

Potential AP students lose interest after summer work

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News Editor

Another year older, another year filled with disappointments, real life struggles, and most importantly more responsibilities. Not only does age consistently add more pressure, especially for the millions of teenagers in high school, but it also stresses decisions that will eventually have an effect on our near futures such as college or jobs that we pertain ourselves to want to take part in. Now the question that nearly all students leave hanging on their shelf until the week before school resumes: Is an AP class, let alone AP English class, worth it? I certainly take position to believe that it is beneficial to any student.

Now I know your mom was most likely on your tail about the summer assignments, and if she is anything like mine, she was probably yelling at you from in the kitchen to 'hit the books' while you were supposedly 'reading', but rather, you had your headphones on while watching Netflix. Don't get me wrong, I bet that whole procedure worked great for you until your mom went to put your clothes away and in-

stead was astounded by a pile of AP books covered in two inches of dust with a moldy half-eaten sandwich lying on top of the dirty mess.

It's a tough decision, choosing if AP is worth it. Dedicating your perfectly good summer to read boring books that'll never make a significant impact on your life, nor your future.

Those not in favor of any form of an AP class-let alone an AP English class, would most likely argue partying at some random person's house is a worthwhile summer. Compared to the teachers reading their lives away until their summer has been completely indulged with inside lighting captivated by a small-intensified room, it may be. But hey, who cares that teachers find joy out of reading these books that would put us teenagers with young souls and free spirits to sleep? While teachers annotate the 'you know what' out of the juicy pages of our summer reading books, the youth with free souls will stick together waving their American flags on the back of some jocks F-150 while screaming at the top of their lungs jokes that aren't really funny, nor will ever be funny.

However with every group of Beyoncé-egoed students, come

the students who in a metaphorical sense kiss their feet. While the peasants, a.k.a. nerd-a-gons view their summer through someone else's Instagram post, or some random persons twitter feed, these students managed to learn more about themselves. They captivated themselves within their future. What they'll eventually come accustomed to, they managed to get a head start on and save money for their future college attendance while doing so. Though they might've had to miss that one party where the guy punched a hole through the wall, or that one premiere of the movie they've been dying to see, they learned commitment, perseverance, and persistence.

That's why I stand firmly in favor for the idea that AP classes are a good plan for virtually all students to have a chance to thrive within our school. Not only do our very own teachers at BHS encourage us to challenge ourselves to see what we can achieve when we actually push ourselves, but also we're lucky enough to have administrators who encourage a wide variety of accelerated classes that offer many aspects of schooling to be studied.

Opening minds about opening our campus

Justin Kurgan
Argus Page Editor

Brighton High School should have an open campus. This is a basic civil freedom that we students have. As 17 and 18 year old high school students we are capable of being tried as adults in the court of law. If we get in trouble, we are considered adults yet we are treated as children in school.

Even with that fact that the school board still feels the need to detain us in a closed campus, keep in mind that includes not even being allowed in the parking lots of the school during lunchtime. Schooling systems and government systems work together, as legal adults we are treated as minors on school property.

In recent generations much like the one before ours the world was not run like this. There was no such thing as a "closed campus". Expecting students to act like adults, yet treating them like children only provokes the lashing out and rebellious behavior of our upperclassmen.

There is no beneficial reasoning to keep upper classmen on campus at all times of the day.

It is believed that an open campus will cause students to skip and leave school. Let the students be the one to tell you that this already occurs.

Simply giving us an open campus to leave for lunch so we can get food at our favorite restaurants will then make us more likely to not skip because we have our rightful freedom and still understand that it is important to attend school.

There are obvious exceptions that can be made to prevent abuse of open campus, such as students that have too many absences in certain classes. If the particular student is a law breaking student, then much like the real world, there will be restrictions and consequences.

The reason for not already having an open campus is because of safety issues. Well if we are 17 or 18 years old and considered an adult then the school will not be held responsible for whatever injuries or accidents that may occur.

With that being said it would make sense for paper work to be involved which would not be a problem for able bodied students. It is felt that there are more benefits and better reasoning for open campus rather than a prison like "closed campus".

Staff Editorial: Election chaos

Signs are stuck into the dirt on every corner of every town in the country. Midterm elections are taking over airwaves on the television and radio, showering us with thoughts that what we have isn't good enough but any change will reverse the recession we're digging ourselves out of.

But of course, with a matter as important as picking out who will be running our cities and states comes a certain level of immaturity. Some people believe that stealing signs is the best way to help their candidate. They don't understand the amount of work and money put into getting all those signs up.

For just a high school student council election, the average candidate will put in somewhere near ten hours. That's campaigning for the chance to represent about 500 students. Now, running for Brighton city council, you're advertising yourself to about 10,000 people, or 20 times the amount of those high school students that need representing.

So if someone is putting that many hours into an opportunity to represent 500 people, imagine the amount of time spent trying to convince 10,000 people you're right for the job, not to mention if you're running for a seat in Congress where you can be representing up to 90,000 people. If you had put in that many hours trying to win a job, how would you feel about having signs stolen, defaced, even completely destroyed? Those running for Brighton school board should not have to worry about this.

It isn't fair to these people who want to help make the city of Brighton and the state of Michigan a better place for you and your family. There is no good reason to dispose of something that a person worked so hard on to try to earn a job, no matter what political party they are.

It's like going to a job interview and during it there's someone in the room with you who covers up your mouth every time you try to answer a question. It's not right and people need to understand that.

Choosing colleges causes headaches

Spencer Tyler
Business Manager

As the fall season comes in, it seems college applications are on their way out. The problem is what schools they are getting sent to, and why they are going there. There are a lot of colleges out there, and it may seem hard to find the "Perfect Fit", but if you know what to look for, you can speed things up tenfold. I believe when looking for colleges that are best for you, you should choose the one that has the most prestigious program for the major that you choose to take up.

I think prestigious schools should be your number one choice because they have the best programs, the most connections to outside and inside employers, and you are receiving the best education possible in your intended field. Not only are prestigious schools beneficial to you in the workplace but also morally, because their programs are so much more challenging and provide you with a genuine challenge to bring the best out in you. It also helps you to understand that you are capable of so much, and to not quit.

Some people believe that a degree is a degree and they choose colleges based on the amount of money it costs, or choose a college because it's a great place to go if you're only going to college for the parties.. Maybe all of their friends are going there and they are just looking for a good time. I would say these opinions are flawed for a few reasons: One being the only person you should choose a college for is your-

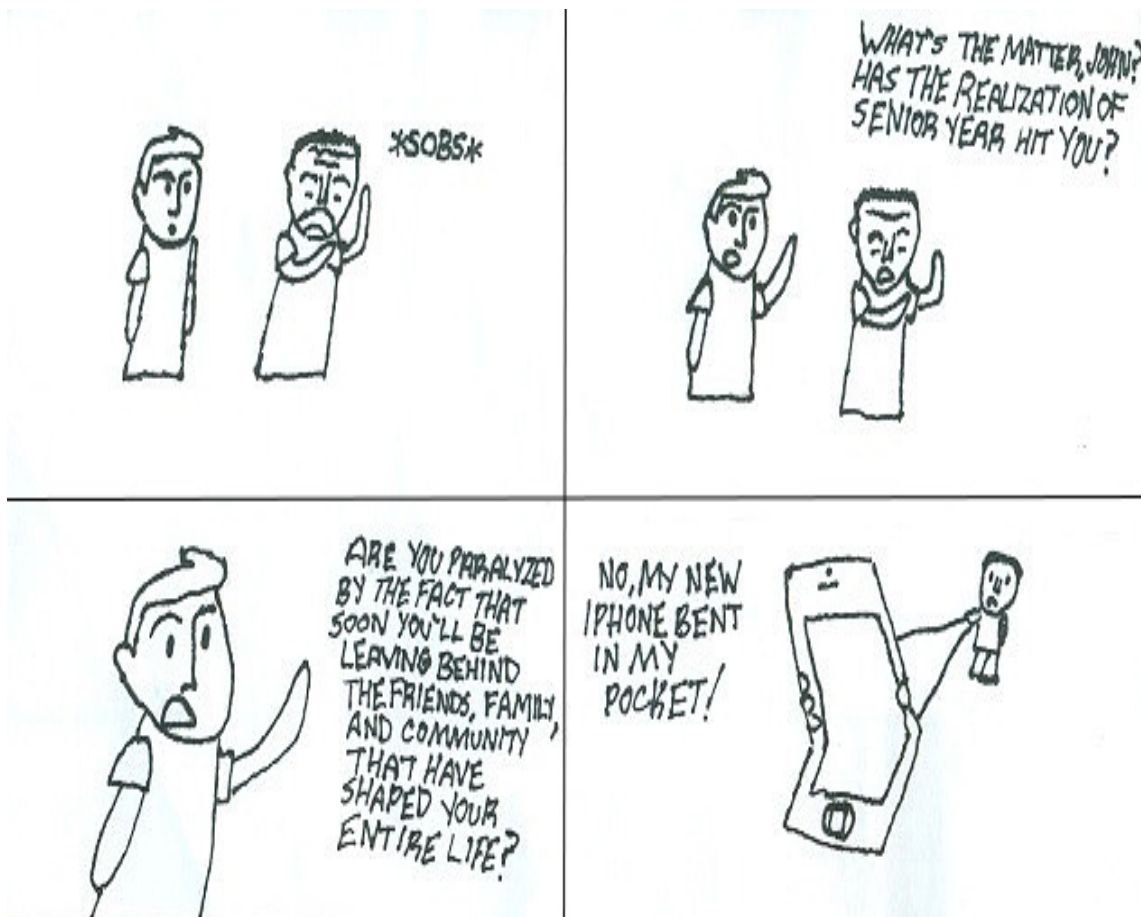
self, the other being that you are paying for your own college whether it be your money or your parents. You shouldn't waste it on partying, since the partying won't get you anywhere in life. Lastly, some cheaper colleges don't have the outside connections to employers, so although it's cheaper you wouldn't have the connections that a more developed program would have.

Although some people do have financial issues, the sum of all costs for college can be very expensive and may be out of their budget. There are forms of financial aids one can receive, like scholarships, grants, or forms like FASFA. Given all of these options, you really do not feel like it is required to go straight to a prestigious college. Going to community college or a satellite college of the cheaper university are both potential options, because you always have the chance to transfer into a different school and continue the education that will be putting you in position to have a job once you graduate..

College is a time of fun, hard work, and finding yourself, but keep in mind that it's also a time of transition from adolescence to adulthood. You have to work hard, but you get to play hard too. It's a time of freedom, and you get to experience what the world is like outside of your own home. Finding the perfect college may be hard, but it's not impossible. I think that getting into the most prestigious school that you are able to is the best reason for you to choose the college you will be attending.

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Point/Counterpoint: Are parking passes really a necessity?

Point

Sarah Wright
Taurus Canis Editor

Parking passes have been an efficient way of keeping track of students for a long time at BHS. Those who believe the passes are pointless should understand the uses that parking passes provide.

Each student pays \$50 for their parking passes which then goes toward maintaining different

parts of the school, as well as the parking lot. Given the amount of students that use the parking pass times by the cost, it's clear that the money paid for parking passes goes to a worthy cause.

Parking passes ensure that students don't attempt to skip school. If a student is missing from a class then the faculty can check the parking forms for the car model and lot, then check to see if the car is there.

BHS parking passes can make it easier to report accidents and

speeding incidents. This is accomplished by having members of the BHS security team record the license plate of the pass holder who perpetrated the accident, then hand out the ticket or take the necessary procedures needed. The parking passes play a major roll in the STOP program. If a student has been in an accident or receives a ticket on campus, the STOP program notifies parents in order to ensure that the situation is thoroughly dealt with.

Rather than using the parking passes to regulate where students should park, the passes should be passed out without forcing students to park in overflow lot. The passes are mostly there to ensure safety and overflow lot can be an inconvenience for students who arrive to school late.

Parking passes are a safety precaution that are vital to the high school. Safety is a priority at BHS and if students are threatening that safety, parking passes are important when protecting students and staff.

Counterpoint

Shane Hiller
Photo Editor

I wish to provide some perspective on the issue regarding parking passes involving the students at Brighton High School. I feel it is my duty to ask the question that many other students here are asking themselves; why are we paying to park at our public school?

Brighton High is a school that cares for its students and tries to give them the best experience they can offer, but as a student here I

would like to know why the school feels it is necessary to charge each licensed student 50 dollars to park in one of the designated parking lots.

"The money that you pay goes to help pay for our school security staff that monitor our school," said Principal Gavin Johnson.

Failure to pay for one of the stickers results in a variety of tickets ranging from warnings, to five dollar, to ten dollar tickets, after that, results in a loss of your parking privileges.

Teachers here at BHS are not required to pay for one of these passes even though they take up the same parking spaces as the stu-

dents. If the parking pass money goes to fund our security staff, they should charge both the teachers and students because everyone is taking up a parking space. Because they are employees to the school, they are not required to pay for a parking pass as stated in the schools compensation package.

"I feel they are unnecessary because we have to come to school anyways, so it's a little unfair that we have to pay 50 dollars to park at our public school" said senior, Drita Juncaj.

I know it's necessary to fund our security staff, but as a student there has to be a better approach to fund

In the Halls... What are your Halloween plans?

Senior
Kelsey Thomas



"Taking my dog trick or treating."

Junior
Olivia Somsel



"Going to a sick rave."

Sophomore
Chandler Conedera



"Going trick or treating with my neighbors."

Freshman
Aiden DeCoste



"Going to my friend's house that's a girl."

Teacher
Josef Hudecek



"Trick or treating with my kids, but since it's on a Friday we might do something else."

Adapting Halloween details to solve confusion

Carson Campbell
Sports Editor

Trick or Treat? That's what kids will be saying when October 31st rolls around once again. Halloween has been the main event kids look forward to all month long. On the contrary, questions have been raised about what day Halloween should be on and what time trick or treating should run to. I believe it should be on the last Saturday in the month of October, and trick or treating should run from 6-8. Also, trick or treating should

end when you enter high school.

This Halloween will be convenient for parents and children. As this year, it falls on a Friday. In other years, it has been on a day where the kids have school the next day which complicated life for students and parents alike. It will give children a chance to rest on the weekend and not wake up early for school. Parents also feel relief of not having to deal with whiny kids getting up for school the next day after a night of fun and candy eating. This will eliminate the "Halloween hangover" for kids as they can sleep in the next day and rejuvenate them-

selves for the week ahead of them.

The times for trick or treating hours vary from county to county, which causes concern and confusion among trick or treaters. It would be nice to have a set time statewide for trick or treating hours, so that way the kids can travel anywhere they wish without worrying about being able to trick or treat. The time for trick or treating should be 6 PM to 8 PM. Trick or treating at 6 PM gives families a chance to have a family dinner and kids a chance to relax and do their homework. Ending at 8 PM is a perfect time to end because it's not too late for the kids to get

home to sleep. Two hours is enough time for kids to gather as much candy as their pillow case can handle.

There is always a time when trick or treating ends for people. I believe that it should end when you start your 9th grade year, at the latest. High school is where you start to become your own person and it's time to start growing up. That's when it's time to end the times of getting free candy and dressing up. Halloween is a great holiday for the kids as they get free candy and have a good time trick or treating with their friends and family, but at some point it has to end.

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New bond helps with student athletics

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Staff Reporter

The bond has helped out tremendously in everything around Brighton schools. The bond was well over due in the Brighton Area Schools. The conditions of everything from athletics to the text books to the actual school itself was falling apart.

People think the bond wasn't important, but I disagree. The 80 million dollars to fix every school in our district helped a lot and people didn't want to increase their taxes just to help teenagers or younger people and not helping them whatsoever, but I also disagree to this statement. The bond just didn't help the people in school but it affected everyone in Brighton in a positive manner.

The first thing the bond did to improve the quality of Brighton Area Schools was a new football field, which helped out the Brighton football with a new track and field athletics and brought more people to the city of Brighton to the games. The bond also improved a new turf practice facility for all purpose field that anyone and any sport can use.

Along with that they improved the baseball field at the high school with some brand new tennis courts. At Scranton they built another new turf field for any sport to use along with new tennis courts there. All of those aspects helped and improve all the athletics that the great city of Brighton has.

The technology around Bright-

ton Area Schools was lacking from the last capital investment was in 1998. They put in new computers, wireless networks, and personal digital devices, and multi-media presentation technologies. When the bond was passed, safety was one of the main subjects to get fixed by putting new security cameras around Brighton and getting electoral codes to get into the buildings and providing security vestibule at every entrances at schools.

Along with the safety in every school the bond has upgraded the bathrooms at Brighton High School which were very bad and nasty and needed to be renewed. They are planning on making a new community pool in front of the high school and plan on filling in the old pool and making it a weight room. Now this effects everyone as far as everyone can swim and all athletes or normal people have a bigger and better weight room. Also they plan on making a new gym in the Hawkins elementary school.

People say the bond had some things that the schools didn't need but the bond, as you can see has helped tremendously throughout the schools. Without the bond Brighton would be so far behind on technology and in every aspect the people look at going to a school.

As you can see the bond has helped out everyone in the Brighton community that goes to school in Brighton and is only going to get better year by year in making Brighton Area Schools a better place for all.

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