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WINTER IS...HERE!

IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

By Scarlett Foulsham & Lexa Honeck '21

Camerden is known as one of the most dangerous cities in the world, and it will continue to have that same negative reputation unless poverty is eradicated. Every time a gun shot is fired, another child is killed. Another family is torn apart. There are many factors that contribute to the danger Camerden faces. It is extremely hard for anyone to escape poverty. If you're poor, you're stuck in it. It's a cycle that leads to mental racism and how society views those below the poverty line, and how the cycle of poverty affects communities. It affects all the residents of the city. The Romero Center teaches about the cycle of poverty, the circumstances that lead to people falling below the poverty line, and how our system makes it extremely hard for anyone to break the cycle. On the other hand, CFET focuses more on environmental racism and how businesses are able to take advantage of poor communities who don't have strong political voices. It also addresses unfairness in the criminal justice system, specifically how minorities are punished more severely for the same crimes that white men and women commit. We are able to learn about these injustices by going around the city of Camerden, working at soup kitchens, going to events in the local community, and talking with Camerden residents who experience it first hand. We were able to really immerse ourselves into the community of Camerden even in just a few days. We bring all the lessons that we learned in Camerden back to Loyola and teach our peers. Overall, this trip was a great experience and really allows students to change their perspective on low income communities and the cycle of poverty. If you're interested in going on this trip in the future, email Ms. Morano for more information.

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On Tuesday October 22, the Loyola Varsity Cross-Country team travelled to Van Cortland Park to compete in the NYCAL Championships. The entire fall season had been leading up to that meet, especially considering we had competed there every week. Team members ran every day, pushing themselves to run faster and to improve not only physically, but mentally as well. The entire team competed in each Thursday of the season in an effort to qualify for NY- CAL (league) and NYSSAI (state) Championships. Although not every member went to NYCAL Championships and will be attending NYSSAI Championships, all of the runners worked their absolute hardest this season.

The members who attended the meet were freshmen William Fronleich, Matteo Kryzypov, Ishan Parasher, and Emma Petrucci; sophomores Matthew Addison, Emma Anderson, Miguel Davis, Nicholas Fox, John Lambrith, Tristan Mateo, Andrew Naber, Sofia Pastore, Sara Spirtz, and Reilly Teeter; juniors Miranda Berez, Chelsea Campos, Dayelin de la Cruz, and Valentina Marin Ciferri; and seniors Elias Almasy, Patrick Bader, Hannah Cavanaugh-Gouveia, Dennis Coppin, Sidney Essex, Ryan Hogan, Max Lewis, Daniel Pramberger, and Maggie Tew.

In the Girls SK, Loyola came in 2nd place, bringing home a trophy and silver medals. The girls' team captain, Hannah, led the girls race and came in 2nd overall, beating both her personal and school record with a time of 20:50.5. In the Boys SK, Loyola came in 4th place. Dennis came in first of the Loyola boys and 6th overall with his time (18:26.8). Multiple runners on the Loyola team ran their season and personal bests at Champs. It is always important to remember that what we haven't achieved, doesn’t define who we are as athletes.

Champs. The entire fall season was dedicated to qualifying for NYCAL Championships. The players have been using everything at their disposal in order for, if not every game, then the Tournament of Champions. The players have been using everything at their disposal in order for, if not every game, then the Tournament of Champions.

Zion Williams was the main focus on Friday. Here’s what he told Bleacher Report's Marc Spears.

‘I’m not going to talk about specific detail, but during the course of the playoffs in 17, everybody was using multiple signs. I mean, for factual purposes, when there’s nobody on base, when in the history of major league baseball has there been multiple signs? It’s just what the state of baseball was at the time and was. Time and was. It against the rules? Yes it was, and I personal am sorry for what’s come about, the whole current situation. It is what it is, and we’ve got to move past that I never thought it would’ve come like it did, I, myself, am sorry.’

Keuchel, 32, was drafted by the Astros in the seventh round of the 2009 MLB Draft and spent six seasons (2012-2018) before signing as a free agent with the Braves in June. He first appeared against the Pelicans’ current team, on Friday. Here’s what he told reporters, courtesy of The Athletic:

‘First and foremost I think apologies should be issued by the team. It was never intended to be what it is made to be right now. I think we’ve stunk out of things that happen over the course of a major league ball season, it’s all about putting up to the other of “Oh, my gosh, this has never happened before.”’

ESPN’s Marc Spears, Pelicans’ FanFest event, Alex Bregman, usually one of the most outspoken players, and Ben Simmons, mean- while, have much to say about the club’s-sign stealing scandal.

Bregman’s team-mate Jose Altuve, who was under investigation, was a bit more defi- nitely, declaring the Astros would return to the World Series this season...