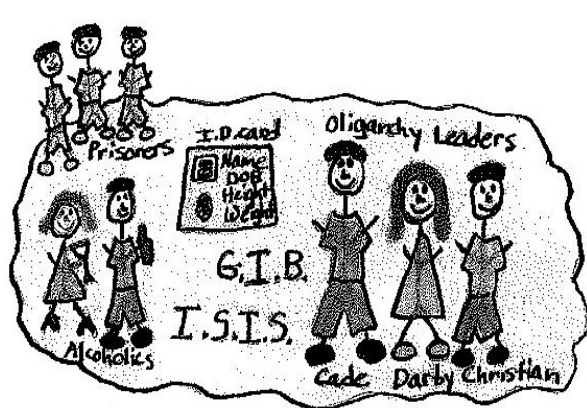


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SENIOR MOCK GOVERNMENTS



Germerkorina - Harambe

GERMERKORINA-HARAMBE

By Darby Dickinson

Mr. Harris' second period government class took a hands-on approach to government this semester by forming a mock government. The class of ten seniors decided upon an oligarchy with Cade Broadley, Darby Dickinson, and Christian Garcia as the three oligarchy leaders.

The name of the country is Germerkorina-Harambe, which represents the different countries the people in the class are from (Germany, America, South Korea, and China), and some students' fascination with Harambe the gorilla.

The country's mission statement is: "We the people of Germerkorina-Harambe are dedicated to protecting our citizens, ensuring truth and fairness, providing a sense of community and peace, and striving for continual advancement and betterment of our citizens and nation in this here Constitution of Germerkorina-Harambe."

Mr. Harris devised the terrain and location of the mock country, which is an island the size of Cuba, next to Cuba. The class assisted the oligarchs in forming a constitution, bill of rights, and additional amendments as situations arose in the country.

As the leaders added to the government's structure, Mr. Harris found faults in the government's organization and



The Kingdom of Mannotopia

MANNOTOPIA

By Megan Brockway

Mannotopia is a project in Mr. Harris's 6th period government class in which the students created a government from scratch. The students had the freedom to build the government into whatever sort of government that they pleased, and this particular class chose to create a monarchy with a nobility influence. Below is a dramatic retelling of the history of Mannotopia.

It was a peaceful day in the Country

The messenger approached the unsuspecting nobles with news that would change everything: King Manuel and his only heir to the throne had been killed in a terrible accident.

The anarchy exploded almost immediately as nobles and peasants alike scrambled to claim the throne. Suddenly, out of the darkness, there rode the most beautiful girl that the country had ever seen. No one knew her, but everyone pretended to know her as she rode through the town with her head held high.

When she reached the castle, the nobles began questioning her relevance to the king's throne. The messenger hastily rushed in behind her and hurried to announce that she was, in fact, the previously unknown heir to the throne, as she was the only illegitimate child of the king. Everyone in the

Germerkorina-Harambe continued

came up with situations for the class to solve by adding additional amendments to revise and add to the current constitution.

The legal drinking age for wine and beer in the country was set at seventeen and hard liquor at eighteen; all of the hospitals were privately owned with no government regulation, and there was no medical insurance program for low-income individuals. This resulted in an abundance of poor people becoming alcoholics and being denied medical care due to the hospitals not having to serve people without insurance.

Another major problem the country faced was members of I.S.I.S. becoming citizens due to the citizenship test being too simple.

These problems were fixed by creating an insurance program for people who earned less than a certain amount of money each year, and creating an internal threat plan by forming the Germerkorina-Harambe Intelligence Bureau (G.I.B.), which is a government agency funded by three percent of the income tax and composed of the elite of all the military branches and the military police, to investigate possible terrorists by whatever means necessary and decide whether or not to deport or execute them.

The process for obtaining citizenship was expanded to require that people pass the twenty-question citizenship test with at least seventy-five percent proficiency, and people seeking citizenship were required to have lived in the country for a minimum of four years.

The country has a prison system in which prisoners work for the duration of their sentence while wearing pink uniforms, pink shoes, and using pink towels. The prisoners work eight hours a day without the conveniences of normal civilians, such as television.

Mannotopia continued

kingdom was stunned, especially the king's recently widowed wife.

The stranger took the name of King Manuel II, as all descendants of the throne must take the original king's name.

At once, she began writing decrees and establishing systems that Mannotopia had never heard of, such as public school systems and farming "regulations". The doubt that she would not live up to the standards of the "true king", as they now referred to King Manuel, quickly set in amongst the peasants and nobles.

In order to cope with the loss of their king, the peasants began acting out and attempted to create mutant animals in an attempt to overthrow the government.

The peasants were not the only ones who were acting out, however, because the nobles established a law that would send the children of peasants to work in the mines until they reached an unacceptable height.

The country unsurely remained under her command for years, until one fateful day when all hope would be restored.

The United Nations told Mannotopia (via messenger) that, in order not to be bombed or invaded, it would have to abolish animal mutation and child labor.

After receiving this notice from the U.N., King Manuel II sprang into action. In a matter of two days, she managed to end animal mutation *and* set up child labor laws that would not cause people to lose their jobs. King Manuel II managed to restore and facilitate the growth of the nation's economy, and she also restored the faith of the people, not only in her, but also in the country they love.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS ALBUM

By Thao Nguyen

This year the SBP choir is going to sell a Christmas album recorded by Mr. Agnew, instead of hosting a Christmas concert in the church, as they did last year.

The choir recently finished recording the Christmas carols and hymns. The album was recorded in the Abbey Church, so the sound could be captured well and have an echo effect on the recording. Some of the songs are sung by the high

school choir, some by the chamber choir, and some by the middle school choir.

The Christmas album will be available for anyone to purchase. It will be available to download, and will cost \$10.

All proceeds from the record sales will help fund the Fine Arts department at SBP, which will give the department, especially the choir, opportunities to do more projects.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Bernard Prep hosted the annual Thanksgiving Service on Friday, November 18 in the Abbey Church, with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner served afterwards in the Dining Hall for visiting clergy and students.

Numerous visiting clergy invited by St. Bernard students were in attendance for the service and reception, and some read the readings or gave the sermon during the service.

During the service, various students brought forth and placed gifts on the altar to represent various objects to be thankful for, including: different countries, academics, sports, and extracurricular activities.

Those in attendance were also treated to singing and music by the St. Bernard Prep band and choir members.

SGA HAPPENINGS

By Cade Broadley

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for organizing various charitable fundraisers along with activities to keep the level of school spirit at a maximum. The SGA members are: Paul Schartung, (President), Isabella Cline (Vice President), Emma Pierce (Secretary), and Elliot Deep (Treasurer). The SGA faculty sponsor is Mrs. Pope. The SGA has been busy this year, from coordinating the canned food drive for Saint Vincent DePaul to planning Homecoming Week and the Homecoming Dance.

The SGA members all spent time making posters and collecting canned goods for the food drive that took place before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Along with a few other



RECENT EVENTS

By Darby Dickinson

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday, December 9, St. Bernard Prep's band and choir performed their annual Christmas concert in the Abbey Byre.

The middle school, concert, and jazz bands performed for Sacred Heart students in the Byre that morning and for SBP faculty, staff, and students in the afternoon.

Those in attendance were treated to various renditions of numerous Christmas songs that showcased solo performances by some of the band and choir members. The chamber choir also led the audience in one of the songs during the performance.

The concert concluded with everyone singing along to "Jingle Bell Rock."

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Spanish students led a Rosary in the Abbey Church on Monday, December 12, followed by a celebration and reception in the Dining Hall to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Rosary was led in Spanish, and those who participated during the Rosary include: Edson Silva, Yesmin Leon, Manny Rocha, Isabel Santiago, and Isaias Robles, along with Mr. Baillargeon.

Numerous Spanish students and their families assisted during the reception in the Dining Hall by performing traditional Spanish dances and giving out tamales, sweet bread, and Mexican hot chocolate. Manny Rocha and Luis Sanchez also gave a presentation on the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe in English and in Spanish

students, they boxed all the canned food items and delivered them to the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank, to be given to families in need during the holiday season. While the original goal was to donate 2,016 canned goods to the food bank, Saint Bernard (Middle School and High School) donated a little over 1,000 items to the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank.

The members, along with the class officers, are currently busy planning Homecoming Week and the Homecoming Dance. The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Friday, January 13, in the Byre. The dance will start after the last basketball game, around 8 p.m., and last until 11 p.m. Many fun events are being planned for Homecoming Week, and details will be announced soon.

JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday, December 14, the St. Bernard Jazz Band performed Christmas music at Lowe's Home Improvement in Cullman for holiday shoppers. The performance also featured Mr. Baillargeon as guest soloist on trumpet.

SIGNING DAY

By Katelyn Cowie

SBP Senior Katelyn Cowie signed with Birmingham-Southern College on Tuesday, December 2, to continue her running career in college.

Katelyn enjoyed signing day and was happy that she could share this moment with some of her friends and family. Rosie Mami, Sarah Anna McCarthy, Eva Barck, and M.K. Dollar attended this event with her. Her goals while competing at BSC are “to help the team make it to nationals and improve on my times.”



She will specialize in the 400, 800, and 1500 in track, and the 6K in cross country. If it was not for her coach and her friends pushing her, she would probably not be at this moment in her life.

Katelyn will miss all the wonderful memories she has made in running at her time at St. Bernard, and hopes that she can make many more in the next four years.

ST. BERNARD BOYS BOWLING

By Graham Sanders

The St. Bernard Boys bowling team is off to a good start this year, with victories over Lindsay Lane, Corner, John Paul II and Cullman. Coached by Mrs. Willoughby and Mr. Ayers, they have vastly improved from last season.

Team Captain Arnel Calinao says: "We are the underdogs, but underdogs always prevail in the end, so don't count us out."

Garret Marti says: "We try to hit the pins whenever we can."

The team is comprised of mostly seniors, including: Arnel Calinao, Garret Marti, Marco Tona, Jalen Lee, Graham Sanders, Geonwoo Kim, Sam Chiodo and Dominic Pautler. The other team members are junior Josh Chiodo and sophomore Elliot Deep.



The team has most of their matches at the Cullman Bowling Center, and there is no charge to watch. The last match scheduled is January 9 at the Cullman Bowling Center at 5pm, although dates and times are subject to change.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MR. BURKS

By Luke Merrill

Mr. Burks is the Forensics, Anatomy, and Conceptual Chemistry and Physics teacher at St. Bernard Prep.

This is his second year at SBP, and he is also the tennis coach and is known for selling snacks in order to pay for anything the tennis team could need.

Mr. Burks taught at four schools prior to SBP, and has experience in teaching “a little of everything.” However, at SBP he is best known for teaching Forensics, and he has expressed a liking for the subject on multiple occasions.

He graduated from Delta State, where he was quarterback for the Fighting Okra’s football team.

His favorite thing about teaching at St. Bernard is: “having fun with students in class.” When asked for advice, he replied that “The key to having a good life is good decision making.”



SBP SPOTLIGHTS

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CAITLYN NORMAN

By Darby Dickinson

Senior Caitlyn Norman was born and raised in Cullman, Alabama, where she still resides.

Caitlyn decided to attend SBP when she had to choose between Cullman and SBP and could not get into Cullman due to living outside of the city limits and a small number of spots available for new students. She visited St. Bernard once in sixth grade, but did not have a formal shadow day.

She has been attending SBP since the seventh grade, and next year she plans on attending a college somewhere along the coast and pursuing a career in Marine Biology.

Caitlyn has an older brother who attended SBP for only his ninth grade year and a younger brother, Caleb Norman, who is in eighth grade this year at SBP. She has a pet dog and about seven cats. Her favorite subject is math, and her hobbies include hunting, singing, and anything involving animals or spending time outdoors. She also loves her truck, even though it breaks down on her.

Caitlyn used to play soccer, but has been cheering for several years now. She cheered while in fourth through sixth grade at Sacred Heart and has been cheering since seventh grade at SBP.

Caitlyn is a flyer in cheer, and says her favorite part about cheering is: "Being able to encourage the team."

When asked for a story about cheerleading, Caitlyn said, "At camp a few years back we were doing the dance for our parents and they dropped me in the stunt."

She said that her experience so far this year as SBP's cheerleading team captain has been good, and she has enjoyed it.

Caitlyn's advice to underclassmen is: "As long as you have your homework and study as hard as you can, you should be fine. Also, do not let anyone tell [you] who you should be; do what you want to do."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ISABELLA CLINE

By Darby Dickinson



St. Bernard Prep Senior Isabella Cline was born in Birmingham, Alabama, where she lived for a few years before moving to Kimberly, Alabama, where she currently resides.

She decided to attend SBP after her older brother attended SBP, and she heard good things about the school from people at her church, but she did not have a formal shadow day.

This is Isabella's sixth year at SBP, and after she graduates she plans on attending either the University of Alabama at Birmingham or the University of South Alabama. She plans on majoring in biology and pursuing a career as a dermatologist.

Isabella has an older brother, Nathan Cline, who is an alumnus of SBP, and a pet dog named Daisy. Her favorite subject is Morals and Ethics, and some of her hobbies include playing piano, volleyball, soccer, and bowling.

Isabella is the Senior class President, National Honor Society Secretary, and the Vice President of the SGA. She

is in the National Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, Mu Alpha Theta, and choir. Isabella is also a student ambassador and a house leader for Metten.

She plays the drums in SBP's Jazz Band and has been playing in the band for six years. Her favorite part about playing in the jazz band is: "I get to do what I want that fits the song."

When asked if she had any interesting stories to share about playing in the band, she said that a few years ago Mr. Harris left for a while during Bloomin' Festival and they played "Coming Home Baby" for twenty minutes.

Isabella is on SBP's volleyball, bowling, and soccer teams. She said that she enjoys playing these sports to stay active, and "I love soccer!"

When asked if she had an interesting story she wanted to share from one of the sports she plays, she said that one time in soccer a girl gave her a technical, and Isabella accidentally bit the girl's arm when it flew into her mouth. Now her coaches tease her about this event.

Isabella's advice to underclassmen is: "Apply themselves as much as they can so they will appreciate it in the future."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: HUNTER LOONEY

By Darby Dickinson

SBP Senior Hunter Looney was born in Birmingham, Alabama, where he lived for a short time before moving to Cullman, where he currently resides.

Hunter said that his parents made the decision for him to attend SBP, but he shadowed Dean Smith before attending SBP.

This is Hunter's sixth year at SBP, and he plans to attend Wallace State Community College's Law Enforcement School and eventually pursue a career in law enforcement as a Patrol Deputy.

Hunter is an only child who has three pet dogs: a Yorkipoo named Jack, a Shih Tzu, and a Chihuahua Terrier mix. His favorite subject is Forensics, and some of his hobbies include farming, hunting, and singing. Hunter has also been on SBP's baseball team since he was in ninth grade.

Hunter is passionate about working as a volunteer firefighter at the Walter Volunteer Fire Department, where he has been working unofficially since he was fourteen and officially since he turned eighteen. He decided to become a firefighter when some of the men at his church who were firemen convinced him to join the department.

Hunter says what he most enjoys about being a firefighter is: "I get to ride in the fire truck and help people that most of the time I know in a small community." He also added, "Truck number four is my baby."

Recently, Hunter received a new Bullard Traditional Fire Helmet that is black and will have a shield on the front with his name, rank, and radio number.

When asked to describe his job as a volunteer firefighter, he said that they "go and try to help people out when they have an emergency."

When asked if he has had any interesting experiences during his time as a firefighter, Hunter said that one time an older lady would not stop her car, and almost ran over him, until another firefighter threw his helmet at the lady's vehicle.

Hunter's advice to underclassmen is: "I got through, so you can make it through [too]."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: SAM CHIDO

By Luke Merrill

Sam Chido is an 18-year-old senior at St. Bernard Prep.

He boarded his first year, but is now a day student and commutes with his brother, junior Josh Chido. Sam has five siblings, including Josh, and is generally on good relations with all of them.

He is also very active in sports, participating in tennis, bowling, and the discus toss for track and field.

His favorite subject is AP chemistry, though it does keep him from getting to choir on occasion. He enjoys the Fine Arts program, but dislikes the long walks to get from building to building, "because I'm lazy."

When asked to give advice to underclassmen, Sam said: "Don't do what you don't like. Do what you enjoy."

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: ELIJAH PRICE

By Megan Brockway

Elijah Price, a junior at Saint Bernard Prep, is a basketball player on the varsity team.

Elijah transferred to Saint Bernard in the 10th grade, and said the transition was easy because "[I] like it better here".

"A transition that was not easy," said Elijah, "was rebuilding the basketball team after the seniors graduated." Although the team is made up of those that have not have had many opportunities to play in the previous years, Elijah commented that the team is "doing alright," and he has hopes that they will continue to get better with more practice.

Elijah also hopes to "be there to support the team and teammates and get them playing" next year, and hopes that everyone remains eligible to play after report cards and deficiencies go out at the end of this semester.

Even though it can be tough to balance schoolwork and participating in sports, Elijah is hopeful that he and the team will only get better throughout the year.