

BARRACUDA NEWS REPORT

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Sports

The UCHS sports teams swept the fields and courts with their competition last week. On Tuesday the 27th, the boys' soccer team and the women's volleyball team both beat Challenger HS. On Wednesday the 28th, Cross Country ran in the Catawba County Championship against major public schools: both teams finished 5th. On Thursday the 29th, both the volleyball and soccer teams fought hard against Hickory Christian, but HCA walked away with the wins. Although they walked away with the win on the field, our tennis team slaved away against Hickory Christian on the court and won. The team was united and played very hard. Way to go Barracudas!!!
-Adele S.



A Lasting Community:

Tupac once said, "I'm a reflection of the community." If we were to consider this for UCHS, then it stands true for every student. Being a smaller, tight-knit school, we have to rely on one another to build a lasting community. Together we stand. We stand in the hardships and the trials. Together we will make a lasting legacy that we will carry with us beyond this school.

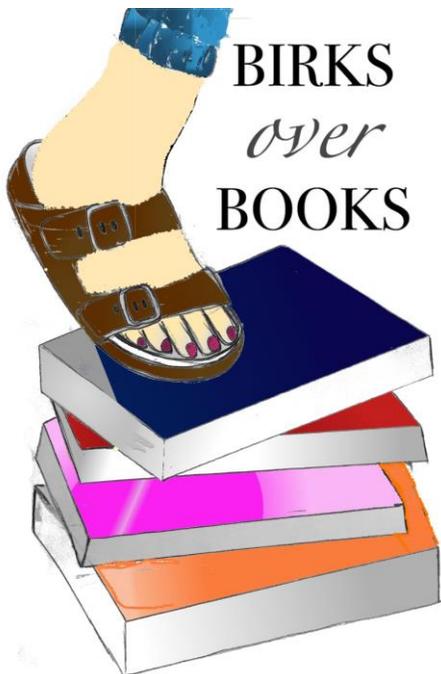
We have the opportunity to really connect with one another, to build relationships, and to grow those relationships from the foundation of UCHS. I have witnessed first-hand examples of this community's durability from seniors of last year's graduating class. Connor Thompson and Matt Reitzel were studying at UNC Chapel Hill last week where Matt sent a picture that said "some things never change," and they don't have to. I have seen countless pictures of Janie Pennell, Connor Thompson, Taylor Warlick, and Tori Yount at games and other gatherings together, holding on to this precious community among themselves. Some things never change, and the spirit of UCHS has a foundation that can hold up even in a sea of 20,000 people. If we are willing to work for connection, I truly believe we are capable of establishing lasting relationships that we will carry with us for years after graduation. Once a Barracuda, always a Barracuda.

-Kennedy Norris



Suha Speaks: Fashion**Joggers Just Are Not Pants**

Joggers. How are those things considered pants?! They look like sweat pants without the fleece-that is, without the thing that makes sweatpants, you know, sweatpants. How does that make any sense? And why are they always, always paired with flamboyant socks and Vans? Is this the guy version of "basic"? *Light bulb* Guys, you look just as basic as the Ugg-wearing, Starbucks-drinking, selfie-posting, and obviously UCHS-attending gal. So, can the UCHS and all jogger-flaunting guys be called basic now too? I'm going to go with "oh yeah!" in the spirit of gender equity! Now I'm wondering what autumn and winter is going to bring to UCHS guys' wardrobes...oversized knit sweaters paired with Bean Boots? Attempting to wear Chubbies in 45 degree weather with only a Patagonia for support? Or even the new cashmere joggers that were just released at the 2016 New York Fashion Week? So ladies, if you get called basic, you know what to say right back. Because, let's be honest, basic isn't a girl thing. It's a UCHS thing. May your Uggs stay dry and your Chubbies stay high, -Suha

**The Reef (Student Council)****Big Apple, Superheroes and Napoleon Dynamite**

The Senior class is going to the Big Apple, but is lacking big funds. Next time you're hungry, stop by the school store and buy some baked goods from your senior class. Helping the seniors make it to New York makes you a superhero. If you're a superhero who wears their suit under their clothes every day, good news! Next Friday, October 14th, is Superhero Day. Pay \$1 to Student Council and dress like your favorite hero. Despite mosquitos and technical difficulties, drive-in movie night with Napoleon Dynamite was a success. If you're feeling down just remember: "I see you're drinking 1%. Is that 'cause you think you're fat? 'Cause you're not. You could totally be drinking whole if you wanted to."-Napoleon to Deb.
-Trinity M.

Feeding the Fish

Luke Kelty, a UCHS junior, went on a medical mission trip to Bolivia this past summer. While offering free eye surgery and vision tests to people living in Montero, Bolivia, he had the opportunity to visit two orphanages and interact with people of all ages waiting to be seen by the doctors. A highlight of his trip was the relationship he formed with a five-year-old girl he met at the clinic. Despite speaking two different languages, they created a beautiful bond. In the words of Luke, "that's when you find out that laughter is the universal language."

-Carolyn Oursler

What's In the Works?

Recently, the UCHS administration has tried to enforce a ban on Birkenstocks, a staple walking shoe and a favorite of many UCHS students. As a result, the outraged student body has protested against this attempt as a violation of their first amendment right: freedom of speech. This right extends to that of expression through shoes. Furthermore, students believe that there is no valid inquiry that would challenge the walking quality of Birkenstocks or suggest that the presence of such shoes would be a threat. Therefore, the student body is in the works of creating an amendment to the close-heeled shoe rule, and is working through Student Council to create a proposal to free the heels of UCHS students. We will continue reporting as we have more information.

-Caroline W.