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Raptors Take All in Finals

By Tyler A.

On Thursday, June 13, the only Canadian basketball team in the NBA became the 2019 champions.

The Toronto Raptors won the series 4-2 in its first trip to the finals in the team's 24-year-history.

The Raptors faced off against the five-time NBA Champs, the Golden State Warriors. Stats from espn.com show it was a close win, with a score of 114-110. The Warriors were also consecutive three-time NBA Finals Champs before being dethroned by the Raptors.

Kyle Lowry scored 26 points in the final NBA finals game, yet Kawhi Leonard won the MVP trophy. In a social media video, you can find Leonard sharing the trophy with Lowry.

Celebrity ambassador Drake even got in on the action after the game. Drake is an avid Toronto Raptors fan and can be seen on multiple occasions taunting opposing team players. Most people found Drake was more interesting than the actual games. Drake is such an avid Toronto Rap-



Photo from Wide World of Sports

tors fan that he even put out two new singles to celebrate the victory of his hometown team.

On Monday, June 17, the Canadian-based team celebrated its victory over the Warriors with a parade, yet tragedy struck when shots rang out during the celebration.

According to nytimes.com, four people were injured and two people were taken into custody.

Gifties Elect Government

By Mike H.

Gifties elected new executives and representatives in annual elections Friday.

Jake T. was elected president, Kamryn K. was elected vice president, and Hailey W. was elected secretary to complete the executive branch.

In the legislative branch, Miniya M. and Madison R. were elected freshman representatives. Ethan L. and Zoë C. were elected sophomore representatives, and Mike H. was

elected senior representative. Michael M. and Kadin L. were elected grad representatives.

The judicial branch, three justices who hold their positions for the entirety of their stay at the program, results included Thomas S. and Raney C. as justices. These positions are particularly important, as they decide the validity of tickets.

All three branches of the GPGC government play an important role in Giftie life. Through our elected government, students have an important

tool for making decisions about their lives.

The GPGC government is divided into three branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch. The legislative branch consists of six representatives, two per class, and the Senate, consisting of counselors and staff.

The executive branch consists of the president, the vice president, and the secretary.

Pokémon Go Resurges in Popularity

By Wesley K.

Gifties are spending quite a bit of their free time playing Pokémon Go since people found out that the Collette dorm has a Pokémon Go gym.

Some Gifties, like freshman Katherine Leslie, said the game is “so 2016.” Others, however, said they enjoy playing the game, which uses real locations to let players capture virtual creatures, called Pokémon, in real locations.

“It’s starting to come back, and that’s a good thing because other people are playing with you,” freshman Lee Johnson said.

Much of the play centers around the Pokémon Go gym at the dorm and around the occasional raids at the gym site in the game. Raids, cooperative battles in which groups of players work together to defeat raid bosses, were launched in 2017 as part of a game update. During a raid, the powerful boss spawns at a gym, and players have a set amount of time to defeat it. If they’re successful, they get in-game items and rewards.

The game also uses cell phone step counters to hatch eggs, and some Gifties are taking their phones with them to class so they can get their kilometers in to hatch their Pokémon eggs. Even counselors are in on the

game, with occasional Remind messages ending in #TeamValor, one of the three Pokémon Go teams.

During the summer of 2016, an article in The Thinker described the launch of the augmented reality game and included a number of Gifties who played. Several counselors were students in the program at the time, and they participate when they can.

“It’s really old and it’s coming back,” said freshman Alex Fontenot.

Parent company Niantic was once part of Google and used the company’s map technology to build its virtual world on the real one. People take pictures of all kinds of places and upload them to Google images. Niantic used Google Maps technology and pictures from Google Images to create the Pokémon Go map, Pokéstops, and gyms, according to GamesRadar.

After the record-breaking 2016 launch, U.S. users dropped to about 5 million, according to tech website BusinessofApps.com. People stopped playing Pokémon Go in 2016 because at that time, there were only 150 Pokémon, and eventually people got tired of catching the same thing over and over again.

But then Pokémon Go creator Niantic updated the game and added new region Pokémon, like the Johto



Photo from serebii.net

Region and the Kalos Region. That got people back into the game with a new motivation to catch newer Pokémon.

The game has a somewhat checkered history, cited as contributing to accidents and a few fatalities as players paid more attention to the virtual world than the real one.

However, the game has earned a total of \$2.2 billion in revenue since its launch in 2016, according to market intelligence company Sensor Tower. It remains in the top five mobile gaming apps in the United States.

“It’s pretty cool,” freshman Maddi Smith said.

Theft Issue in Girl’s Dorm

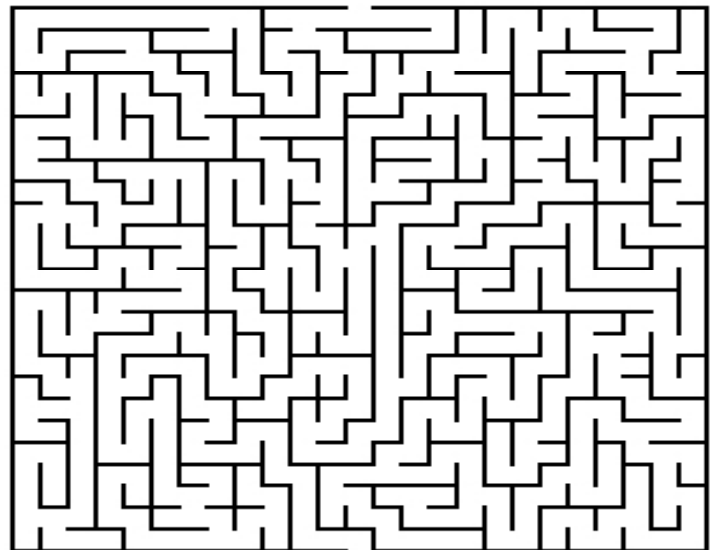
By Victoria T.

Six girls have reported thefts in the girls’ dorm this past week. Cash and brain bucks totaling \$23.30 went missing on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Counselors said they were from unlocked rooms.

Office assistant Alexis Nixon said there have not been any more thefts and the counselors are being more diligent about security.

Both she and Mr. Brown advised students to lock their doors. Mr. Brown said if the thefts continue he may have to make counselors walk the hallway in the dorm continuously.

Maze Challenge



Meet The Grads: Hailey W.



By Maddi R.

What is your favorite memory of GPGC?

"My favorite memory was going out on weekends because we got to have fun and enjoy things we would do on a normal weekend."

What do you like most about the program?

"I like the movie nights and movie marathons most! We can all just get together and enjoy all types of movies every Saturday and Sunday."

What part of GPGC do you like the least?

"I hated being antisocial in my past years. I could never really enjoy the program, but over the years I started expanding my social area and starting enjoying it more."

What made you come back to the program each summer?

"I always came back because I wanted to see my friends and keep living the experience. I mostly came back because I wanted to get better associated with the program."

Interview with Director Josh Brown

By Maddi R.

Why did you decide to attend GPGC?

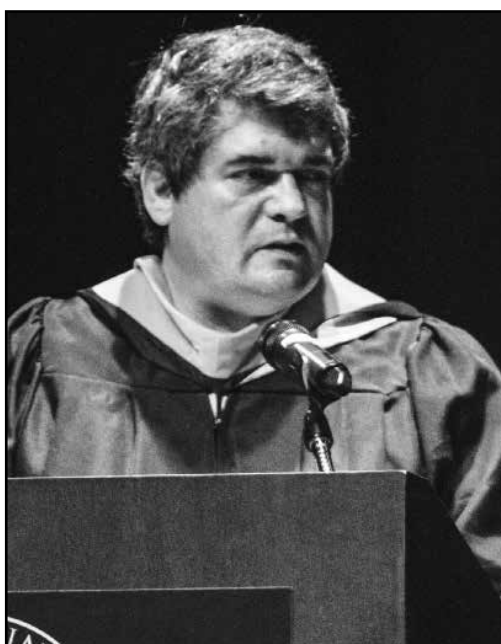
"My parents sent me here when I was 12 years old. At that time, the walls in the lobby were a really dark brown color. Not only that, but when I went here, Collette (the girls' dorm at the time) was the nicest dorm. "

How was GPGC founded?

"When GPGC was founded, it was actually called the McNeese Summer Enrichment Program, or SEP. Back then, GPGC was just a day program where you took academic classes and then you went home. There was no staying the night, or having movie nights and other activities."

How long did you go to GPGC?

"I went to the program for five summers total. This was between 1983 and 1987. I really enjoyed the experience. I feel like it truly got you to be with other kids with similar capabilities as you. You can have kids to talk about the same thing you do without being confused or not understanding."



Would you change anything in the program?

"I would say I want to have a better recruiting job. I feel like the kids in Louisiana don't know what they're missing out on. I want kids from all over the state to enjoy the experience GPGC has to offer to them. I understand that we've had lots of kids joining, but I feel like there should be a bigger population. Maybe have more kids from the north part of the state."

How long have you been director?

"I've been director at the program since 2009. So about 10 years all together. I was actually assistant director to Dr. Middleton five years before that."

What is your standpoint on the no phones during class rule?

"In my opinion, I feel that phones are distracting not only to the students, but the instructors."

If students had phones in class, Mr. Brown said, instructors would have to take time out of their lesson to tell the students to put their phones away or to take the phone from the student. This also affects the students who are trying to learn the lesson the instructor is teaching.

When did people start staying in dorms?

"Kids starting staying in dorms in 1964, I believe. This was when GPGC became a statewide program, so we had to provide a place for the kids coming from other areas to stay."

Drone Delivery is Now a Reality

By Maddi R.

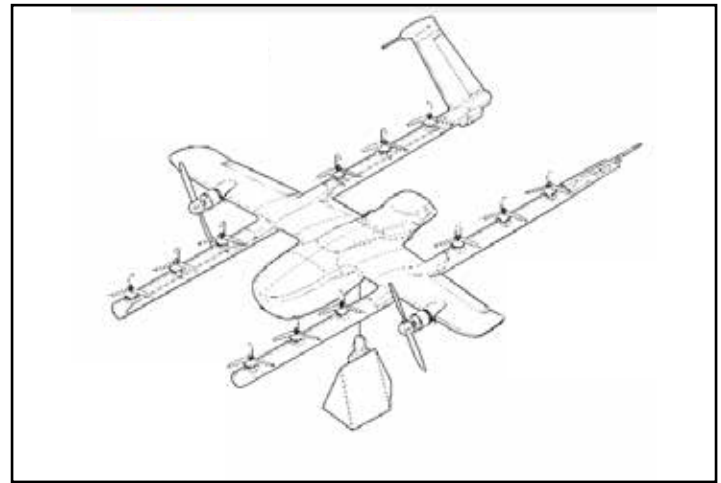
Delivery has gone from snail mail, to email, to UPS, to drones. Amazon, Google, and UberEats have announced plans for drones to deliver packages under five pounds over the next few months.

Amazon's drone uses thermal cameras, depth cameras and sonar to detect hazards. Onboard computers detect objects and navigate around them. The drone's rotors are fully covered for safety and serve as wings during suspended flight. This drone can fly up to 15 miles, carry packages up to five pounds and deliver packages to a customer in under 30 minutes.

UberEats has decided to test its food drone delivery in San Diego, California. The difference between this process and Amazon's delivery

service is that UberEats combines drones with car delivery to shorten time. UberEats has also tested its drones using McDonalds ice cream, fries, and burgers. Average ground transportation for 1.5 miles would last 21 minutes, but with flying drones it would take seven minutes.

Finally, Google has come up with the idea to use 'Wing'. This drone can fly up to 120 miles per hour and is powered by electricity. It also includes a safety feature which allows it to find a safe and convenient way to navigate around things like trees, power lines, and buildings. It



Drawing courtesy dronezon.com

makes food, medical supplies, and home deliveries.

All of these companies said they are working to create drones that produce smaller amounts of greenhouse gases, make delivery faster, and make transportation of packages safer.

Seen and Heard

"Gay rat wedding! Gay rat wedding!"
- Dillon R.

"My Cheetos are sweating!"
- Maddi R.

"I tripped on Febreze!"
- Lee J.

"Maybe I can exorcise Satan, depending on how Jewish I am."
- Penina B.

"Black isn't a religion!"
- Tyler A.

"She got that Anthony Davis unibrow."
-Kamryn K.

"You shouldn't have a fetish for nuclear ghost town."
- Tyler A.

"I'll be Hook's right hand man!"
-Clay L. (Smee)

"The one who was addicted to chewing dirty diapers!"
- Lee J.

"I'm going to be polite and say, may you please unpregnant yourself?"
- Jessica Markstrom

"Wanna know what I wanna hear at the dance? Negro spirituals."
-Mike H.

"Oh, yeah, I'm always strapped with Midol."
-Ryan B.

Word of the Week Acnestis

The part of an animal's skin that it cannot reach to scratch itself - usually the space between the shoulder blades.

"When you have so much acne it becomes a disease."
-Penina B.

"To act in a negative way."
-Miniya M.

"Full of agony."
-Katherine L.

"Racist against eggs."
-Stoney M.

"Acne Cyst."
- Grace B.

"A person who likes acne."
-Daniel S.

First Dance Highlights



Clockwise, from top left: Maia Cavell and Chris Hart dance it up; Dillon R., Ethan L., and Victoria T. do the Conga; the Photo Booth; Kadin L. all dressed up.

Photos courtesy GPGC.



Sign-Out Spots Include Local Businesses

By Maddi R.

With certain permission and following sign-out rules, Gifties are allowed to go to several places any day of the week or weekend. Some places may require a second-year student and others will require a third-year student, a counselor or special permission.

Some of the sign-out locations and important information are listed here.

The McNeese State University Library in Frazar Hall is open on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. They have copy machines available for use. You need 10 cents for each copy you make. There are four floors in the

library and a wide selection of books and information. If you ever have a question or concern, you can call the library at (337) 475-5725. This location requires a second-year student.

Starbucks on the McNeese campus includes a selection of Starbucks drinks and pastries. There are two locations on campus. One location is in the library and the other is in the Old Ranch across from the cafeteria. This location requires a third-year student.

GPGC students are also allowed to go to McDonald's. It is open all day, every day. This summer, McDonald's is doing an event where they feature new items on their menu inspired from places around the world. This location requires a second year.

Students may also go to Subway. Restaurant hours are from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day. Subway offers many healthy choices. It's easy to stay on GPGC budget at this restaurant.

Paper Heroes is a comic book and game store that GPGC students may go to (with special permission from the coordinator of housing) to buy comic books, action figures, posters, sports cards, D&D games, sports figurines, DC comics, and Marvel comics. It is open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday. The store is closed on Sundays. This location requires special permission and a counselor.

Freshie Boy Facts 2019

Names	Favorite cafeteria food	Favorite Color	Ideal vacation spot	Favorite Animal
Moses B.	Cookies	Blue	Bahamas	Turtle
Alex F.	Red Beans & Rice	Gold	Toledo Bend	Turtle
Matt F.	Orange Chicken	Blue/red/orange	Florida	Elephants
Andrew L.	Reese's Puffs	Green	Destin	Turtle
Drew M.	Red Beans & Rice	Green	Greece	Fox
Brad T.	Pizza	Blue	Disney World	Dog
Isaiah W.	Pizza	Blue	Bahamas	Dog

Cafeteria Menus for June 24-28

Monday

Breakfast

Scrambled eggs
French toast sticks
Pork bacon
Potatoes

Lunch

Meatballs
Green beans
Squash
Egg noodles
Breadsticks
Hot dogs
House-fried potato chips
Pizza bagels
Cheese pizza
Eagle treats
Chocolate cake

Dinner

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes
Corn
Grilled vegetables
Pasta Primavera
Hamburgers
Sweet potato puffs
Pizza bagels
Cheese pizza
Oatmeal raisin cookies
Boston Creme Pie
Cranberry oatmeal bars

Tuesday

Breakfast

Scrambled eggs
Chocolate chip pancakes
Pork sausage patty
Home fries

Lunch

Fried chicken sandwiches
French fries
Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Sugar cookies
Cake
Pie

Dinner

Italian sausage with pasta
Grilled chicken Alfredo
Spinach & cheese tortellini
Steamed zucchini, Rice
Breadsticks
Turkey burgers
French fries
Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Cream pie
Parfaits

Wednesday

Breakfast

Scrambled eggs
French toast casserole
Bacon
Diced potato, pepper, and onion hash

Lunch

Philly cheesesteak
Roasted carrots
Roasted corn
Roasted sweet potatoes
Lemon-thyme carrots
Hamburgers

Tater tots

Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Cookie bars
Apple orchard bars

Dinner

Beef tacos

Smothered pork chops

Spanish rice
Roasted corn
Green beans
Refried beans
Vegetable paella
Hot dogs
Onion rings
Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Cake
Devil's food cupcakes

Thursday

Breakfast

Scrambled eggs
Biscuits
Pork sausage gravy
Turkey sausage links
Garlic hashbrowns

Lunch

Kielbasa (Polish Sausage)
Baked pollock
Snap peas & peppers
Mashed potatoes
Steamed broccoli
Popcorn chicken
French fries
Pizza bagels
Cheese pizza
Cake, Chiffon pie
Cereal bars

Dinner

Chicken thighs
Spaghetti and meatballs
Ratatouille
Rotini pasta
Roasted cauliflower
Bean and kale stew
Hamburgers
Potato chips
Pizza bagels
Cheese pizza
Krispie treats

Friday

Breakfast

Scrambled eggs
Pancakes
Bacon
Tater tots

Lunch

Hot dogs
Potato puffs
Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Cupcakes
Bread pudding

Dinner

Fried chicken sandwich
French fries
Pepperoni & cheese pizza
Chocolate and Coffee
Cheerio bars

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