OWL enduring bus shortage

Students on busses M and Q are forced to find other transportation

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Senior Lili Hobday’s average morning routine has changed quite a bit this year. Instead of hopping on a school bus, she gets out of bed and goes out the door to get in her minivan with her two brothers, 9th grader Danny and 7th grader Luke. They make four stops along the way, picking up additional students, with a total of seven arriving at OWL promptly each morning.

Lili has become her neighborhood’s “bus driver” because of the nationwide work shortage, causing busses M and Q to be without drivers. “We found out on the first day of school that we would have to find another way to get there,” said Lili. Students have had to resort to other transportation options in order to get to school, mostly involving carpooling. “Luckily, we are able to drive every morning—shoutout to my dad for biking every day,” said Lili. “But as it gets colder—and eventually icy—we may need to figure out a new system.”

Other students have begun to take public transportation, as they have been provided with Metro Transit bus tokens by the district. Previously, in 2015, the district partnered with Metro Transit to transport Johnson High School students to and from school.

Despite being back in the building, the 2021 Fall Retreats still looked different than usual. Due to continued COVID restrictions, there were no overnights allowed, and because of the nationwide bus shortage, most grades were limited to in-school retreats and walking field trips. However, due to the hard work of each grade’s team of teachers, this year’s Fall Retreats proved to be a success.

The 8th graders focused on studying the Mississippi River. They went hiking at Minnehaha Falls, went on the Paddle ford boat from Harriet Island to Harriet Falls, went on the Paddle tour and explored Belwin Nature Center. The 8th graders worked on team building and built up some background knowledge for their expedition this year around the topic of justice. They also hosted a guest panel of local experts from Humboldt and in the garden around the school. They dens around the school. They did fun activities such as tie dyeing and capture-the-flag.

The 6th graders on a boat on the Mississippi River (left), the 9th graders gardening at the Vacant Lot (right). See more fall retreat pictures on page 6.

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New iPads boast sleeker design and rubbery keys

Alex Cowles
Staff Writer

For the first time since 2019, SPPS students got new iPads.

The model of the new key board is a Rugged Combo Three, and the iPad is an 8th Generation. The first thing you will notice with the new iPads is the fact that the keyboard does not easily come off the iPad. It’s also all in one piece, as opposed to the old ones which had a case made of multiple pieces that had to be put together. For someone who has a tendency to lose things, not having small pieces with the iPad is a godsend. Having to assemble the iPad like legos when you put the case on was a pain, especially when some iPads wouldn’t charge with the case on. I wouldn’t mind being able to remove the keyboard, but as a whole, these new iPads are a lot more convenient. The magnet that holds the iPad closed feels strong and the case as a whole feels like it could protect the iPad in case of a drop.

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The new iPad comes with a sleeker case that is easier to carry.
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If you’re around the West Side after school hours, you’ve probably seen a group of kids running around the Humboldt fields with a yoga ball, yelling “Zimbabwe!” whenever the ball is kicked. No, you aren’t witnessing the birth of a soccer-like sport—it’s the cross country team engaging in one of their training exercises.

The team, OWL, had 14 athletes participate on the Hawks cross country team. Games, such as Coach Mario Lamadrid’s invention, “Zimbabwe,” aren’t the only thing that make this sport so popular. “It’s like a community. Everyone is really nice and it’s really chill. It’s definitely less about the times and more about having fun,” said 10th grade Willa Campion. 11th grade Nick Streng agreed. “Everyone is really supportive. Even if you don’t always do well at a practice run or a meet, there’s never a negative feeling, just a sense of ‘I can hit the next one out of the park.’

Aside from games, the team generally practices with stretching andometrics. They then go on a 3-mile run through the neighborhood surrounding school, using one of several predetermined routes. “Since we practice on the West Side, and we have a lot of hills, I think that helps us in meets, so that was good training,” said Willa.

There was about one cross country meet per week this season, all with similar structures. Anywhere from 4 to 20 schools pick 7 varsity runners for both the boys and girls teams, while the rest of the runners are JV. There are separate races for boys varsity, girls varsity, boys JV, and girls JV. There are mass starts, where teams line up together, and wait for the starting signal. “Sometimes the routes are kind of complicated because you run a certain distance and then loop around an area a few times, but there are flags to show where to go,” said Nick. All of the runners on the team have gotten new personal records this season, and both Willa and senior Stian Asper have placed highly in races at the conference meet, they placed 12th and 8th, respectively. “The kind and energetic atmosphere emitted by Coach Mario Luna and runners alike, makes it a blast to practice, race, and be a part of the team,” said Stian.

Sections comes next. “This year, we got moved down to a smaller section. There’s probably like 12 teams, mostly from the Metro Area,” said Willa. “The hard work of the team, and the progress they have made over the years. In addition to that, OWL’s four seniors, Hum- boldt senior Hay Gay Soe is a star on the court. However, upperspressen aren’t the only ones who make up the starting line. OWL, students 8th grade Olivia Fabich and 10th grad- er Annaika Leifgren have been strong players this year.

The players have formed lasting friendships over the years and this is a part of what Paloma enjoys about the sport. “I really like hanging out with the girls, I have been playing with a lot of them since mid-high school so it’s a lot of fun,” said Paloma, “we always eat dinner together before games and it’s a lot of fun! Section- tenka enjoys the supportive community of the team as well.”

Mountain biking is a sport so popular that people are nice, I think it’s a lot easier to make mistakes and try new things because people are nice,” she said.

With 5 seniors graduating this year, the team is looking towards the future and is ex- aected about the younger players. “It’s a lot of fun! The team is growing and the guys are excited!”

The Purple Press Staff Photo
"Splash!” The starting whis- tle sounds as 5 swimmers dive into the pool, different colored swim caps flashing through the air before vanishing under- water.

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The team celebrates after beating Johnson High School for the first time in years (left), this year’s Hawks volleyball seniors on their senior night in October.

Hawks volleyball moves up the conference rankings

The team finished 12-15, the best record in years

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When 11th grade Dani Butler serves an ace to win the Humboldt Hawks girls volleyball team first section match against East Ridge Academy, the rest of the team rushes the court and the stands erupt in cheer. Some of the players how, like a Butler, a part of the series of cheers the team has for each court and the stands erupt in the rest of the team rushes the court after the point.

Purple Press Staff Photo
Stian placed 8th out of 256 athletes in a race earlier this season.

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Sixth grader Zinabu Petersen turns a corner on the race course at Redhead Mountain Bike Park in Chisholm this fall.

Mountain bikers find success in ’21

Stand out riders emerge as the sport grows

Willa Campion

Staff Writer

Whenever people ask what sports my school has, I try to explain that OWL only has three non-co-ed sports. I like Fräquetball. This combination of sports is usually met with confusion and I end up hav- ing to explain that Fräquetball is a sport of hitting a ball, yelling “Zimbabwe!” into the pool, different colored swim caps flashing through the air before vanishing under- water.

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Meet Seth!
OWL's new choir teacher

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OWL's newest triple threat is an athlete, a musician, and a teacher! Born in Sioux City, Iowa and raised around New Richmond, Wisconsin, the new kid on the block Seth Rogan played Hockey for 12 years, and did football and track in high school, along with music, which was always a passion he had. "I did a lot more with sports back then," he shared. "I still did a lot of music but I think I was a little more active."

Seth went to the University of Minnesota for his Undergrad and Masters degree. He did Music Education for his Undergrad, with honors work in Performance and Recitals, and he did his Masters in Music Education too. The two main schools he taught at before OWL were Highland Park Senior High School and John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School.

He loved music, and wanted to be a performer when he was younger. "I went to school for music and while he was there he discovered that the best way for him to have a career in music and to be a part of a community was through teaching."

Seth said that his favorite part of OWL so far is the commitment to positive environments and community, from upper schoolers to freshmen. He said that he really appreciates how not only does OWL have slogans for positivity, but it also-lives them out, he has seen students be very supportive and friendly to other students and to teachers, "you can't find that anywhere else" he said. "we really walk the talk and talk the talk I think."

Seth aims for a laboratory class in his teaching style, he follows student questions, and tries to hit LT's and standards through that lens. "I'm really seeking to find what the students are interested in. He thinks that music is very fluid and diverse and always changing, and he tries to shape his classes around that idea. In his opinion, trying to follow what students are interested in learning related to music always leads to a more positive educational experience and a more positive environment.

He thinks music is important to learn about because it gives people habits of learning that will help them out long term with learning in general, he thinks that if someone can sit down and learn music then they can sit down and study law. It gives habits of learning that are important to know, because music requires a lot of dedication and daily practice to master. Music is engaging in a way that allows people to learn those habits and then apply them to anything they do.

His favorite genre of music is Classical Opera and similar music. "I really enjoy singing in other languages, and I think the stories and intentions behind them are very meaningful. "He appreciates songs and genres that carry on traditions through music. His favorite music to teach is whatever keeps a student singing, he likes to encourage whatever team will miss its seniors, because it will keep a student going for as long as possible.

The boys cross country team huddling up at a meet.

Despite the students' efforts, the team did not win this race, but the girls did and the team still had the most points for the day. Seth makes sure to take student input into account with his laboratory-style teaching.

Cross country, 2

That One Little Kid
Brisa Bolton-Steiner

Mountain biking, 2

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However, it isn't required that riders compete at the races and many enjoy just coming to practice. "It's really fun just to ride with other people and I made lots of friends doing it," Zinaba said. St. Paul riders practice twice a week and do a combination of riding on roads and trails around the city. "I really enjoy [mountain biking], it's a really fun way to be outdoors and still exercise," added Tess. "The sport has a really nice community around it, " Zinabu said. St. Paul mountain biking is one the fastest growing high school sports in the nation and the OWL team hopes to continue to grow. "I would definitely recommend [the team] because mountain biking is really fun and you can make a lot of friends doing it," said Zina.

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Warner Bros adaptations don't live up to the bestsellers books

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Harry Potter was one of my favorite book series growing up, and like every great book series does, it grew up with the reader. It began as a light-hearted adventure about a boy who went to a wizard school, and over the course of seven books, evolved into a serious and mature, yet magical tale about destiny, family, and love. These books only get better as I reread them over the years, and to this day, I still consider the series to be a timeless mas-
terpiece.

I wish I could say the same about the movies.

While Harry Potter was being written, it was adapted into a film series distributed by Warner Bros, and in ten years, the story was retold in eight movies by four different directors, and featured a massive ensemble of actors and actresses that played all the prominent characters in the wizarding world, with many reprising their roles for every movie.

The three main char-
ters of the story - Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, and Hermione

Granger - were brought to life by Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson respectively, and featured a massive ensemble of actors and actresses that played all the prominent characters in the wizarding world, with many reprising their roles for every movie.

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As someone who has read the book multiple times, and like to say that this movie was a brilliant adaptation of the book, extremely entertaining, and very enjoyable to watch. As a side note, if you liked the movie and haven't read the book, the you should definitely go and read it, it's incredible.

Harry Potter, 5

The Hate U Give's prequel impresses

Angie Thomas provides context for THUG in Concrete Rose

Danny Hobday
Staff Writer

The Hate U Give has become a bestselling book among young readers. In my opinion, one of the most in-
teresting characters is Mav-
rick Carter, Starr, Seven, and Sekani's father. Maverick was originally a gang, sold drugs growing up, causing him to go to jail, but turned his life around. He owns a store and raises 3 kids. The detail of his life prior to the events of The Hate U Give are revealed in its prequel Concrete Rose. This 320-page book is Angie Thomas's 4th, published at the beginning of 2021.

The book is about Maverick Carter and his backstory growing up as a part of the King Lords. Maverick's father was the biggest drug lord in all of Garden Heights until he was locked up. People thought that Maverick would take his place and be a typical teenager for his neighborhood, getting the newest Jordans, buying ex-

pensive gifts for his girlfriend, and playing ball all day. That's exactly what he did until a one night stand with his best friend's girlfriend ended in pregnancy, causing his whole world to be flipped upside down.

After the baby is born he tells his future wife, Lisa, that he's the father of Florence. She gets depressed. She dumps him on the spot. Maverick is devastated to lose Lisa but he has to be there for his baby. He decides to take a break from drug dealing and gets a job in his neighbor's gar-
den and convenience store. It's slow and hard work but he helps his mom pay the bills and get necessities for his baby. He consistently tries talking to Lisa and after a while things starts to come around. Every-
thing's going well until Maver-

ick figures out his life getting more and more complicated...

The book is very similar to The Hate U Give, because it gives you a different perspec-
tive. I thought everything in the book fell into place perfect-
ly. This is the first movie of the series, based on the first book that in-

cludes us to the future of the movie, and the secret wizard society that's been in London right from the very start. And in my eyes, it's where the movies peaked. This first one was able to perfectly retell the story in a 150-minute run-
time. The pacing is extremely fast, but no important plot el-
ments are left out. Other, less important details or scenes in the book are removed for time, but the whole, more detailed and intricate storyline is what ulti-

mately makes the movies better in my opinion. The movie is smart with knowing what to cut so the main storyline can be laid out.

I was so incredibly excited, yet a little nervous while go-
ing to see Dune. I was excited because it is my favorite book-

ly until I realized they didn't talk about him going to jail at all. This was a huge part of the story because he was there for Starr and seven going to enjoy.

Rehearsals for the play have been underway for a few weeks now, so the cast and crew have spent that time settling into their roles and dealing with the special kind of challenges that this show presents. 12th grade actress Venetia Hayes Sanda, and Sandra plays Florence. This strange role has brought up a lot of different opportunities and challenges for everyone.

"I'm really looking forward to taking on Sandra because I not only have to learn what Sandra is like, but also how Sandra would play Florence, which is a unique challenge," Nora said.

"I really like that she's quite dramatic. It's fun to play a woman who owns that's ranting with hysteria because that's generally something I am not used to doing."

This play features many instances of physical humor (people tripping, things etc.) which can be very demanding for the actors as they have to elicit a lot of energy and also try not to get hurt. There's also a lot of bits that require precise timing, which is hard in a live performance. Despite these challenges, Re-
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Many stans congregate on social media sites, such as Instagam, TikTok, Discord, and most commonly, Twitter. Stans very specifically their fandom, while the whole fanbase is often more. “The one I’m biggest stans is of Youkikold with me. Stans I’m also fans of all the other BTS members, plus bunch of other groups too,” states Sam.

Most don’t confine themselves to simply being a fan. Either, some dedicate themselves to making fan works like art or fanfiction, others focus on a specific series or album made by the creator, a specific member of the group. They also have their own ways of affirming their status as a fan or attempting to show off the celebrity or group by posting “videos or images. The practice began, and is most popular on social media sites, it also expanded to many other “stan-bases” as well.

In turn, these communities function as their own online ecosystems. People fill spaces of the fandom and new people join to fill in the spots of those who leave. Often, stans collaborate on people Minecraft youtberrers online, and the admin of a Discord server for fans of a band named Moss, stated, “We’re like this big family almost, I’ve honestly made so many good friends from it and it’s been a really fun and positive experience, at least for me.”

Bunny, another server admin, added, “I’ve had a really hard time during the pandemic, and making friends and feeling isolated, being in this community really helped me a lot with finding those people and finding that community.”

However, there’s a far darker underbelly to many of these communities.

Many negative online interactions are dictated by parasocial relationships. “Parasocial relationship” is a term coined by psychologists Donald Hor- ron and Richard Wolf in 1966 to describe when one feels as though they have an intimate connection with a television or Internet celebrity. Originally, the term was used to describe strangers who felt a connection to radio and television hot, which wasn’t very widespread.

Now in the age of social media, however, it’s easier than ever to watch and interact with creatives and celebrities online. Stanzers can easily find out, say, what your favorite celebrity did today, what their opinions are on certain topics, and even who their family or love life is like.

Many fans have even gone into the lives of their favorite celebrities, crossing person- al boundaries, and becoming stalker-like in the process.

To outsiders it might seem creepy, but to them it feels like their favorite celebrity is the one person they can talk to without fear of them judging that person. This also means that reactions sometimes get amplified across the fandom. When a creator gets criticized, it can feel like a personal attack; on a close friend. When the creator does something bad, it can feel like personal betrayal.

“It was a big fan of Dreamship, but my first, but a bunch of his really insensitive private tweets and statements came out against my favorite communities, it hit me super hard, and it really disappoint- ed me because I thought of him as a nice person and someone whose content I could rely on, and it felt like a betrayal,” states Moss.

Feeling close to a media figure isn’t inherently bad; it’s human nature to develop con- nections. It’s when this feeling leads to the crossing of bound- aries that it can become prob- lematic.

Stans, 6

Helpful communities or dens of negativity?

Subaru WRX, too expensive

Attics recommends looking to older models for better value

Arttius Brookes-Bacak

The new 2022 Subaru WRX is a refresh of the 23-year long legacy of all-wheel drive rally heritage. The 2022 WRX was announced on September 10, 2021 and will be available to the public in early 2022 for a price of around $30,000.

The STI model will cost around $35,000. With a decently quick, but not fast, 271, using a new 2.4 liter turbocharged boxer, the Subaru WRX is a decent looking, fun, and quick car, but too expensive for what you’re get- ting.

You have the choice be- tween a 4-speed manual and a CVT—a form of transmis- sion with a belt and two disks. The two disks share pressure to con- tract the belt creating higher and lower gear ratios. If this means nothing to you, get the 6-speed. It uses the same symmetrical all-wheel drive system, splitting power 50/50. A review to the WRX, as an update to Subaru’s new global plat- form that is shared between most of their cars. Another new feature is active dampers that you can adjust to stiffen or soften. Dampers “lock” into a mode that absorbs the springs extra bounce, a feature for handling.

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Swim, 2

bright, and motivated people. They are 100% what I’m going to miss most next year if I graduate,” said Mae.

Despite the turnover of swimmers this season, the team had goals of perfecting techniques with “things like turns and dives, both of which are pretty critical to master if you want to drop time in your swims,” said Mae.

The swim team has gone 3-3 in 6 meets this year, before a successful conference meet on November 10th. “Only var- iety moves on to compete at sections. But since our team is pretty small this year, we have a lot of people going,” said Mae. Sections entails two full days of swimming, with events on both days and the final on the second day. “It’s a bit more in- tense, but sections is still really fun, and there’s no team of cheer- ing involved!” said Mae.
OWL gets out for fall retreats

Bus shortage, 1

Students had to adjust to ensure that students had a convenient way to get to school. However, this hasn’t been a possibility this year due to the lack of planning time.

Other SPPS schools are in a similar situation, as, according to the Pioneer Press, the district was short 76 drivers two days before the school year began, affecting a total of 10,000 students. This came as a surprise to the district, and has caused high school students at Central, Como Park, Harding, and Washington to be without bussing altogether. Other schools, such as Ije Ming Mandarin Immersion and L’Ecole du Nord French Immersion, have begun starting classes earlier to allow drivers to cover more routes. These adjusted times will stay in place until at least winter break.

The bus shortage has had other consequences as well. As drivers scramble to cover more routes and bus high school sports teams across the city, middle school sports have been left without a real season. Fall middle school sports, including soccer and volleyball, will practice together for about two months. However, they will not compete against other schools and athletes are required to find their own rides home.

Bus shortages are widespread across Minnesota and the United States. Other districts are facing turmoil as bus drivers are being harvested out of communities by contract harvesters.

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From leaking private information online, to mass-harassment parties, this disregard for personal boundaries takes on an entire new meaning in the age of “doxxing” or leaking addresses online. The common online practice of “shipping,” a term referring to the need to go out and get a real-world job to pay for the buses. Minneapolis has resorted to paying parents to drive their kids to school.

Fanbases were fraught with turmoil and drama, many of these Stan communities are just people trying to find a community in the wake of isolation. Many inadverantly got pulled down into a world of toxic parasociality, harassment, and lost touch with reality.

“A crazy Stan community is indeed toxic, it all comes down to perspective. In all honesty, I think people really only look at the negatives and use that to label the whole community.”

And for said toxic fans, Chai stated, “I think they need to go out and get a reality check and just get off of the internet for a while, because a lot of them are just kids. They should be out experiencing life and growing up in the real world, not on Twitter, and not in the sort of toxic environ-

The winning capture-the-flag team for the Seniors (top, left), the 6th graders exploring the Mississippi River (middle, left), the 9th graders Gabby Govrik and Galadrial Barrett painting decorations for the Vacant Lot (middle, left), students greeting Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter (bottom, left), the 7th graders at Harriet Island (top, middle), the Seniors tie dying (middle, middle), the 10th and 11th graders touring St. Cloud State University (bottom, middle), the 9th graders gardening outside of OWL (top, right), the 7th graders exploring Belwin Nature Center (middle, right), and a sign being made for the Vacant Lot (bottom, right).