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Front and Back Cover By Adam Crozier

Perfect Attendence

Luke Arkins Matthew Bradbury Eddie Campbell Nay Mi Chele Moses Cung Purseh Gbadyu Abigail Huntsman Ngun Iang Brian Lee

4 or more Years

Cherry Mah Mah Va Na Maximilian Sandefer Robert Scaggs Tyler Sigmon Kaley Taylor Demerry Thein Alexius Thomas

The big blue boulder climbs

By Adam Crozier

The birds are back in town, the sun shines a bit longer and a bit brighter, the day doesn't feel as menial. It's that time of year again, but now it's different. It's our time.

No. Not yet.

I think about Camus' "Myth of Sisyphus" and how I'm pushing my boulder up a hill.

We all are and will always be. The FOCUS 2018 Senior Issue is one piece of this great Sisyphusian boulder called life.

There was some speculation on whether or not this issue would actually get done. Of course it got done, owing its complete existence to the students whose being corresponds to the names inked to the far right of this column.

Having studied under both journalism teacher Lyndon Wall and FOCUS adviser Kathleen Schuckel, I know now the paper is beyond any one person.

Myself included.

It's vanity and hyperbole, two things considered abhorent and nigh unforgivable in the realm of journalistic ethics, to think that a person who took over two years ago can snap her fingers like the latest baddie in a superhero

summer blockbuster and wipe out half the staff's population, cause irrevocable damage to FOCUS or any number of spiteful, exaggerated fear-mongering.

Give me a break. If we go on replacing advisers when does it end?

Freedom of speech, it's been argued, means the freedom to disagree. I disagree. Freedom of speech is the freedom to compromise. It's give and take, empathy and walking a mile in someone else's Jordans.

But in times of distress, it is not uncommon for the citizens of Earth to turn toward ancient martial wisdom and follow the words of the wanderers.

Although not typically mentioned by these names, chugi (loyalty) and jisei (self-control), serve as the attributes that uplift people in trying times. It's commitment to self-discipline that drives the engines of positive progress and commandeers lost tribes onto a path of belonging, acceptance and

Others sit back and read "Desiderata."

As I type this, the senior issue nears completion, speeding along a continuous curve of predestiny. It's 7:15 p.m. I see students in my mind's eye opening this issue with great haste, its cover welcoming them into its wings.

This high school gave so much to me in my four years and I think it's vital to give some of myself in return. Wall's blue line (or boulder) continues onward once again, carried by its latest Falcons and latest adviser, "wherever it is Perry needs it to go.'

Heed my words, Wanderers: Go Falcons!

P.S. "Sam says adiós."

FOCUS Staff Annie Bambang Dillon Chapell Ben Clark Sam Cook Adam Crozier ess Hess Pavton Romans Sonia Ventura

Scholarship Recipients from Honors Night on May 4, 2017

Something Extra Award

Chris Switzer

PMHS Alumni Scholarship

Molly Brodzeller Nicholas Vaux

Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship

Luke Greenwood

Letter of Commendation

Samuel Cook Maximilian Sandefer

South Masonic #270 **Scholarship**

Thang Thang

The Jerry W. Brown **Scholarship**

Thang Thang

PTSA Scholarships

Madison Eder Luke Greenwood

Alec Curtis and Marty **Hunter Memorial Scholarship**

Demerry Thein

Cyber Blue **Scholarship**

Phillip Rowland Alivia Shake

AP Scholar with Distinction

Raul Moreno David Seals

AP Scholar with Honor

Savannah Dishman Elliott Obermaier Conrad Thompson

Band Boosters Scholarship

Elijah Gardner

FEST Scholarship

Aden Coleman

Frank Leonard Oakes **Foundation Trust Scholarship**

Moid Ali

Terry Rice Scholarship

Taylor Hooton

Thomas Imel Memorial Scholarship

Natalie Monroe

Marty Sandefer Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Hooton

Kirsten Richardson Memorial Art **Scholarship**

Asiah Avery

Indiana Blood Center Scholarship

Luke Greenwood

Margaret L. Davis Scholarship

Molly Brodzeller Dawt Hlei

Lyndon Wall Award

Adam Crozier

Kappa, Kappa, Kappa **Scholarship**

Brittany Rogers

Jesse Jude Spirit of Community Award

Madison Eder

Daniel T. Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Rogers

Southport Jaycees

Academic

Taylor Griffin

Vocational

Sierra Burn

Perry Meridian Dad's **Club Scholarships**

Academic/Athletic/Music

Sarah Vanek Caitlyn Rentzell

Christie Vision Care Scholarship

Adam Crozier

Falcon Pride **Scholarship**

Maximilian Sandefer

Iames Head Scholarship

Phillip Rowland

Department Awards

Art

Moid Ali

Business

Robert Scaggs

Language Arts

Savannah Dishman

Family & Consumer Sciences

Damon Birge

Foreign Language

Embry Vernon

Mathematics

David Seals

Music

Paige Soughan

Physical Education & Health

Alexandria Quinlan

Science

Raul Moreno

Social Studies

Elliott Obermaier

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