An Editor, a leader
We rarely said it, but we need her
I have worked alongside Emily Knapp
From winter to spring what e’re may hap.
Courageous and instructive, she trained us, was productive
With perpetual humility and unparalleled ability.
The following has been composed
Of poetry rather than prose
A testament to all of those
Talents of Emily Knapp

Last year she was chosen for Kairos
Calm and reserved, yet also verbose
Spending her time so generously
Still exuding her gracious humility
She never seemed flustered, you’d almost suppose
So observant of others that she already knows
What needs to be done, hence I compose
A triumphant testament to all of those
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The Volleyball team: the star of the show
How hopeful she’d seem, she’d know where to go
Positive, persistent, optimistic, consistent
Digging in the back row, she never missed it
Tough and determined no matter the woes,
A triumphant testament to all of those
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Camp: Notes on the Met Gala

May 6th was the first Monday of May, and you know what that means - Met Gala time! Every year, the most fashionable celebrities come the Metropolitain Museum of Art dressed in headlining-making fits. Every year, a theme is chosen for the gala. This year's was "Camp: Notes on Fashion." Google defines "camp" as an adjective meaning "deliberately exaggerated and theatrical meaning "deliberately exaggerated and theatrical." The hosts for the 2019 Met Gala were Lady Gaga and Adam Driver, who also wore Serena Williams, which was a recipe for success. Lady Gaga had what was perhaps the most iconic moment of all time - a change in four different outfits on the carpet. (Fun fact: she got ready for the night at Regis, just a block away from here!) Gaga is a definite contender for Best Dressed of the night. Other contenders are Zendaya, who came dressed as Cinderella, Kacey Musgraves, who won the Grammy for Best Album this year, who came dressed as Barbie, Katy Perry dressed as a literal chandelier and a hamburger (iconic), and Harry Styles, who (as expected) slayed the carpet in a black Gucci number (I must admit I was hopping for a suit reminiscent of the ones he wore on tour but we still stan.) Ezra Miller's makeup had us wondering which pair of eyes was real. Darren Criss (aka Blaine Anderson from Glee) dressed for the theme in a loud harlequin Balmain jacket (but increased focus on luxury housing. I am most definitely aware of those factors. However, they are far from adequate as an explanation of what caused the housing prices to go up to what it was. There had been those who came dressed as Barbie, Lara Jean Covey from To All the Boys I've Loved Before, shone in a pink taffeta dress. (Her dress was so big that she couldn't sit down in it and had to get "corset breathing lessons."

The Worst Dressed of the Night Award goes to all of the men who wore basic suits instead of following the theme (Shawn Mendes, sweetie, you have so much potential) and James Charles because, well, he's James Charles (Tati should've been invited instead! Notable absences were Ariana Grande, Rihanna, and the Queen of the Upper East Side herself, Serena van der Woodsen. I mean Blake Lively. You can go see the Camp exhibit at the Met from now until September 8th.

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Matthew Boling is now the fastest kid in American history. Boling introduced himself to the public by becoming the first high schooler to ever break 10 seconds in the 100 meter dash. His time of 9.96 seconds is just half a second off the Olympic world record held by Usain Bolt. In addition to the 100 meters, he often runs the quarter mile; one excruciating lap of pure sprinting. His time of 47.23 seconds in the event is also among the best in the nation’s history. But Boling’s athleticism isn’t limited to sprinting events. Boling runs in his school’s four-by-one-mile relay, often making unmotivated thinkable comebacks at his anchor position. As of now, the talented teenager is in a league of his own.

Surprisingly, Matthew Boling is a very mysterious person. Basic questions about who he is and where his speed even comes from are widely unknown. When one interviewee questioned him with exactly those thoughts, he responded with “My dad didn’t even, like, do track, it’s just hard work.” He laughs. “Uh yeah I don’t know. Uh, genetics? Hard work? A mix? I don’t know.” If you look at his Wikipedia page, only four lines of text appear, all of which reveal not much more than what is already known: he is fast, he is in high school, did you know he is fast?

But the four notorious lines mention one fact in particular of which we at Loyola can be proud. Matthew Boling attends Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston, Texas. Their motto, “Men for Others,” is a testament that the Jesuit mission remains strong across America. The Fighting Crusaders play in the University Interscholastic League (UIL), a competitive athletic coalition of public schools that Strake Jesuit were admitted into, with an exception. The exception was granted in large part because of the school’s lucrative sports program. Offering 13 sports, including golf, lacrosse, rugby, tennis, and, of course, track & field, the school has won regional and state championships in these various sports in the past 50 years. The Houston Press ranked the UIL as the “Best Way to Make It Big Time.”

Boling’s resume is impressive for what any athlete can achieve in a lifetime, but he’s just starting getting. Committing to the University of Georgia, his training for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo has just begun. His first workout? Racing an NFL receiver.

NFL receivers are fast, but Saints’ receiver Ted Ginn Jr. is special. Like many NFL players, he ran track in high school. Unlike many NFL players, Ginn Jr. could race. He won a national championship, and four Ohio state titles during his high school career, all of which were in sprinting events. He built his NFL career on his raw speed alone. Perhaps with some arrogance due to his professional career, on May 16th, at the age of 34, he challenged anyone to a race for $10,000. Just 14 hours later Boling responded with his now well-known suave by tweeting, “Bet.”

Boling is a different type of high school athlete because of his unparalleled speed. Increased public attention to the sprinter gave him the nickname “White Lightning.” Since a lightning bolt takes about one tenth of a second to strike, White Lightning only needs 5 consecutive bolts to strike down Bolt himself in the world’s most anticipated running event.

As this school year draws to a close so too does an epic, decade-long story arc in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). So in case graduation and the departure of the Seniors hasn’t made you nostalgic enough, go see Avengers: Endgame and I guarantee you’ll rock to your core for the rest of the day. The movie takes place after the essential disintegration of half the universe’s population. Half of the Earth’s Mightiest Heroes are gone and Stan Lee is no longer around to think up new Avengers (Rest in Peace), so fans were at a loss for what to expect from this movie. Would the mechanic that created time travel be magic, scientific, or alien? No one really knew. But even that lack of information couldn’t prepare audiences for some of the shocking revelations that this movie presented.

The movie opens with the immediate and merciless deaths of Thanos, the main villain of the Infinity War arc (or the Infinity arc as it will be henceforth referred to). His destruction of the Infinity Stones and subsequent death were a shock to any fans who expected the Time Stone to be used to revamp the entire conflict. Instead the MCU is pushed five years into the future, and all of the remaining heroes are left to pick up the pieces of a shattered earth. It seemed as though Thanos would be the victor of the Infinity arc from beyond the grave. However, with the return of Ant-Man through the “quantum realm,” Tony Stark decides to just solve the secret to time travel in one afternoon. This results in the collection of the Infinity Stones, the return of the previously dusted individuals, and a final battle with a Thanos from an alternate timeline.

While the conflicts and actions scenes of this movie are obviously awe-inspiring and exciting for even the most casual of fans, I think it’d be more interesting to go into the losses of the film. The two permanent deaths of this movie, Black Widow and Iron Man, are the saddest and most frustrating, respectively, that I’ve seen in recent movie history. Black Widow as a character was never too compelling for me as her superpowers were essentially overshadowed most of the time by the rest of the Avengers. However this movie really demonstrates her value, as you can see her struggle without a purpose or identity when she’s left on a planet she failed to protect. It’s heartbreaking to see her try to remain strong when she has nothing left.

But when presented with the opportunity to sacrifice herself to obtain the Soul Stone she fights Hawkeye for the chance. The fight scene between Widow and Hawkeye was the strongest scene filled with plighton love and action in the most beautiful way possible. Reflecting on her arc, I can see now no other ending as dignified or fitting for her character.

Iron Man’s death, on the other hand, was frustrating and, in my opinion lacked emotion. The only part of the scene that really moved me at all was the parallelism to the scene in which Spiderman gets dusted and is being comforted in his final moments. The reason I likely felt so nonchalant about the death, apart from the fact that I never found Iron Man super compelling, is that his narrative arc was called for exactly the opposite ending. Getting really technical and snobby, Iron Man was Thanos’ foil in the Infinity arc. Both were family men who felt they had a greater duty to the universe to protect it. Thanos as a father was abusive and cruel and Tony was cute and loving. Thanos believed that destruction could bring peace while Tony thought that peace could exist within itself. In the end, why then, does it makes sense to cause both these characters to die in the same thankless way?

This becomes even more upsetting when considered next to the ending of Captain America’s story arc. The First Avenger, Steve Rogers’ entire story is one of self-sacrifice and suffering. Ever since he committed himself to the fight against Red Skull he has always been willing to die for his beliefs. To then have this man being given the family life that Tony deserved while he is robbed of his true glory... shameful.

Friends have told me that it’s the subversion of these narrative arcs that improves the film but I have to disagree: in a narrative arc as long as the Infinity arc you can’t simply subvert expectations for the sake of subversions with no purpose. The movie was amazing.

There was never a chance that it wouldn’t be but it still needs to be said. My grievances with the movie come from an over analysis of the Infinity arc that is, in the overall scheme of the movie, will have little-to-no effect on the enjoyment of the audience. Go see the movie before it spoiled for you in articles like these.
In honor of our principal, we dedicate this year’s final issue of the Blazer to Mr. Adam Lewis

Dear Adam,

Your leadership at Loyola has been a blessing to us all. You will be greatly missed! Thanks for everything you’ve done for all of us!

Best wishes for the new job!

J. Lyness

Dear Adam,

You have regularly reminded us that Christ is at the center of everything that we do, all of which is for our students. Following the model of Jesus as he accompanied the disciples on the road to Emmaus, you have walked with us as a companion who has listened to hopes, fears, and dreams. You have asked the questions that invite each of us to grow and to live in a spirit of truth, and you have reminded us to keep our eyes open to the presence of God in our midst. And like the disciples after the meal at Emmaus, we are grateful for the time together and inspired to keep dreaming and keep doing God’s work. AMDG

S. Baber

Dear Adam,

You are the consummate Ignatian Educator. You embody the Grad at Grad Characteristics of being committed to academic excellence, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. Your leadership at Loyola provides a vision of the possible future of Loyola committed to a global awareness necessary for all graduates of a Jesuit school in the 21st century. Your steady hand and encouraging ways has urged every one to challenge themselves to be their better selves.

D. Sullivan

Dear Adam,

Thank you for modelling Ignatian leadership for our students - and for us - in everything you do and are. We are grateful for all you have given us: our heads, hearts, and hands are forever changed by your time at Loyola. We wish you and all your family the very best of luck as you return “home.”

J. Holden

Dear Adam,

Having arrived at Loyola at the same time as you, I have not known what this place is without you. To me, you have represented the best of what this community prides itself as...simply put: a loving, familial listener who supportively challenges the entire community to be its best. You have reinvigorated the maxims that Jesuit educators hold dear. I will cherish my time working with you, and wish you and your family the absolute best!

H. Egner

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Dear Mr. Lewis,

I’ll start this off by saying that you really put the “pal” in principal. After the end of my freshman year, four teachers that I really trusted and respected, left. I was very uneasy about starting my sophomore year and I knew it would be tough to put my confidence into someone the same way I put my confidence into Dr. Ross-Cully. I was nervous for nothing. Upon talking to you and listening to you, I knew I could trust you. Through the different events that occurred in your two years at Loyola, you were not only able to put faith in your students, but you were also call us out when we were in the wrong. Something you had the ability to do, that not many others could, was the ability to see things from both sides. Your door was always open, and you were always there to listen to us. You were always genuine and warm hearted anytime you were talking to us, you genuinely wanted what was best for the students and their school. You stressed the importance of hearing the voices of the students and you were always understanding and forgiving when your students made a mistake. Thank you for your patience, thank you for your love, and thank you for leaving your mark on Loyola. I will always remember you kindness, and remember playing soccer and basketball with Isaac and Paddy. I wish the best for you and your family in Boston. Thank you again for everything,

Elias Almary ’20

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Honestly I don’t know where to begin. The last two years have meant more to me than I can put into words. They have been full of personal growth, learning, and unique relationships, all of which have shaped me into who I am today. I can say emphatically that of those relationships, few come close to matching the guidance and opportunity you have provided me as well as our school. From quoting your mantra of the “head, heart, and hands” on the Arrupe Summit, to the possibility and eventual conception of the LAC, you have made more of an influence in the life of the school than one can fully understand.

It is no doubt sad to come to the end of such a joy-filled road, but I prefer to think of it as a new beginning, a jumping off point for everyone. From watching the Yankees play the Red Sox with Paddy and Isaac to somehow getting your permission to spray paint trashcans on the street, you have allowed me to forge memories I about which I could only dream. You have left a mark on the school that can never be overlooked. You have opened doors both literally and metaphorically. You’ve started conversations we never thought we would be having. Your presence has been one of light and love. We have cherished every moment of your time and are deeply thankful for your generous commitment to us. From the bottom of my heart I wish you and your wonderful family the best in Boston and beyond! Thank you for everything.

Alex DelFranco ’20

Dear Mr. Lewis,

As a rising senior, the 2016-17 academic year feels like decades ago. Certain memories stand out, however; one of which being Dr. Ross Kulley’s announcement that she was leaving Loyola and the other being a grainy, low-quality video message from a somewhat formal sounding Australian man who was going to be our next principle. As a freshman, I wasn’t particularly interested in who was running the school, or whether they knew me by name, or my interests, or would stop me in the hallways to ask how I was doing. In my immaturity, I did not understand the importance of an administrator who would be as harsh as was necessary with me if I was not working hard enough in school, or would tell me to my face that I needed to improve. All of this changed during my sophomore and junior years. The value of a leader who I could talk sports with on the way to Mass became evident. Under Mr. Lewis’s leadership, the very culture of Loyola has changed. Students have a true voice in the running of the school, and have been made to understand that their opinions, when reasonable, are genuinely considered. From constantly asking “how’re you going?” to showing up to every Loyola sporting event, service trip, concert, or play he could, Mr. Lewis has consistently demonstrated what it means for an adult to truly be committed to Loyola. His passion for the school and its students and values will be missed tremendously, so, on behalf of the entire student body, the staff of The Blazer would like to say: thank you Mr. Lewis. You will be missed.

Sidney Essex ’20
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life than previous genera- tions - meaning that when they do, they have more money to spend, down pay- ment or full price. Luxury housing builders, such as Toll Brothers Inc, have reported that 23% of their sales (averaging $837,000) went to millennials buyers - a significant shift from previous generations control most of the world’s wealth. A Busi- ness Insider article from January 2018, which noted that millennials trail older generations by 18-27% of income, stated that they could be the game changer in housing time to save. Millennials have therefore been disproportionately driving luxury sales, given their age, and so it makes sense that lux- ury housing is taking up more market of the better, they found that luxury housing is more expensive - but it is justifiable, and it isn’t just people are getting ripped off by a trend towards luxury housing. In addi- tion, the Urban Institute, a DC-based housing think-tank, found that there were at least 10,000 units in both middle and moder- ate rate housing brackets that could live in a more expensive area, but didn’t because of a lack of supply: The same problem as San Francisco, but in reverse. If a housing developer actually builds luxury housing in cities, because they have gotten wealthier, and the regular market isn’t carrying enough units for them. But back to below market, below is another type of developer of making housing more expensive. How? Once you think about it, the answer is relatively ob- vious, but needs an expla- nation of how below mar- ket rate housing works. In de- fending themselves, unless a developer just builds and owns build- ings itself, it mandates that developers earmark a cer- tain amount of units in their buildings for below mar- ket rate housing… rent freezes, capped apartment sale val- ues, rent ceilings, etc. The amount and method varies by city. The point is that the lowest 50% of income, in most cities, developers need to set aside units for below market rate housing - which makes the average rent go up... up? Let me explain: developers have a certain amount of federal money to own and maintain a devel- opment, its amenities, and pay down the loan taken out to build the building in the first place. When some of the units can’t carry the rent, they will just get a lower income, or other units must take on a disproportionate share - but landlords can’t just charge more. In other words, they will just get the units to another building. In or- der to stay competitive and protect their bottom lines, they will continue to add the cost of condo or add amenities. A Stanford study found that developers at 3.5% more likely to stay at the same ad- dress than a control group, however, developers were 8% more likely to convert units to condos to recover the lost value. The large, 5 point discrepancy is an avoidance of rent control policies - with a redevelopment, devel- opers can get out of a dis- proportionate amount of rent control units - and will obviously do so there. Therefore, affordable housing policy causes a net increase in more expensive units, compared to before the 1994 rent control law was put into place. Which raises the question: Who thought this was a good idea in the first place? The answer is, it is justifiable. The politics around the Urban Institute found that the free market could provide hous- ing down to 52% of the median income, assuming 30% of income is spent on housing. Affordable housing has two tiers of subsidies below that: Low income housing, at 50% median income (basically the same as the lowest free market rate), and Very Low Income housing, for people who make 30% of the med- 100% income. Therefore, that last 20% is a reason- able subsidy, and a justifi- able market wage. However, the 52% mentioned earlier is not reasonable. There is no justification for afford- able housing subsidies for people who make 120% of the median income (Mod- erate Income housing), yet it is somehow common in many cities across the US. One other, final rea- son for public housing is so viable despite its clear negative effects on both house prices and economic growth is the idea of dis- placement. Displacement refers to when housing in an area becomes financial-

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Affordable Housing - Continued

By Lucas Posmo ’22

Difficult

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New York, in 2004, 2005, and 2006 by Columbia University, an area gentrifies, which, therefore, makes against gentrification is the idea that displacement worsens when an entire area is subject to gentrification. This is not my opinion now, but I have always considered this argument one of the odd ones. Normally, the argument refers to the idea that wealthier, normally white people moving into an area, displacing a minority group, contributes to an area losing its culture. Simply put, it is an idea that can shield gentrification's detractors from realizing that culture isn't something that has intrinsic value to everyone. Speaking personally, I live in one of the most boring suburbs imaginable, yet I don't care. I haven't really seen much of an "identity" in any of the other places I have lived in either, mostly on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. It's really hard to see what is being lost, and if that matters, to make the argument for a lost culture. Even worse, we can't even agree, as Americans, if that matters. Another argument made against gentrification is the idea that displacement worsens when an area gentrifies, surprisingly enough, just isn't true. Several studies by Columbia University in New York, in 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009, show that displacement and gentrification are not correlated positively. The first two found that they were completely independent, and the last two showed that gentrification actually reduced displacement, with the 2007 study finding that poor households in gentrifying areas were 15% less likely to move than those in non-gentrifying areas. There are two main explanations for this correlation. Firstly, the churn rate of poor households is high, regardless of gentrification, reaching 30% or more in most instances. Secondly, as we have already found earlier, when landlords are under less pressure to protect their revenues, they tend not to employ tactics such as no-fault evictions, renotations, or condo conversions to increase prices, all of which reduce the churn rate. One explanation that definitely does not apply is the idea of "displacement by exclusion", where poorer households cannot even afford to move into those areas because of higher rents due to gentrification. However, that may actually happen, but it still doesn't make any sense as an argument against gentrification, because people who have never lived in an area don't have any right to live in that area, and if they have never lived in an area, then they can't be displaced. So, clearly, there aren't many serious downsides from gentrification, and it's hard to think of things that are truly unaffordable, and we cover all of those costs, and way more, with our unnecessary housing subsidies. The cost of forgetting how the free market works. There are very few units that are truly unaffordable, and we are attacking gentrification, reaching 30% or more, and real problem entirely. We, as Americans, need to remember that free markets do work most efficiently - in most cases; and distortions are simply short-term solutions, such as subsidies, can only make the deeper problems - housing shortages, worse. Unfortunately, today's politics don't reflect that. It seems American voters will pick the easy way out, not the most beneficial in the long run. What we come up with won't get policy that fixes the problem, in that case. Why am I not surprised...
On Tuesday May 14, the Loyola Track Team travelled to Riverbank State Park to compete in the NYCAL Track Championships. The entire spring season had been leading up to that meet. Team members ran every day, pushing themselves to run faster and get better. The entire team competed in meets each Thursday of the season in an effort to qualify for NY-CAL (league) and NYSAIS (state) Championships. Although not every member went to NYCAL Championships and will be attending NYSAIS Championships, all of the runners worked their absolute hardest this track season.

The members who attended the meet were freshmen Klein Arias Simon, Miguel Davis-Sanchez, and Lucas Pinto; sophomores Miran-da Baez, Chelsea Campos, Dayelin de la Cruz, Scarlett Foulsham, Arik Zenel-Walasek, and yours truly; juniors Luc Boussquet, Hannah Cavanaugh-Gou-ven, Ryan Hogan, Annie Kinnally, Max Lewis, and Maggie Tweet; and seniors Alex Alvarez, Ikki Kajima, and Sam Klein. The meet consisted of twenty events of which Loyola competed in eight.

In the Girls 4x800m Relay, Loyola started the meet off strong, placing in fourth with legs Miranda, Chelsea, Scarlett, and Annie. In the Boys 4x800m Relay, Loyola came in second due to the valiant effort of Luc, Ryan, Ikki, and Klein. Hannah's personal record for the season in the 3000m won her second place. In the 3200m, Luc’s personal record for the season got him fourth place, and Alex and Max also ran their season's best at the event. In the 1500m, Hannah clutched first place with her season's best run, with myself and Maggie also running our season's personal record in the event. In the 1600m, Lucas won sixth place and Alex ran his personal best for the season. In the Boys 4x400m Relay, Loyola seized third place with the dynamic relay team Luc, Ryan, Ikki, and Sam. Overall, Loyola finished in fifth place, with the boys placing fourth and the girls placing fifth. None of this, however, would have been possible without the support of the track coaches, the Loyola community, and the team’s dedicated managers, Ann Jacob and Julia Manu-ali.

Although this season was the first time since 2019 Loyola boys baseball played and winning twelve and the boys were going in pursuit of the third inning. During the fifth inning, Chris stole second, and then Joe got a double sending Chris home. The boys merced Columbia Prep in the fifth inning at ten runs to three, and scored two more by the end of the inning. In the sixth inning, the final score was Columbia three, and Loyola thirteen. The team played the game with high energy and high spirits, cheering each other on the entire three hour long game. All in all, “We love our Boyolas!”

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It was truly a historic season for the Loyola Knights in their 2019 base- ball campaign. From the first pitch of the season, the team was focused on one thing: Championship. For the first time in Loyola history, the baseball team finished with an intimidating record of 10-0, not only giving them the first seed in the NYCAL playoffs, but an automatic bid to the NYSAIS state tournament. However, this historic season goes beyond just the record. The Knights averaged a 10-2 win throughout the season, scoring 105 runs and only giving up 23. Going into the playoffs, the Knights faced high hopes and expectations. And nothing better to fuel the team by playing the arch nemesis Columbia Prep in the semi-finals. Daniel Pramberger continued his highlight performance with a true playoff performance. Pramberger tossed 6 innings, only for- feiting 3 runs while sitting down 8. The offensive fire power was fueled by Liam Martin, James Donarski, and JV Von Maur who all hustled out 2 RBIs. However, it was “Big Bad” Joe Gibson who truly led the team from center field. The Junior first baseman went 3-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs. The Knights only had to en- dure 6 innings, coming out on top by a score of 13-3. The team was all business after the victory, knowing they still had a game ahead of them. All their hard work, all their dedication was leading up to their last game in the 2019 NYCAL season. May 9th, 3:30 pm, Randall’s Island Field 42, vs. Browning. The Champions. Perfection was at stake. No one said it, but everyone knew. The perfect season of 12-0 was in reaching distance, and they took it by the neck. Their nerves escaped them, while instinct took over. Sopho- more Liam Martin came out firing, striking out 3 for the first outs of the game. The Knights’ offensive spirited out of the gates strong, scoring 4 runs in the first inning, giving the team a good cushion for the rest of the game. And from that point on, it was all Loyola. Scoring in the 3rd, 5th, and 6th inning, the Knights couldn’t take their foot off the gas. All 9 guys were hitting on all cylinders. For Browning however, they had a difficult time getting their bat to the ball. Martin pitched like he’s never pitched before, striking out 8/9 players on Browning at least. The Knights had more stud finished the 6th inning surrendering 3 hits and striking out a whopp- ing 15. And then the time had come. The final outs of the game were so close, the Knights could taste it.

Two outs. Bottom of the 7th. Loyola leads Browning 7-0. Joe Gibson on the mound. He’s had a strong showing, so far striking out two. One more out and the Knights win the NYCAL Championship. Everyone’s watching. Players, coach- es, parents, students, alum, Mr. Egner; all of their eyes pooled to the play. Gibson delivers. The ball is hit, Centerfield Von Maur, back, back, back, can he get there? He did! He caught it! Game over! The Knights have done it! 12-0! A perfect season! Someone gets the record books! Because this is a season for the ages!

The team would like to thank the incredible Seniors who helped lead the team the entire year: James Donarski LF #8, JV Von Maur CF #3, Ian Wareham RF #17, and Aiden Henegar 2B #2. The Knights would like to also thank coaches Rotman and Howell for their great energy, positivity, dedication, and for always pushing every player to be their best. Thank you to all the fans who came out and supported! Take a deep breath, because the trophy is headed home to 83rd and Park.

When I jumped to a conclusion. Why?

The Loyola Knights gather. Photo courtesy of the Loyola Yearbook

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6. A thimble on a finger.
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**Cara’s Conundrums - Answers**

**By Cara Melegrony ’20**

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