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Letter from the Editor by Alyssa Vassel

One type of media consumption that is extremely popular is "hate-watching." According to Wikipedia, hate-watching is "the activity of watching a television show or film with the intention of acquiring amusement from the mockery of its content or subject." As humans, hate is one of the strongest emotions we experience, and hatred can serve as an outlet for our struggles. Comparing ourselves to characters in a bad TV show can make us feel better about ourselves, and joining a hate-watching community can be a positive bonding experience. Here are my favorite bad TV shows for you to hate-watch:

Keeping Up With The Kardashians

All reality TV is prime material for hate-watching, but no reality show evokes anger, disgust, and laughter more than *Keeping Up With The Kardashians*. By watching this show, you're putting yourself into the shoes of a bunch of rich celebrities with no apparent reason for being famous who argue and cry about the most first-world problems you could imagine. You can't tell me that "My diamond earring's gone!" and "Kim, there's people that are dying," aren't two of the most iconic lines in television history.

Glee

While Ryan Murphy has made great projects like *American Horror Story* and *Hollywood*, *Glee* was truly one of a kind (and not in a good way). Severely inappropriate portrayals of teens, mishandling of serious

issues like eating disorders and disabilities, and romanticization of toxic relationships are just some examples of *Glee's* flaws. Even still, it's like a train wreck you can't look away from. In two words, *Glee* is quirky and questionable.

Dance Moms

Dance Moms is considered a timeless classic in reality TV for a reason. With dozens of children who just want to dance and mothers and dance instructors with untreated anger issues, not a single episode is boring. Abby Lee Miller is a nightmarish dance instructor with cruel, biased, and borderline abusive practices, which cause an insane amount of fights and scandals. This show is the epitome of drama, dancing, and comedy.

Ginny and Georgia

Depending on whom you ask, *Ginny and Georgia* is either the best or worst Netflix original ever made. From cringy dialogue and acting to questionable character choices, this show can be an excruciating watch. Nevertheless, you find yourself rooting for the main family's success and their antagonists' downfall. In summary, it is a very poorly written show with a very anticipated season 3.

Hate-watching does not make you a bad person; it just makes you human. Media is made to be criticized, so as long as you don't become a hateful or toxic person, watching a bad TV show is a perfectly acceptable pastime. Happy hate-watching!



All Around Lee by Katelyn Brocato

It's a new, exciting semester at Lee! Here are some upcoming events for the month of February:

- 6th Grade Visit Day on Monday, February 5 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Mississippi State admissions counselor for 11-12th graders on Tuesday, February 6 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- FAFSA help with financial aid counselor ~SENIORS ONLY~ on Thursday, February 8
- Progress Reports come out on Wednesday, February 14
- No School on Monday, February 19
- AG Day on Thursday, February 22
- National Honor Society Induction on the morning of Monday, February 26 in the gym
- National Junior Honor Society Induction on the morning of Tuesday, February 27 in the gym



Teacher Spotlight by Emmie Smith

Let's take a moment to appreciate and learn more about one of our hardworking teachers, Mrs. Keenum!

Q: *How long have you been at Lee?*

A: Since 2002.

Q: *What made you want to be a teacher?*

A: My own children.

Q: *What made you come back to Lee?*

A: I like to work.

Q: *What's been your favorite subject to teach?*

A: Science/life science.

Q: *What's one of your favorite teaching memories?*

A: When a student told me they were glad they had me for a teacher.

Q: *How do you recover from a hard day at work?*

A: I go home, fix a cup of coffee, and relax by MYSELF.

Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

Basketball season is slowly coming to an end. The junior high girls finished their season on Saturday, January 27, in the District Tournament. The junior high boys defeated North Delta 33-23 to advance in the tournament before earning the title of runner-up. The high school District Tournament will be hosted here at Lee and will end on February 3. The high school boys are entering the tournament as the #1 seed. They will play tonight, February 2. The North State Tournament will follow after the District Tournament. The high school teams only have to win one game to advance to North State. The boys soccer team will play their last game at Pillow Academy on Wednesday, January 31. They have had a great season with lots of success. We are so proud of all of our teams!

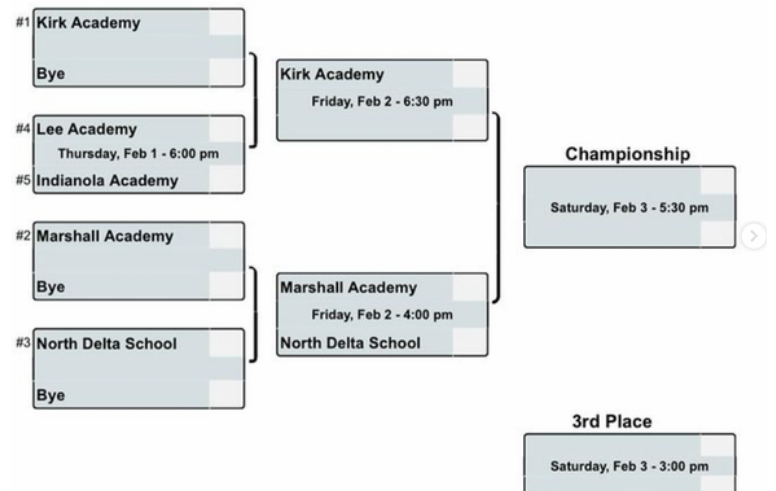


2024 District 1AAAA Basketball Tournament

February 1, 2, 3

Host: Lee Academy (MS)

Girls' Bracket



Pictures by Meredith Whitworth



Senior Spotlights by Kelly Chow



Noah Coker

Noah Coker has attended Lee since the 11th grade. He has received the Resilience Award. He hunts and farms in his spare time. When asked about his advice for the underclassmen, Noah said, "You'll never know you needed it until it's gone." He plans to major in Precision

Agriculture at Mississippi State.



Lance Shepherd

Lance Shepherd has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He played basketball from 7th to 9th grade. Lance's advice for the underclassmen is to "suffer through your work now so you don't stress about it 15 minutes before it's due." He plans to attend Delta State University.



William Walker

William Walker has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He was on the Headmaster's list in the 7th, 8th, 10th, and 11th grades and on the Honor Roll in the 9th and 12th grades. William has received the Gene L. Barbour Scholar-Athlete Award. He plays football, basketball, baseball,

and track. When asked about what advice he has for the underclassmen, he said, "Enjoy all the time you have because it goes by quickly." Mrs. Noland is his favorite teacher because her class is very difficult, and she will give you all the extra help you may need. His favorite memory at Lee is all of the football games. William plans to major in Petroleum Engineering at Mississippi State.



Movies by Hallie Reece Pitts

There are tons of new exciting movies coming out for February! Lots of genres and new films fit the “trends” right now. February is the month of love, and if you don’t have anyone to spend Valentine’s Day with, you could always use the day to watch some new movies!

Orion and The Dark (*February 2*) - The thing Orion fears the most is the dark. When the embodiment of his worst fear pays a visit, Dark whisks Orion away on a roller-coaster ride around the world to prove there is nothing to be afraid of at night.

Madame Web (*February 14*) - Cassandra Webb is a New York City paramedic who starts to show signs of clairvoyance. Forced to confront revelations about her past, she must protect three young women from a mysterious adversary who wants them dead.

Small Things Like These (*February 15*) - “Small Things Like These is an upcoming historical drama film directed by Tim Mielants and written by Enda Walsh, based on the 2021 novel of the same name by Claire Keegan. The film stars Cillian Murphy, Ciarán Hinds, and Emily Watson.

Chosen Family (*February 17*) - “Chosen Family” is an upcoming American comedy-drama film written and directed by Heather Graham. It stars Graham, Julia Stiles, Thomas Lennon, Michael Gross, Andrea Savage and John Brotherton. It will have its world premiere at the 2024 Santa Barbara International Film Festival on February 17.

Camp Pleasant Lake (*February 24*) - Strange events plague a couple when they open a camp on a haunted site that connects them to a 20-year-old mystery involving a missing girl and a brutal crime.



POP into 2000's Culture by Morgan Hollowell and Kenzie Cook

Music

Since Valentine’s Day is approaching, what better music to listen to than love songs? Love songs can be very diverse; almost every artist in every genre has made at least one throughout their career. Whether you like country or pop or anything in between, there is a love song for you! To find some new songs, you can look up “love songs” on your favorite streaming platform and find playlists other people have made. Some of my favorite love songs at the moment are “In

Agreement” by Lizzy McAlpine, “I Won’t Give Up” by Jason Mraz, and “Everywhere, Everything” by Noah Kahan! Look through your top artists’ discography to see if they might have any songs you like! Happy listening and Happy Valentine’s Day!

Celebrity Gossip

Travis Scott is reportedly agitated by his ex-girlfriend Kylie Jenner for showing PDA with Timothée Chalamet at the Golden Globes. Kylie and the new *Willy Wonka* star looked like two teens in love at the award show as they were caught on camera holding hands and kissing. The insider says that Travis is irritated anytime he sees Kylie with Timothée, but his feelings about Timothée and Kylie together are known already. He has already addressed it in his music. Travis even believes she downgraded, but of course, he thinks she is trying to get to him by being with Timothée.

Mental Health by Aila Newton

During the winter months, especially in February, depression and anxiety tend to rise. The cold weather may make you feel like staying in bed, but there are many activities to engage in rather than just lying down. One option is to create a Valentine’s present for your significant other. Handmade gifts are a great way to spend your time thoughtfully and brighten your partner’s day in the process. If you’re looking for something else, try experimenting with a new cooking recipe. Not only will you be learning, but you’ll also enjoy delicious food as a result. Additionally, consider indulging in a thorough skincare routine, as the cold weather can dry out the skin. Make sure that you don’t forget your pets; they can be affected by seasonal changes just like you. Try giving them new treats and toys or taking them for a walk on warmer days.

Fashion by Lily Gist

Bows. One of the easiest and classiest ways to add a little something extra to your outfit is with a bow. It adds a timeless flare that can match any occasion or dress code. Whether adding a bow to the hair, shoes, or dress, it can never miss. Bows will always be in style and will always be a fashionable choice.

