Tennis Lane

BY JOSE WELCH

Two weekends ago, the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVHS) sailing team competed at the 2022 New England Schools Sailing Association (NESSA) O’Day Qualifiers at Connecticut College, placing 14th in New England out of 50 schools. The sailing team is mostly funded by Sail MV. NESSA, which is made up of all schools in New England, ranging from powerhouse like Tabor, St. George’s, and Hotchkiss, to small public schools like MVHS, invites the top 16 schools to compete in the O’Day Qualifiers at the end of each season.

Junior team member Anabelle Brothers is proud of the hard work her team put forth to get to the top 16. “We have a very talented group,” she said. “I think there’s a range of skill sets that make our team, meaning anyone can learn from anyone.”

She also acknowledged the accomplishment of qualifying as such a small group, with many new sailors. “Considering the small size of our school, we’re going up against other very competent sailors who have more experience, yet we still qualified,” she said.

Coach Andrew Nutton has been coaching sailing since 1997 in many countries, ranging from France, Italy, and Spain to Portugal, Holland, Germany, the U.K., and the Middle East. He believes that sailing brings a different dynamic than many other sports. “Sailing is more of a sport than a sport, really. It requires far more than anyone really understands, unless you do it. There is no other sport that the medium you’re competing in changes every second,” he said. “It would be like an American football team attempting to play with the turf changing every 15 to 20 seconds. You need to be educated in sailing to understand sailing.”

Coach Andrew Burr also finds sailing to be different from many other sports because it isn’t as popular. “No one really knows what it’s like to sail in 25 knots of breeze in 40° water, where not only is safety an issue, but being able to control the boat in a way that’s involuntary. It becomes instinctual rather than a forced thing,” he said.

Although sailing is a spring sport at MVHS, a club sailing team exists for students in the fall. “We normally have anywhere from 12 to 20 sailors ranging from freshmen to seniors (in spring),” Coach Nutton said. “In the summer, we focus on fleet racing and team racing, and the Vineyard team hosts the Arnold Brown Regatta, which is a qualifier for a national sailing event.”

In addition to placing 14th in New England this year, there were other positive outcomes this sailing season. “For the most part [the season was] 90 percent positivity, which is one of the hardest things to do in sailing — to maintain character and sportsmanship, because sailing weighs on you; it beats you down,” Coach Burr said.

Even with all of their recent success, the team feels that their accomplishments haven’t been well-acknowledged by the school community. However, junior Henry Kyburg-Abbot sees why. “Most people don’t really understand what it takes to sail a boat,” he said.

“[Many people don’t] understand what we do, and how amazing it is that we can do what we do,” said Coach Burr.

MVHS sailing team has the wind in their sails

BY JOSE WELCH

A farewell from The High School View

This will be the final edition of The High School View for this school year. As the editors of The High School View, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank our readers, express our gratitude to the MV Times staff, and share some insight into the team that has produced the paper this school year.

SARA CREATO:

I first joined The High School View during my freshman year. At that time, I was taking an intro to journalism course that piqued my interest. As a freshman on a staff made up of predominately upperclassmen, I felt intimidated. However, my initial discomfort allowed me to grow as not only a writer but a more confident person with every interview I conducted and article published. During the onset of the pandemic in my sophomore year, I lost a lot of my academic motivation. However, my passion for newspaper weathered the storm, and it was exciting for me to explore the various angles of COVID-19 to report on. During my junior year, I was promoted to assistant editor-in-chief before becoming the editor-in-chief this year.

As editor-in-chief, I was introduced to new challenges, such as leading staff meetings and mentoring new writers. Newspaper was a key part of my identity at MVHS. From writing about students starring in a film to period poverty, the High School View provided within the me the desire to become a journalist. In the fall, I hope to take all the skills I’ve acquired from The High School View at MVHS to Boston University as a journalism major.

HARLEY EVILLE:

I found The High School View at the end of my sophomore year, right before COVID hit. I started out nervous and unsure whether I would stick with it, but when my baseball season was canceled due to COVID, I put all my energy into the newspaper, and it became an essential part of me. That year, I wrote articles on fundraisers, pandemic pets, and substance abuse. The next year I applied and became assistant editor-in-chief, continuing to write, edit and take photos. I slowly learned how to write different types of articles: features, news, profiles, and more. Over time, The High School View grew to be the place where I felt at home at MVHS.

Looking back, the long days editing articles and making decisions were some of the most intensive and rewarding parts of my high school experience. I do not know if journalism will follow me in the next stage of my life, but I plan to continue writing and learning at Yale University in the fall.

This year, the editorial staff worked hard to diversify the subject matter that we covered through our stories of news, sports, and student staff profiles. We tried to take on tough topics, like teacher housing insecurity, political backlash, and mental health. This first year back in school after the uncertainty of the lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic was hard for everyone, but it fostered an increased sense of collaboration within The High School View. We are excited about what we were able to accomplish this year, and even more excited about next publication year. The editors of The High School View would like to thank our staff for everything they contributed this year — from articles to photos, to our work as educators and professionals.

The editors and staff would also like to thank everyone at The MV Times for their continued support of student journalism and for their willingness to serve as educators and professionals in the field. In particular, we would like to thank Nicole Jackson, who polished up our layout and design each week, Dave Pfahl, George Brennan, and Connie Berry. We’d also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who support us through advertisements every week. We couldn’t do this without you.

Sincerely,

Sara Creato and Harley Eville, editors-in-chief 2021 – 22.

MV Times would like to thank the students and staff for all their great work this year on the High School View!

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