victories. One noteworthy story is about the boys' and girls' tennis teams who secured State championship titles back-to-back in 1996 and 1997. In the 90s, tennis was co-ed until the State tournament at the end of the season. All season matches as

well as the Metro and District level tournaments were co-ed competitions. Once the team reached the State level, the boys' and girls were scored separately; additionally, there were no mixed doubles at the State level.

Not only did the boys' and girls' tennis teams of 1996 and 1997 dominate their opponents, but their team also included very notable coaches and players. Mark Frisby, the coach, is still a passionate coach of the boys' and girls' tennis teams today. Mrs. Lovejoy, one of Prep's assistant librarians, and Mr. Elsner, the current head of the

girls' basketball program at Prep, were avid players on the team throughout their time at Prep. Mark Frisby was described by Lovejoy, "Mark Frisby is the best coach I've ever had. He made such astute observations and would come on the court between sets to tell us one thing to focus on - it would make all the difference in the outcome of a match."

Additionally, Elsner recounted his time on the team, "The amazing thing about the 1996 and 1997 tennis teams at Prep was that it was a mix of immense talent and camaraderie. While Prep had players committed to play tennis at places like University of Washington, Nebraska, St. Mary's, Pomona and Northwestern, every member of the team was valued and recognized for helping the Panthers bring home back-to-back State titles."

Despite the amazing teachers who were on the team, there was also a plethora of players who went on to play Division 1 tennis. Jeff Eicher, '97, was the singles State champ in '94, '95, '96, and '97, freshman through senior year. He went on to further his love for the game at the University of Washington and is now a tennis professional in the Seattle area.

Another remarkable player was Ndali Ijomah, '97, who transferred to Prep for her junior and senior year. "She came in 2nd in singles at State both of those years, and was integral to the Metro, District and Girls' State championships in both '96 and '97," recalled Lovejoy. She went on to play at the University of Nebraska. On top of that, many players went on to play at Santa Clara University, the University of Portland, St. Mary's University, Pomona College, and Northwestern University. "Lakeside was definitely the big Metro rival in those days,"

## Coleman's Contemplations

The inaugural podcast of the Jack Coleman Show takes you on a deep dive into the experiences of D1 athletes that have been students or faculty here at Seattle Prep. In this episode, Coleman interviews Megan Heuer, former student and cross country runner that now holds a spot in the Hall of Fame, and former University of Washington Soccer player and current Collegio teacher, Mr. Kiehn. Finally, we have prospective D1 athletes Carter Joy '23 and Ben Royce '23. Check it out in the Seattle Prep Panther Pawdcast feed on Spotify and Apple Podcast!

stated Lovejoy. The tennis team of 1996 and 1997 held a prominent place in all of Prep's athletic achievements.

Seattle Prep has been declared the State champions of an abundance of different sports 34 times, the tennis team in the 90s was just one example of this. Prep would not be home to such victorious athletic teams if it were not for the athletic directors, Mr. Reed, and all those before him. Their challenging work behind the scenes allows Prep to compete at a high Metro level and show other schools our dominance across all sports. While athletics is just one thing that makes Seattle Prep what it is, the credit for student athletes will always be exceptional.

# Uncovering Prep's Extra-Curricular Past

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When digging through the Prep development office, one might stumble upon the large archive of olden yearbooks from Prep's past- some stretching back nearly a century. Flipping through these dust-covered gems from Prep's literary vault might reveal some peculiar finds; the Underseas Club? The Sodality Club? Male Cheerleaders? A Prep Hockey team? What happened to all these Prep extracurriculars? Where did they go?

Although Prep currently has a variety of social justice and service clubs aiming to improve community, many others have surfaced throughout Prep's history. The Sodality Club was a service organization founded to encourage the "personal and social development of young Catholic leaders," according to the 1965 edition of the yearbook. The organization visited local nursing homes and conducted annual clothes and food drives, as well as provided for families in need, held dialogues with neighboring high schools, and supported missions among Native Americans at St. Mary's, Alaska.

The Panther Club, first established in 1974, was another Prep club dedicated to ser-

vice that prepared the gym for pep rallies and parent's club meetings, hosted the entrance examinations and the Grade School Speech Tournament, sold tickets at football games, kept score for intramural sports, and completed countless odd jobs around the school, living up to its unwritten motto: "If a hand is needed, The Panther Club is at hand."

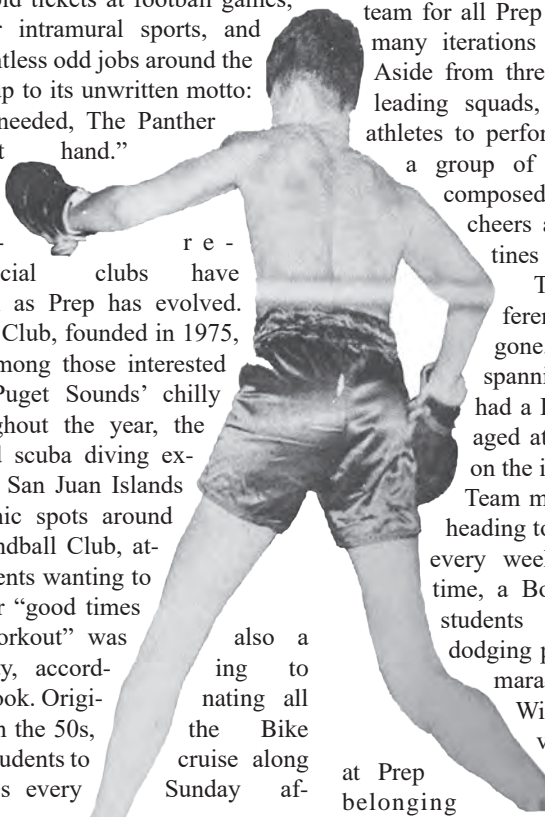
Additionally, countless recreational and social clubs have cycled through as Prep has evolved. The Underseas Club, founded in 1975, was popular among those interested in exploring Puget Sounds' chilly waters. Throughout the year, the club conducted scuba diving excursions to the San Juan Islands and other scenic spots around the Sound. Handball Club, attractive to students wanting to get together for "good times and a hard workout" was popular activity, according to the 1976 yearbook. Originally the way back in the 50s, Club allowed students to with classmates every

ternoon, and the Radio Club helped establish Prep's first public address system to broadcast messages throughout the school.

Panther Pack, the renowned cheer team for all Prep sports, has gone through many iterations throughout the decades. Aside from three different female cheer-leading squads, the Yell Kings pushed athletes to perform their best. They were a group of male cheerleaders who composed new lyrics to traditional cheers and developed fresh routines to entertain the crowds.

Throughout the years different sports have come and gone. Starting in 1972, and spanning only a few years, Prep had a Hockey team that encouraged athletes to get comfortable on the ice. In the late 40s, the Ski Team made its debut, with skiers heading to the pass to hit the slopes every weekend. Around the same time, a Boxing team existed, with students practicing self-defense, dodging punches, and building camaraderie.

With 75% of students involved in a seasonal sport and countless students belonging to more than one club,



Prep students do more than just study. Extracurricular activities have evolved throughout the decades, and they remain an integral part of a Prep student's identity.

## THE BOXING MYSTERY

Throughout our search for former Prep sport and activities, Margot and I hit wall after wall in our researching the Seattle Prep boxing team. Rumors that it existed, didn't exist, wasn't an actual team. Prep's boxing history is shrouded in mystery.

After a hint from Prep's resident archivist, Mrs. Lovejoy, we headed to the development office. After flipping through over 70 years of yearbooks (with the help of Mrs. Freeburg), Margot and I found one photo. ONE. On the very last page of the 1947 edition of the yearbook, there was one photo that proved the existence of a Seattle Prep boxing team (pictured). After digging through nearly a century of yearbooks and newspapers, scanning through a mysterious spreadsheet of every Prep sport to ever exist, and calling an alum from the class of '51, we can definitively say that there was, in fact, a boxing team at Seattle Prep.

Many mysteries still surround the Seattle Prep Boxing team- The official active dates of the Boxing team, their practice facility, and their boxing league are all unknown. Perhaps a further dive into the depths of Seattle Prep's extracurricular history will yield more fascinating discoveries.

## 2004

Counselor Jolene Boyle starts the first Young Women's retreat for sophomore girls. Six years later, Brian Mack of Community Ministry creates Young Men's Retreat for sophomore boys.

## 2007

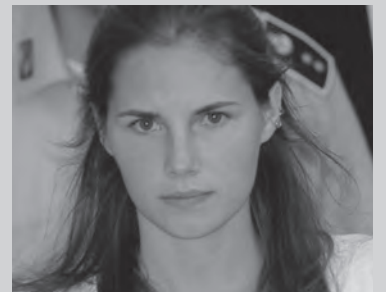
Kent Hickey arrives at Prep, assuming role as President until 2022.

Prep dance program, PULSE, is founded by Community minister Bei Bernal.



## 2008

Prep graduate Amanda Knox '05 jailed for murder in Italy, drawing world-wide attention. Seattle Prep publicly supports the alum based on its commitment to cura personalis "Care for the person." Knox is eventually found innocent and returns to Seattle.





DOUBLE DECADE  
DOMINATION

BY AUDREY CROMETT '24  
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“TWENTY YEARS AGO, SEATTLE PREP WAS UNBEATABLE...”

Twenty years ago, Seattle Prep was unbeatable. Over 40 Panthers were crowned state champions while even more basked in the glory of winning Metro League and District titles.

Girls’ Volleyball, led by senior Jenica Leonard and coach Eagan, went 6-1 throughout the regular season and continued to dominate throughout the metro, district, and state tournaments. They capped off their season with a win against Columbia River, keeping the trophy at home after successfully defending their State win the year prior.

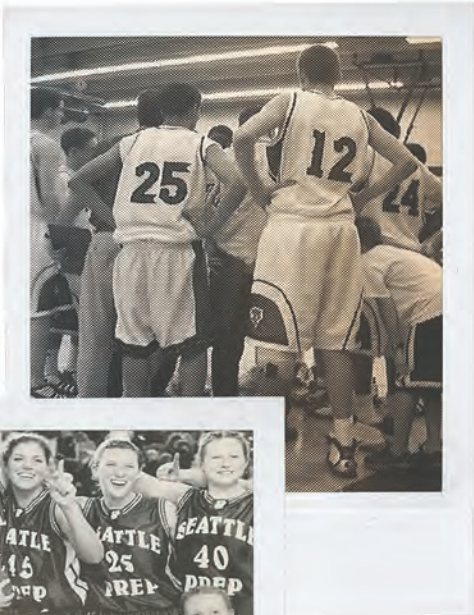
The Panther’s success on the court didn’t stop there. On their own court, the tennis team served their way to victory. They not only won state, but metros and districts as well! Their undefeated season ended with a 7-4 victory, and to make it even sweeter, they defeated heavy rivals Lakeside. Brett Blasingame, Ryan Slemons, Lauren Cook, and Caitlyn Coakley were all a part of the 2001 tennis team as well, getting to experience not only one but two state titles. Yes, they went back-to-back!

During the fall, the girls’ basketball team was crowned metro league winners as well as making a deep run into the state tournament. They fell short in a bitter defeat; however they kept their heads up high and managed to secure the silver medal, 2nd place. They were not the only girls’ team to win either. During the spring, the golf team, led by Sarah Miller, won the Metro League too. Miller played a huge role for the Panther’s throughout the season and was rightly named Metro League individual champion.

To add to the slew of trophies won during the 2002 season, boys lacrosse took the state title while boys baseball won the Metro League championship. Unfortunately, last year’s athletic season was cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the Panther’s didn’t let this stop them! Both boys’ and girls’ basketball as well as girls’ soccer and cross country won their respective Metro League titles! That leaves you asking that question; what could have happened if the Panther’s were able to compete throughout the full year?



2001-2002 Varsity Tennis Team



2002

BY MIA SCHWARTZ '24  
Staff Writer

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY  
Prep’s Most Athletic Families



PHOTO: Seattle Prep Yearbook  
Bea Franklin ‘19 starred at Prep before playing at Notre Dame and Arkansas.

One may notice the bountiful athletic successes of Prep’s past scattered on the walls of McHugh Gym. You may even notice some reoccurring last names... but who are some of these athletically accomplished people? Families like the Woodward, and Franklins have left a legacy at Prep for both what they achieved in their time at Prep and after.

All-star trio Jalen, Jaxon, and Jayce Woodward have had stunning athletic records throughout their time at Prep and beyond. Oldest sister, Jalen played on the varsity soccer team all four of her years at Prep. She was named first-team All-Metro for her junior and senior seasons and was selected as Metro League MVP her senior year. During her final season at Prep, she was named an All-American player. Jalen is now a senior at USC and plays midfield for their women’s soccer team. Brother, Jaxon was a star in both football and basketball. As a senior, he played QB and was named second-team all-metro. He now plays football at the University of Idaho. Youngest sibling Jayce is currently a senior at Prep and has played on the varsity soccer team for her last four years at Prep. This year she was named first-team All-Metro and All-Metro co-MVP. She is committed to USC to continue her successful soccer career.

Siblings, Jesse, and Bea Franklin were named Gatorade Player of the Year in their respective sports. Jesse Franklin was named player of the year for his 2016-2017 baseball season and was ranked as Washington’s No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2017. During his time at Prep, his list of feats grew long, including being named all-metro his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He received many awards including the 2017 Seattle Times Star Times All-Area player, 2017 Washington Athletic 101 Club Scholar-Athlete Award, 2017 Perfect Game Washington State Player of the Year, and many more. He went on to play for Michigan and was extraordinarily successful in his first year and second year seasons. In 2020, he was drafted to the Atlantic Braves, third round, overall pick ninety-seven. Just two years later, younger sister, Bea Franklin was named Gatorade Player of the Year for her 2018-2019 soccer season and scored 59 career goals. During her high school seasons, she was named two-time first-team All-State selection, and 2017 Esmark Soccer All-American. She was also a member of the National Honors Society, and a class officer all four of her years at Prep. She began her collegiate career at Notre Dame, playing in 15 games and starting in four.

2014

Construction on Adelphia Memorial Hall, Peyton Hall, Fr. Healy Chapel and Theater, Lee Family Arts Center, Rudolf field, Peyton Plaza, Ohno Field at Montlake, and Our Lady of Montserrat Chapel completes.

2015

St. Ignatius statue installed at the center of campus.



2016

Prep’s 125th anniversary.



2017

Seattle Prep no longer offers the Matteo Ricci program.

2019

Lico Athletic Complex gym lobby is renovated.



2020

Seattle Prep goes temporarily digital and uses Zoom and Teams to meet with students during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



# PREP

## Senior Shenanigans: History of Prep Pranksters

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Between slip and slides, carnival games, and tents covering the plaza, Prep students never fail to go above and beyond with senior class pranks. For the past few decades, almost every senior class has contributed a lighthearted prank to the Prep community, usually sometime in May or June.

"I really like that none of the pranks have been destructive... only clever," said Mr. Danielson. While the antics have proved to be elaborate, the spirit of the tradition has always outweighed any disciplinary actions taken.

In past years, Danielson's personal favorite pranks have been, a mobile petting zoo, PROM being mowed into the grass, and students signing their names and colleges on the sidewalks in chalk.

The foundation of Prep is based in its community, leadership, and passion, which is executed through its dedication to said traditions. "Music, petting zoos, slip and slides, BBQ meals, tents galore," said Mr. Meza "It's awesome."

In his 25 years at Prep, Mr. Barmore has seen a variety of senior pranks by various classes. "A class planted tulip bulbs

on the plaza that spelled out their graduation year- I believe it was around 2016," Barmore mentioned when reflecting on his favorite senior pranks.

For the last several years, the senior class sets up tents all over the plaza and spends the night on campus as one of the final festivities as a class before graduation. Multiple teachers love the tradition this has become for the senior class, especially because, "the first year it happened it was a prank, but it's been a tradition now," said Danielson. For the most part, pranks have been relatively tame over the years, although Barmore remarked, "I guess in some ways, deciding to sleep on campus in the plaza and cook breakfast for each other was pretty crazy until it became tradition."

Prep is centered around bonding students through sports, retreats, assemblies, etc. Senior year is especially focused on helping the class bond and make a lasting mark on Prep before going their separate ways, and the senior prank is no exception to this. Barmore especially believes the senior pranks "encourage the senior class to mark their exit from the school in a creative (and hopefully fun) way."



## DOUBLE FEATURE



Seniors

Still At  
LARGE!

## What Prep Predicts

HOBBS HEGEDUS '22  
Visual Editor

The New Year is here, and Prep students already have their predictions lined up. Common trends for guesses; stock crashes, celebrity deaths, and other bizarre guesses. When asked, the most frequent answers were about Joe Biden's death. Not surprisingly, most guesses were made about celebrities. William Bollich '22 predicted "Jeff Bezos will have a serious allegation come out, and lose a lot of money." In other celebrity news, Maria Russo '22 suggested "MGK and Megan Fox will break up". Additionally, "Danny Devito will be hospitalized" said Zachary Hauck '22.

Possible country tensions were also discussed, spurred on by the Ukraine and Russia conflict. "A summit will occur between Putin and US" predicted Daniel Faricy '22. On the other hand, Faricy also believes that on "September 2nd, Queen Elizabeth will die."

On the topic of the world stage, many people do not see an end to COVID or it's variants any time soon. As senior Liam Krikawa stated "They are going to run out of Greek letters for COVID variants."

For those focused on the sports world, Aidan Bilger said "Haas will win the Constructor championship" which is a cumulative racing competition among F1 manufacturers. Additionally, James Larkin '22 optimistically predicted "The Mariners will win the world series."

Besides the celebrities, politics, and stocks, a horrifying number of guesses

were dedicated to the resurgence of Among Us. However, seeing as nobody has a crystal ball, it will take time to validate or debunk these predictions.

## Down The Hobbit Hole

