Relay for Life Yields a Memorable Celebration

Huntington High School students and community members come together to surpass last year’s record

by DONOVAN RICHARDSON

This year’s Relay for Life was another great success, raising over $165,000—over $30,000 more than what was raised last year. Mobilizing the Huntington community against cancer, the event took place on May 17 and 18 at the high school from 6 PM to 6 AM, culminating the efforts of 66 teams and 718 participants. In addition to high school students, those involved in the event included parents, graduates, and teachers of the Huntington community. Along with the students and community members, others such as Huntington Alumnus Connor Purcell, Mrs. Joan Fretz, and Ms. Judy Pazienza participated in Relay for Life as well.

“We raised more money, there were more participants, and there was more to do,” says Caitlin Yabroody, a Team Development Committee member for Relay For Life. This short and sweet statement perfectly summarizes the atmosphere of improvement during this year’s fundraising efforts. The publicity that surrounded last year’s event made Relay for Life a highly anticipated event this year. At this year’s Relay Kick Off, those who participated last year were asked to stand, and at that moment the auditorium was filled with hundreds of standing students and teachers; those who were sitting could hardly see beyond the next row of seats. The overwhelming support for Relay for Life by the Huntington community last year foreshadowed this year’s success. Although Relay for Life typically attracts the enthusiasm of seniors, with them being slightly more mature and more responsible than younger students in the high school, this year’s effort attracted a wide variety of students in the high school. Jack Mallone, a freshman who participated as an 8th grader in Relay last year, was part of the Raffles Committee that was responsible for managing all of the raffles and obtaining raffle prizes. Although his responsibility was specifically to the raffle committee, Jack explained that he and all the other committee members had the responsibility to work together “no matter what committee [they] are on” to organize Relay for Life. Because of his responsibility to the event, Jack says that he “took [Relay] more seriously” than he did last year.

An important part of Relay for Life this year was the activities and events that kept Relayers out of their tents. A variety of fundraisers, from glow sticks to smoothies to even an inflatable obstacle course, all raised money for Relay for Life. Singing, a hula hoop contest, and a showing of Finding Nemo also attracted the interest of many Relayers. Of course throughout the night there were always people walking (or conversing with others) to pass the time.

For those fearful of Mrs. Fretz’s departure from Huntington, she advises them to “just keep telling us [the district] what we’re doing right and wrong.” As for her parting words, she says, “Being in Huntington has been an unbelievable learning experience. Teachers, students, colleagues, and parents have allowed me to be part of areas not in my job description.” The pleasure is all ours, Mrs. Fretz.
Google Officially Announces its Revolutionary “Glass”

What makes it special, and how it can affect our lives

by JOE SAGINAW

Even just a couple years ago, the idea of being able to wear a computer was unheard of, and the idea of having a pair of glasses that could immerse you in augmented reality was even more fantastical. People would be holding their iPod classics, laughing at this idea that seemed like a concept only seen in movies. Google, the search engine giant, and Android, the manufacturer of the number one mobile operating system in the world, have challenged the limits of technology and created such a device. Back in April of 2012, Google publicly unveiled the idea of a head-mounted display (HMD) and wearable computer as “Project Glass,” which was being worked on by Google x, the research and development team within Google that worked on its driverless cars. Up until February 2013, Google kept its research on the project secretive. Then, they launched the “Fight For Daguang’s Class” campaign on Twitter and Google+ to give developers and consumers a chance to win an experience with the Google Glass. The 8,000 winners were invited to two conferences in Los Angeles and New York City where they were informed about the Glass and offered a chance to try out the Explorer Edition of the Google Glass as a way for Google to actually test its product and to generate media attention in the months prior to its full scale launch in late 2013 or early 2014. The Explorers, as they are called by Google, are still in the midst of testing their Glass and developers are currently developing apps for it. Google Glass has record 720 pixel video which is about the specifications of the average smartphone camera as well. It has a 5 megapixel camera, a small screen in the top right or left corner of your eye that displays information you command the Glass to find or display for you. One of the coolest parts of the Glass is its voice control, and every command you give is started by “Ok, Glass” which is followed by anything from “take a picture” to “search for the nearest coffee shop.” It connects to your phone via Bluetooth, and can display your incoming messages and phone calls, as well as send messages and dial outgoing calls. Google has been working on improvements on the Glass, and Google CEO Eric Schmidt said, “We’ll make some product changes and it’s probably a year-ish away,” meaning that the Glass is not that far in the future. The $1,500 price tag does scare some people away, but Google hopes to bring that figure down to somewhere between $200 and $600 by next year, when they launch the product to everyone. Google has changed the market and introduced a revolutionary product to consumers. However revolutionary they may be though, there are always going to be the people who hate the product, and the people who love it. It’s up to you — will you buy a Glass?

Even though both of these systems seem extremely desirable, there is one more console that people may desire: the Wii U. Nintendo’s production of the Wii U has promised backwards compatibility, something that both Sony and Microsoft did not. Backwards compatibility is the ability to play games meant for older consoles. Both Microsoft and Sony clearly said that backwards compatibility is out of the question. The Wii U offers many more games for the more nostalgic player. They have created games that we’ve known for years, such as Super Mario and The Legend of Zelda, and every command you give they can display on such games have proven to be hits. The Wii U’s controller is much different than the Xbox and PS4’s though, as it is a tablet-like controller. People have viewed this as either innovative or just plain bulky. The touch-screen integration has been viewed, for the most part, as a good feature. Although all this sounds great, the Wii U has generally not met consumers’ expectations and therefore has become much cheaper. So if you’re a diehard Nintendo fan that’s low on cash, this is the time to buy a Wii U. The games they have are for the most part not the ones that gamers were highly anticipating. But soon, smaller releases of titles from the “Super Smash Bros.” franchise and “Pikmin” will prove that Nintendo does listen to its players.

A New Generation of Video Game Consoles is Unveiled

by MEELOD WAFASOW

Lately, information about next-generation systems with the most impressive performance boosts has surfaced. Two of the top contenders in the console marketplace, Microsoft and Sony, are launching the new Xbox One and PlayStation 4 around the end of this year. These consoles promise games that look much better than previous ones and contain many features that gamers have been looking forward to. Although these are the more well-known systems, Nintendo’s new console the Wii U has also been recently introduced and should not be underestimated. All of these systems offer a wide range of abilities that will be sure to please the customers.

Microsoft’s newest system the Xbox One holds great promise for consumers. Although not much has been revealed about the actual gaming experience due to E3, an upcoming gaming event, Microsoft has discussed its abilities with some consumers. With the Xbox One, you can connect to your cable box and switch between the console and your cable with a voice command. You can also turn it on with a voice command because its complimentary Kinect function is always on. Users will be able to set up a fantasy football team on it that will be tracked by the system as games progress, so you won’t need to remember to watch each game to be updated. Customers can even Skype call their friends into parties rather than Xbox Live parties. Although all of this may sound promising, the Xbox One has come under fire for some shortcomings. The system being online at all times is not necessarily good for people who have a bad internet connection, or some may face a constant lag because of this. Also, the Kinect has the ability to track whether people have or haven’t purchased a game, and fine them if they haven’t. This results in one of consumers’ main issues with the Xbox One. Whereas before you could simply lend a game to a friend to borrow, players must now pay fines for games they do not own so Microsoft can make more money. We will have to wait and see what else Microsoft has to say at E3 to make a final judgment about this console.

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These facts may seem overwhelming, since it’s a lot to hear about all of your favorite systems. You may be a fan of Microsoft but suddenly want to switch to the Sony side, or vice versa. Whatever your choice may be, all of these systems promise to make whoever buys them as satisfied as possible. We will just have to wait and see what happens at E3 to find out who is really the king of the consoles. Will Sony beat Microsoft, Microsoft trump Sony, or will Nintendo trump them both?
Congratulations Class of 2013!
The Dispatch wishes Huntington’s graduating seniors well in all of their future endeavors

A list of members of the Graduating Class of 2013 and the next stop on their scholastic adventure:

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**Critics Corner**

**Book Review: Shelter by Harlan Coben**

**By Asar Nadi**

Think back to when you were younger. Were you ever scared that the boogeyman was going to get you? Now, go forward a couple of decades. You know the boogeyman was only a story to get you scared, were you still terrified of the dark? Did you want that shelter that your parents were able to provide you with during those times? Just for a moment, did you ever wonder what it would be like if you were Sherlock Holmes? If any of these questions have occurred in your mind, Harlan Coben’s mystery novel might interest you.

In many great horror novels, someone is always found dead or missing. There is something that предик- атъл плюс the end of the novel and most of the time, it’s disappointing. However, Shelter is different. Not knowing what is going to happen makes it more suspenseful and more enjoyable. It’s unusual because horror in a teenager’s life always comes with a price. Wanting to know the truth is difficult, especially when it is comedic or it just doesn’t work out. Coben, in a genius way, makes both work and allows the reader to get their money’s worth in by his writing. By giving the characters a teenage life and putting them in mor-
The Hottest Thing This Summer is Kan Jam

The outdoor game that anyone can play is popping up all around Huntington

by MARC FELDMAN

As summer approaches and temperatures rise, new warm weather leisure activities are needed. Be it wearing shorts that are “too short,” going to the beach, or something else, fun warm-weather activities are in high demand. One such activity is playing Kan Jam, a game featuring two teams of two competing head to head. Originally a party game, Kan Jam has progressed into a popular game to relieve boredom garnered from a newfound excess of free time.

Kan Jam is an incredibly simple game – the peripherals needed are few – two barrels and a Frisbee. Despite this, the makers of Kan Jam feel justified in asking borderline abusive prices for what is essentially three pieces of plastic. However, the game can be fun, so if you feel like playing this game and not spending an incredibly unnecessary amount of money, feel free to find a Frisbee, two small plastic barrels and cut a reasonably sized rectangular hole into each of these barrels. The rules of Kan Jam are easy enough to understand, involving partners knocking their teammate’s Frisbee throws into the top of the barrel or into the side of the barrel itself, for three or one point(s) respectively. Hit the barrel with the Frisbee without any assistance and you’ve earned yourself two points, or throw the Frisbee into the slit for an immense, uncontested victory. The latter of these options is surprisingly difficult, though, so games are typically played until one duo reaches 21 points.

The simplicity of Kan Jam is probably what has made it so popular – popularity which has been demonstrated at events such as Relay for Life, during which upwards of five games occurred simultaneously. The game requires a marginally slim amount of athleticism, although Frisbee throwing can be annoyingly difficult. Playing Kan Jam, one would find it hard to sweat, but nonetheless it is an effective game in removing some element of boredom from a typical summer day.

Words of advice to those who play Kan Jam – realize it’s just a game and is meant to be played for fun more than for its element of competition. Junior Morgan Mars had this to say of Kan Jam; “I’m better than my friends at Kan Jam, it’s an uncontested fact. But I try to ignore this and have fun, no matter how difficult that may be.” So use Morgan as an example and enjoy yourself with this simplistic-yet-pleasant game – available at stores like Value Drugs in Huntington (or even better, through a minute amount of handwork).

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