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Chivalry: maybe forgotten, but not dead

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The English discussion over Chivalry spread like the plague throughout Marlow High School.

Chivalry is the 10 guidelines followed by people in Medieval Times, especially by knights.

The code of chivalry has been up for debate for many years, and students at MHS joined the debate as they were given the codes and asked, "Is chivalry dead?"

According to the students' surveys, chivalry is dead leading the toll with 84 percent.

Others disagreed with 11 percent saying chivalry is well and alive.

The other 5 percent say it depends on the person or the rule.

One senior who loves the topic is senior Jacob Archer; he is along with the 84 percent who said chivalry is dead.

"Chivalry is without a doubt dead. That being said, there is still chivalry like values in certain individuals," Archer said.

"The codes are followed when it is convenient. Many people have taken the codes of the church lightly; they become lenient when it comes to church. People are following religion rather than following God."

In debate of Archer's points, senior JT Ballard is along the 11 percent who said that chivalry was used.

"Chivalry is alive due to the little things adding up and by doing the kind things as small as holding the door open for people, acts of courtesy," Ballard said.



Some students preferred to keep their names anonymous but had points that were well put.

One student describes how rule three, "respect and defend all weaknesses," is broken nationwide.

"Rule three is being broken by all who favor, perform and undergo abortions. Unborn babies have been slaughtered by millions and are unable to defend themselves. Yet, by our current laws, it is all legal and widely supported. It seems that innocent human life is cheap and disposable in today's society," anonymous student said.

American male who attended Valdosta State University in Georgia.

In April of 2015, Sheppard stomped on the flag and claimed he wanted to "kill all white people."

This was the start of the trend supposedly started by rapper Lil Wayne, when the American flag that was being used as a back drop of a video fell and the musician continued his performance.

The topic of chivalry is still debated today and will continue to be up for question.

The rules that were most likely to be followed according to students' surveys were 1 and 2, believe the church's teachings and defend the church.

The rest of the code, three through ten, was ruled most likely to be broken and ignored.

Those rules included respect and defend all weaknesses, love your country, do not act before your enemy, show no mercy to the liars, perform all your political duties as long as they do not conflict with the laws of God, never lie or go back on one's word, be generous to everyone and always and everywhere, be right and good against evil and injustice.

According to Dailycaller.com, rule number four, love your country, was broken across social media.

The social media trend was Americans taking the country's flag and throwing it on the ground and proceeding with the person stomping on the flag.

The trend was called the "Eric Sheppard challenge."

Eric Sheppard was an African

Whiteman views music as path to happiness

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Making melodies, senior Rebecca Whiteman strives towards her goals.

"I have always liked singing," Whiteman said.

Fellow vocalist junior Allie Custer said that Whiteman is the mother figure of the vocal room.

"When there is chaos in the room, we always run to Rebecca," Custer said. "She always knows what to do."

Away from preparation of their musicals and concerts, Whiteman says that she most enjoys the friendships that she has acquired the most.

"We always have fun together," Whiteman said.

After joining vocal her eighth grade year, Whiteman suffered through the loss of her first vocal teacher.

"After Miss Geis passed away, we had Mrs. Arnold and now we have Mr. Logan," Whiteman explained. "Mr. Logan was the teacher that made me realize that I love what I do and that I want to continue doing it."

Whiteman has plans to further her singing career by attending Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City and become a vocal teacher.

Vocal teacher Brent Logan supports Whiteman's decision



REBECCA WHITEMAN

saying that she will go far in that profession.

"Rebecca is one of the sweetest people I know," Logan said. "She is caring and talented and strives for perfection. She will make a fantastic music education teacher."

Focus and dedication is everything for McNair

Allie Custer
Writer

With Academic ambition Senior Cayman McNair eagerly looks forward to a career in medicine.

"The medical field interests me because of all the medicines and chemicals that go into it," McNair said.

According to Marlow High School testing advisor Brenda Parker, McNair has always had an eye for the medical field, and he has not been afraid to go out and reach for his goal.

"Ever since I met him his goal has been set on medicine, and he is very passionate about it," Parker said.

McNair plans on majoring in Anesthesiology, the study of administering anesthesia to patients during surgery.

This will include at least 12

years of schooling.

McNair has already gotten a jump-start on his schooling by taking many college courses this year, more than any other senior at Marlow High School.

"He will have twelve hours completely finished by the time he graduates, so he will leave Marlow High School as a second semester college freshman," Parker said.

McNair is one that believes in taking school very seriously, which according to Parker, is very important for someone with medical ambition.

"Cayman will be a lifetime learner because he likes a challenge, and medical professionals need to be committed to always learning," Parker said. "It takes someone like Cayman to be really successful."

After a big knee injury in the summer before his junior year, McNair turned his focus from



CAYMAN MCNAIR

football to his studies.

"High school football will only take you so far in life," McNair said.

Vice-Principal Jeremy Gage says the best part of McNair is his personality.

"His ability to talk to people, no matter who they are, will take him far in life," Gage said.

After high school, McNair plans on going to the University of Oklahoma to start on his basics in medicine.

"Star Wars" returns with force

a review by Cole Cloyd

Returning in force with impressive, record setting results the dynamic space drama "Star Wars" is back with the seventh film in the series main installment, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." "The Force Awakens" proves itself as one of the years great films with its immersive story, interesting characters, impressive effects, and numerous easter eggs for "Star Wars" fans.

Set 30 years following the destruction of the second Death Star and the defeat of the Galactic Empire in "The Return of the Jedi," Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) has disappeared, and the remains of the Galactic Empire have formed the First Order, a rogue batch of Stormtroopers lead by Sith leader Supreme Leader Snoke (Andy Serkis) and his apprentice Kylo Ren (Adam Driver). The First Order is combatted by the Resistance. Soon, however, the First Order captures Resistance pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac) to extract vital information at their secret base, but sympathetic Stormtrooper Finn (John Boyega) soon liberates Poe. Soon what follows is that duo work with local scavenger Rey (Daisy Ridley) to retrieve Poe's droid BB-8 which contains the sensitive data while on the run from First Order troopers. They soon cross paths with past characters including Han Solo (Harrison Ford), Leia Organa (Carrie Fisher), and Chewbacca (Peter Mahew).

"The Force Awakens" is extremely dynamic with fast paced, exciting action as well as a balanced helping of heartfelt drama and comedy.

Action scenes are extremely thrilling and are consistently enjoyable.

Where "The Force Awakens" shines over the prequel trilogy is a lack of overly hammy dialogue and less of a reliance on computer-generated effects. Practical effects are well used and it's a blast to watch.

"The Force Awakens" is unique in the sense of "Star Wars" as it has extremely funny dialogue with good timing that's appropriate for any audience.

An extremely fun activity throughout the film is recognizing characters and events that are frequently mentioned throughout the film. Small details such as this are thoroughly enjoyable and help make "The Force Awakens" a great sequel. However, for those first diving into "Star Wars," it is really hard to enjoy "The Force Awakens" due to the film frequently calling back to previous installments of the series could be potentially hard to understand for the uninformed.

"The Force Awakens" is a must see for fans of "Star Wars," young and old, and is a highly enjoyable film. It would be a shame to miss "The Force Awakens," and it has me waiting for the next sequel in the new trilogy.



STATE CHAMPS. The MHS Bootleggers are state champs as of December 12, 2015.