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Cotton Lecture Interview: Jeff Seibert, Jr.

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“RT @GilmanSchool: Edwards ‘88, Seibert ‘04 Return for Cotton Lecture”

This tweet came from Jeff Seibert, Jr., a 2004 Gilman graduate who spoke at the school in April for the H.K. Douglas Cotton Memorial Lecture. Mr. Seibert, a designer, entrepreneur, and computer programmer, founded his first company while still at Gilman. Before his graduation from Stanford University, Mr. Seibert founded Inereo Solutions, “transforming”, according to him, “the way you work with documents online.” He is also the Chief Operating Officer of Slouch, LLC, and is presently a software engineer at Box.net.

I did not have a chance to meet with Mr. Seibert after his lecture, but thanks to Facebook (and its creator who pursued it, over a hot-or-not ratings site), I was able to contact him with a few questions.

As we as upper schoolers approach graduation and will have to choose careers paths, I decided to ask Mr. Seibert about what we have in common: the Gilman education, and how it prepared him for college and beyond. He opined, “Academically, I feel Gilman truthfully

prepared me incredibly well for Stanford and beyond, especially in the writing arena,” affirming the importance of a variety of skills regardless of one’s profession.

However, Mr. Seibert found himself self-teaching the “technology aspect” of his education, which eventually became the foundation of his career. This part of Gilman’s curriculum, he notes, could be significantly improved. As a web developer in the company he started in high school, Arios Software, Mr. Seibert recalls, “It drove me crazy how many students thought computers were good for nothing but playing silly Flash games or writing Word documents.” In order for the creative use of technology to blossom, Seibert believes it vital that “there should be computers available with creative software on them for students to use.”

Beyond Gilman, Seibert entered start-up life while still a student at Stanford, beginning the life of a self-described “startup junkie.” Following the acquisition of his document collaboration company, Inereo Solutions, by Box.net, Seibert joined Box’s development team. In his speech, Seibert emphasized the appeal of multi-faceted leadership in

newly-founded companies. On the likelihood of his working for a “big company” in the future, he says, “I’m not opposed to working for a big company, and probably one day will, but for the time being I love the quick pace, varied work, and constant excitement that startups offer.”

Outside of his work for Box.net and Slouchback, Seibert enjoys a lot of outdoor activities – “basically anything away from the computer,” as he puts it. From surfing and biking to exploring beaches (in Massachusetts!) and taking weekly day trips, Seibert finds refuge from work in the great outdoors.

Returning to technology, I asked Seibert if he had an iPad and his thoughts on the revolutionary device, as a long-time Mac developer and Apple summer intern (who has stood next to Steve Jobs!). He used it to write his lecture and purchased it the day it came out, for good reason: “because I am way too obsessed with Apple and everything they make.” He notes, however, that he is still determining the purpose it serves in a potentially new market, but he “loves it.”

In his remarks at the Cotton Lecture, Seibert spoke about students being ‘techie’ and ‘fuzzy,’ stating that both are

needed for great ideas to come to fruition. He encouraged students to pursue their visions, describing how household names such as Facebook and Twitter started out as mere ideas too.

Seibert spoke of Entrepreneurial Thought Leadership seminars he attended as a Stanford student as a catalyst for his own entrepreneurship. Perhaps his inspirational presentation here will do the same for a Gilman student, with “the next big idea,” the “Google killer.” As he said, “inaction is the only true path to failure.”

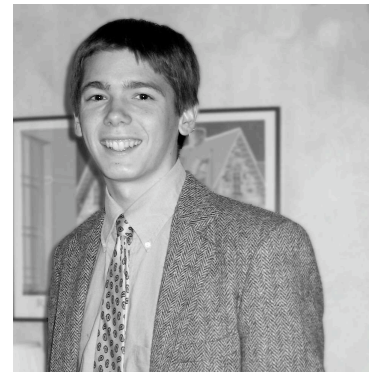


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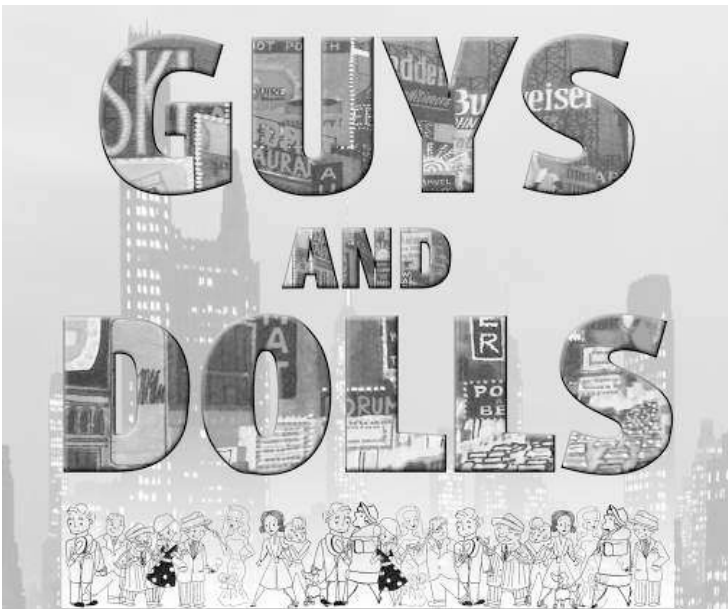
“[It has] unforgettable characters, it is very funny, and has one of the greatest scores in musical theater,” says director John Rowell about *Guys and Dolls* which will be up April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st at 8:00 P.M. and May 2nd at 2:00 P.M. Under the direction of Mr. John Rowell with help from musical director Ms. Elizabeth Fink and choreographer Ms. Julie Foley, *Guys and Dolls* tells the story of gamblers, Salvation Army workers, and nightclub entertainers in 1950s New York City. *Guys and Dolls* focuses on Nathan Detroit (Mark Irwin ‘10), who is engaged to Ms. Adelaide (Sarah Welch RPCS ‘10), and his attempt to find a place to gamble. He enlists the help of Sky Masterson (Josh Siems ‘10). Additionally, there are Salvation Army workers who try to clean up the gambling in New York City, one of which being Sister Sarah Brown (Meghan Stanton BMS

‘10). The show is filled with hilarity and romanticism, and will be an overall fantastic time. Mr. Rowell says, “It is a big, fun production that everybody can enjoy. It is a classic American musical in every sense of the word.”

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To reserve tickets or for more information, please e-mail gilmantheater@gmail.com.



Jim Poggi and Max Brodsky rehearse the *Craps Shooter’s Dance*. (Photo by Seth Gray)



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Fresh Air Club

As most of you have probably noticed, Carey Hall lays claim to two first floor, outdoor terraces on the back of the building: one located directly off the long hall of library windows and the other just outside of Centennial Hall. On these porches lie a multitude of picnic tables, giving Gilman students an ideal location to sit in the sun while doing homework or just hanging out. As you have also probably noticed, however, the terraces seem to have remained desolate for quite some time now. Rarely have I ever seen anyone on them since the refurbished Carey Hall was opened. This is due to the fact that the doors used to access these areas have always remained locked.

Now, my initial intent with this editorial about the terraces was to assert the uselessness of such space if it were to remain locked. I hoped that the administration would agree to reopen these areas for student use. I assumed the terrace doors were locked due to faculty concerns of safety, unruly student congregations, or an increase of students dipping out of study hall. When I approached Mrs. Turner and Mr. Schmick on the issue, however, neither had any idea as to why the doors were locked. They both assured me that the doors could be unlocked for student use. Thus, a protest of this issue is no longer necessary.

Though my central argument was eliminated, the ease with which I was able to convince the administrators to

unlock the doors gives rise to another point. This is the fact that we students have more say in the school than we believe. By no means am I suggesting that one student has the ability to revise the honor code or change the long tradition of the "shirt and tie" dress code. My experience does show, however, that we can push to change some of the smaller aspects of Gilman that have a much stronger bearing on our everyday lives. We have the tendencies to sit back and complain about our "lack of voice" in the school and argue that the student bulletin board is worthless. When we are able to shake our disposition to shy away from confronting administrators about pressing issues in our daily lives at school, however, we learn that the administrators are more approachable and understanding than we initially believed.

As the new Editor of the News, I felt that our inability to use the terraces was something important enough to the student body that I publicly address it. Though I accomplished my goal in a different manner than originally anticipated, I now realize that just complaining gets us nowhere. We really do have influence when it comes to the matters that truly affect our day-to-day school experience, and we therefore have to act on our opinions. As the great, prophetic Beastie Boys once said, "you gotta fight for your right." -DFW



Springtime here and the doors will open soon (Photo by Nick Cortezi)

Poor Little Iran? U.S. Excludes Iran From Nuclear Discussion

On April 12, President Obama hosted the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington to discuss how to secure the world's nuclear materials and prevent them from being acquired by terrorists or so called "rogue nations." Yet, the underlying current of the meeting was of course the United States' issues with Iran's—among other countries'—growing nuclear ambitions. But instead of facing Iran head-on, the U.S. simply refused to invite Iran to participate in the conference. In total, forty-seven representatives came to Washington, making it the largest conference called by a president since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945 (New York Times). Still, America would not invite Iran.

This outright refusal to discuss escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran will greatly affect future U.S.-Iran relations and will not convince that nation's leaders to countermand their nuclear proliferation program. By excluding Iran, the United States is chipping away at its already thin diplomatic ties with the Islamic state and preventing future discussions about non-proliferation.

Furthermore, the U.S.' sanctions against Iran will not prove effective in convincing Iran to give up on their nuclear program. In fact, such sanctions only bolster Iranian leaders' support among their people and enable them to continue proliferating. As sanctions only affect the Iranian people by driving up the cost of necessities, the state's people will naturally rally behind their leaders against the country they feel oppresses them: America.

As a result, the United States is contributing to anti-American sentiments among Iranians. If we wish to prevent this, the U.S. must include Iran in important meetings that affect world relations, such as the Nuclear Security Summit. To prevent future conflict, it

is necessary to establish diplomatic ties with Iran now and at least allow its leaders to express their views on the world stage. The act of ignoring and sanctioning Iran ensures the continuation of its nuclear program.

Obviously, the United States did not strive to create more tension when it did not invite Iran to the summit; the goal was to show Iran that America would not tolerate its nuclear enrichment program. I do not think, however, that the U.S. has handled this delicate issue as well as it should have. In my opinion, the U.S. has delivered the message—nearly an ultimatum—to Iran that it will continue to sanction and ignore Iran if the Islamic state continues with its nuclear program.

This hard line the U.S. has established will only create more tension between Iran and America. The fact that the United States, the leader of the free world, cannot diplomatically resolve its problems with Iran poorly represents American global leadership. Instead of sanctioning Iran, we should be compromising. Future sanctions will not prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons; only diplomacy and cooperation will influence Iran's leaders. Only if the United States seriously commits to bringing Iran into the political fold as an equal will its leaders consider terminating its nuclear program.

If you don't buy that, think of the recent meeting President Obama had with Russian president Dmitry Medvedev. The two formal adversaries—the countries with the most nuclear weapons in the world, mind you—agreed to eliminate 34 tons of weapons-grade plutonium, enough for 17,000 nuclear weapons (CNN). Clearly, progress with Iran is possible, but it will fall on our elected leaders, namely President Obama, to vigorously pursue diplomatic solutions—not sanctions—to appease Iran's nuclear aspirations.

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Sumo Super Slam Sesh 2010



Clockwise From Top Left: Jordan Cromwell, Wes Baire, and David Greene try to beat the Senior class at tug of war. The Juniors lost to the Freshmen as well.

Michael Kane and Tucker Snow cheer for fellow sophomore Andrew Harris in the Burrito Eating Contest.

David Clark prepares to ride his leg of the Tricycle Race.

School President J.D. Kameen ('10) in his Sumo Suit.

John Russell, anchor of the Senior Chipotle team, chows down while Kostas Skordalos cheers him on.

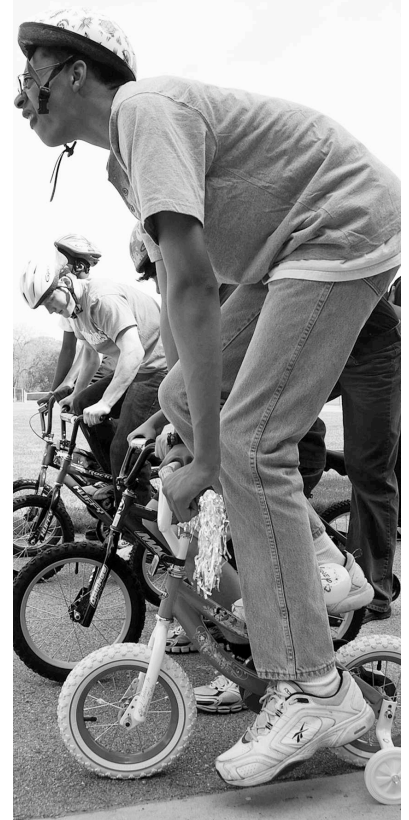
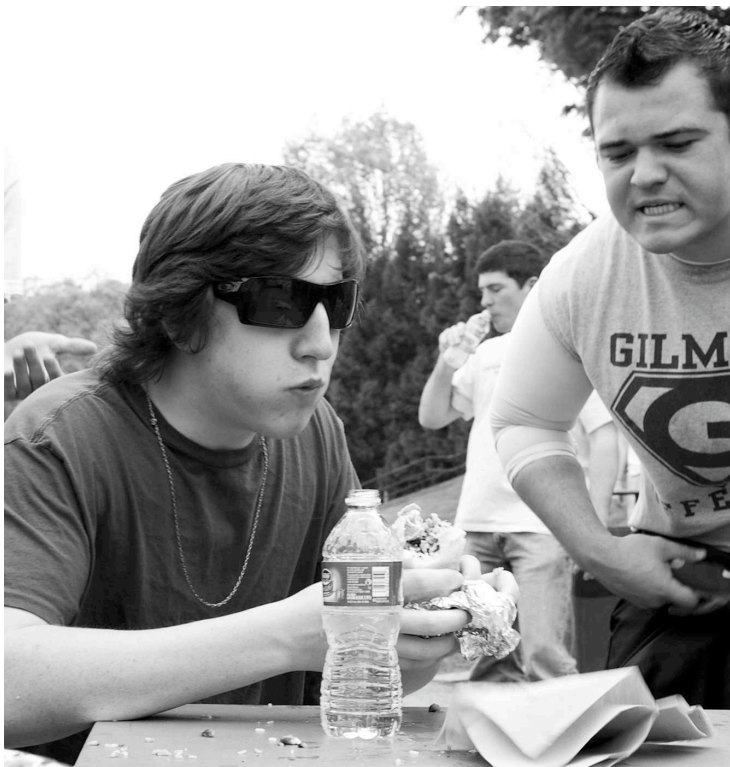


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BY ALEC TARANTINO

day's main event, the Burrito Eating Contest. Thanks to an animalistic effort from Andrew Harris, the sophomores again came out on top. A new addition to the agenda, the sumo wrestling pitted crowd favorite Alex Yoo ('13) against MIAA wrestler Tommy Faust ('10). Needless to say, Faust was victorious. The day's final entertainment came from David Clark ('13) struggling to fit his 6'7" students from each class in the

Caps Playoff Outlook: Stanley Cup or Bust

BY JOE CAHALAN

When asked who the best pro-sports team is in the Baltimore-Washington Area, most would say The Baltimore Ravens, while a few might consider the Washington Redskins to be the best. Some die-hard believers might favor the Orioles, or even Baltimore Blast, but the best pro-sports team over the past three years has been the Washington Capitals Hockey Team. They have made the playoffs for the past three years, including a trip to the Eastern Conference Semi-Finals last year where they were out played by the Pittsburgh Penguins in seven games. The Capitals obtained 121 points (2 for a win; 1 for an overtime loss), the most in the league, which earned them the President's Trophy for the league's best regular season team. The Capitals, and their fearless captain, Alexander Ovechkin, couldn't care less about their regular season trophy; they just want the Stanley Cup. The team demonstrated this on the first night of Playoff Action the jumbo-tron at the Capitals Verizon Center showed a picture of the Stanley Cup with a caption reading, "Nothing Else Matters..."

The Capitals were led into the NHL Postseason play by Ovechkin, the LeBron James, Peyton Manning, or Pele of Hockey. Most hockey teams have one or sometimes two lines of players they can look to for goal scoring. The Capitals, however, have three powerful lines that can all contribute to goal scoring. The First line, consisting of Alexander Ovechkin, Niklas Backstrom, and Mike Knuble is the best in the league. Backstrom is the Scottie Pippen to Ovechkin's Michael Jordan. The Second Line consists of Brooks Laich, Brendan Morrison, and Alexander Semin, who had 40 goals this year. Finally, the third line is composed of Tomas Fleischmann, Dave Steckel, and Eric Fehr. Fehr and Fleischmann both had more than 20 goals this year. The Capitals are led defensively by Mike Green, who had more points (goals

+ assists) than any other defenseman. The trouble won't be scoring goals for the Capitals; it will be keeping them out.

Capitals goalie Jose Theodore has earned the starting goalie job for his consistent play throughout most of the season, but should Theodore have troubles as he did last season there is a good alternative, the young Semyon Varlamov. Last season Theodore was pulled for Varlamov, who played wonderfully the rest of the playoffs until Game 7 against Pittsburgh, where he and the entire team faltered a bit. The starting goalie for each playoff game will be a mystery but hopefully one of the goalies can claim that job and run with it.

The Capitals will play the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of the playoffs. The Canadiens are a defense-first team who intend to block shots and then try to counter attack with their speed, trying to get 2 on 1 and 3 on 2 matchups against a Washington Capitals defense that likes to attack. On the other hand, the Capitals will rain down shots on the Canadiens and play more physically, which will get them "dirty" goals off of deflections and scrums. The Canadiens may be successful for a while with this contained, counter attack style of play but their lack of a star player and scoring line, along with the constant pressure the Capitals will be putting on them, will lead to their defeat. The Caps should win in 5 games.

This could lead to a rematch between the Capitals and the Penguins if all the top seeded teams win their opening round matchups. This would pit Ovechkin against his archrival Sidney Crosby in a battle to the death. The winner of this probable matchup, the Capitals, would most likely go on to the Stanley Cup final where the Detroit Red Wings would be waiting to pass the torch onto a new generation of Hockey Players as the Washington Capitals win the Stanley Cup and become the league's most powerful team.



Eric Fehr battles a Montreal defender in Game 6. The Canadiens tied the series with a brilliant goaltending performance by Jarsolav Halak. The Caps hope to make it round 2 with a Game 7 win. (Photo Courtesy Yahoo! Sports)

Ravens Regenerate

Draft Picks Give New Life to Veteran Squad

BY DANIEL RADOV

The off-season in Baltimore has been quite productive. The acquisition of Anquan Boldin provides the Ravens with an elite, number one wide receiver for the first time in many years. If that were not enough, General Manager Ozzie Newsome signed maligned but talented wide receiver Donte Stallworth, who is more well-known for his actions away from the gridiron. Newsome also re-signed the reliable Derrick Mason, still consistent at age 36.

In addition, the Ravens helped themselves during the 2010 NFL Draft. Surprisingly, Baltimore traded away its only first round selection, in which it could have drafted heralded CB Kyle Wilson from Boise State, to the Denver Broncos in exchange for Denver's second round, third round and fourth round picks.

Using the second round pick, #43 overall, acquired from the Broncos, the Ravens selected Sergio Kindle from Texas. He was a first team All-America choice this season, and Kindle had been projected by many analysts to go as early as the middle of the first round. Although there have been questions both about his character and his balky left knee, the Ravens initially look for him to provide depth at outside linebacker. In the future, they hope that he becomes an elite pass rusher, like Terrell Suggs. He has the potential to not only wreck havoc on the quarterback, but also contribute in pass coverage.

Using their own second round pick, #57 overall, General Manager Ozzie Newsome decided to take the University of Alabama's Terrence Cody. Once weighing over 400 pounds in junior college, Cody fits the nickname of "Mount Cody" perfectly. He plays defensive tackle and currently weighs approximately 350 pounds. In his rookie season, expect Cody to keep starting defensive tackle Kelly Gregg fresh. If Cody's weight does not balloon, however, he could become the next premier defensive tackle for the Ravens, joining names such as Tony Siragusa and Sam Adams. Cody's ability to clog running lanes and occupy space in the trenches helped lead his Crimson Tide to the national championship in 2009.

In the third and fourth rounds, the franchise addressed the tight end position. Todd Heap is aging quickly, and he is a shadow of his once Pro-Bowl self. As a result, enter rookies Ed Dickson and

Dennis Pitta. Both players are known for their pass catching abilities, which should bolster an often spotty Ravens' aerial attack. In the case of Dickson, his unusual, top end speed can stretch defenses vertically down the middle, opening up space on the outside for wide receivers. Pitta, a product of BYU who was taken following Dickson, lacks ideal speed, but he compensates for this deficiency with crisp route running.

With consecutive picks in the fifth round, #156 and #157 overall, the Ravens selected David Reed, a wide receiver from Utah, and Arthur Jones, a defensive tackle from Syracuse. Baltimore expects Reed, who had 81 receptions during his senior year and can also return kicks, to be a slot receiver. Jones, who had been projected to be a second round pick before he injured his knee and missed three games during the 2009 season, provides the Ravens with additional depth for their defensive line rotation.

With the last of their seven picks, Baltimore selected Ramon Harewood, a mammoth offensive tackle, in the sixth round.

Nevertheless, Baltimore did not pick a cornerback to strengthen the secondary, the team's greatest weakness. Starters Fabian Washington and Lardarius Webb are both returning from torn ACL injuries, which often require two years to fully recover. Domonique Foxworth currently sits atop the depth chart, a feeling that makes Ravens' fans uneasy. Foxworth often looked lost last season.

The Ravens were interested in taking Kareem Jackson, a cornerback from Alabama, in the first round, but he was selected by the Houston Texans at #20 overall. In addition, the Ravens tried to trade with the St. Louis Rams and acquire Chris Cook, a cornerback from the University of Virginia, at the beginning of the second round, but the Rams refused to trade. Thus, rather than reach for a player who might fill a particular need, Ozzie Newsome & Company decided to choose the best available players then available.

The draft has come to a close formally, yet many prospects and perhaps future NFL players are waiting to be signed. They are called undrafted free agents. Notable previous undrafted free agents include former Ravens star linebacker Bart Scott. Here, in my opinion, the Ravens must sign at least a pair of cornerbacks in order to cover the division's elite receivers, such as Chad Ochocinco and Hines Ward.



Sergio Kindle hunts down the ball for the Texas Longhorns. (Photo Courtesy Google Images).