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Back to School: A Frosty First Week for Most



Snow engulfed the Brooklyn College campus during January. PHOTO/ Brooklyn College - Facebook

BY M.A. RAHMAN

Starting off the new Spring semester, new and returning Brooklyn College students have found themselves contending with all manner of weather dynamics; with bitter chills to full on snow, students reflected on the affects these un-pleasantries. “Its like January suddenly became the new December,” said Tyler M., a junior psychology major, inferring that January now be the most consistently cold and snowy month of the winter season. Other students noted their surprise upon realizing the lack of cancellation of school even as temperatures as low as 10°F for most of the school day as

was the case for Wednesday. According to reports, Mayor de Blasio opted not to cancel schools citing the lack of accumulation of snow. For some students the weather’s sudden change was most notably felt in their commute, which they would to describe as brutal, abysmal, and involved lots of waiting as transport came late leaving them coming to class tardy. Even in class, an anonymous student referred to the heating and lack thereof in one early morning class in Boylan Hall as “barely enough” to sustain her from losing her patients and leaving class prematurely. Other students were able to look beyond the weather, keep-

ing their main attention and focus on their studies rather than its environment. “It wasn’t so bad in class, just really cold,” said Khilola Vahobova, a sophomore and member of the student government. “I think that the only thing that I was on alert for was the new strict professors that I had been introduced to this past week,” said Patrick Atwood, a junior English major, sharing an overwhelming sentiment by students electing to reserve their judgement until March. “It was pretty bad on Wednesday and Thursday, but truth be told, I think it could and probably will worse later on,” Atwood

added. With the resumption of classes, and renewal of students on campus so too have student activities, clubs and organizations have kicked into high gear looking for recruitment and signatures. Members of one such on campus organization, The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), the largest student directed advocacy group in New York reflected on the challenges of their latest exploits: signing students up to confront state legislatures in Albany over concerns contrary to student interests like tuition hikes. “It’s been a bit tricky,” stated Patrick Kenani, one of two Project Coordinators in charge of the BC

NYPIRG Office, speaking in regards to the weather. Jonathan Gaffney, another Project Coordinator mentioned the difficulty of being able to engage with students on campus, as noticeably fewer students stayed on campus and were open to a brief exchange via clip boarding and tabling. “It’s in class presentation we’ve been relying on,” he added. Still Gaffney like many other students and members of student groups have signaled that they’ll be keeping their chin high for the remaining semester in spite of the potentially greater inclement weather to come.

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BULLSPIT!

Bullspit! is a weekly satirical column by Brooklyn College comedian Ryan Gleason.

Test Subjects Needed

BY RYAN GLEASON

As a member of the Brooklyn College community, I receive emails from different departments asking to complete surveys, go on trips, and volunteer for testing. This week, the first week back from our holiday break, I received a very lengthy email asking for five test subjects to complete a psychological experiment. The following statement is the email I received, including the requirements and warnings given by the BC Staff member who's conducting said experiment:

"Hello BC Student, I am Doctor Freudian-schlipp and I am conducting a sleep experiment this February. I know, as a college student this sounds like a dream come true (pun intended), but allow me to disclose the details of the experiment. This sleep experiment requires five students, ages 18-25, men and women. You must be a fulltime student and fill out forms 1854-C and 333-X, available on the Brooklyn College website. These forms allow absences from Brooklyn College classes on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th of February. This experiment is to test

the hypothesis that 'College makes Students F'n Sleepy' so no disorders or prior experience is necessary. You will be examined once before you sleep and a second time after. Now, there are some risks and warnings I must disclose with you all before reviewing your submissions. You will be sleeping in a room overnight with four other students, of mixed genders. Also, you will be shown three Adam Sandler films before you go to sleep and yes, one of which is Jack and Jill. You will be given dairy and sugar-based

snacks and beverages as well as a catered breakfast the morning of the 26th, I know this doesn't sound like a risk, but you know how addictive Pringles can be. Once you pop you just can't stop. And finally, the sleep window we will be observing is from midnight to noon, so you will be forced to sleep for 12 hours. We are under the understanding some (if not all) of you are used to sleeping four or fewer hours. We are pretty sure it is because you are overworked and totally "over" college. But we can't be sure until we see how

your bodies and minds react to being snacked and snoozed. I thought up that expression, do you like it? Never mind, that will be asked during the final examination after breakfast. Thank you and I await your submissions. Best, Doctor Freudianschlipp Psychology"

I don't know much about Psychology, but I can tell you without doing two days' worth of tests, that yes, school makes students sleepy.

This experiment is to test the hypothesis that 'College makes Student F'n Sleepy.' PHOTO/ Pixabay

EVENTS LISTING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Information Session: School Counseling & School Psychology

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

242 - Brooklyn College Library

Meet with faculty and admissions representatives to discuss the School Counseling & School Psychology M.S in Ed programs, admission requirements, and the application process.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

First Year Thursday: Learning Outside the Classroom

12:15 PM - 2:15 PM

2nd Floor - Student Center

Expand your college experience off-campus with study abroad programs, internships, fellowships, and undergraduate research opportunities.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Psychology Information Sessions

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

5117 James Hall

PR Art inaugural exhibit opening

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

1309 James Hall

Inaugural Art Exhibit discussion, Q & A.

America Needs You Fellows Program

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Woody Tanger Auditorium

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

NEMISIG (Northeastern Music Information Special Interest Group)

10:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Rooms 241 and 242 - BC Library

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Preparatory Center Faculty Recital

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Studio 312, Roosevelt Extension

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

HSNC Food Pop, A historical perspective on technological innovations in food practices

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM

241 - Brooklyn College Library

Screening of Michael Pollan's Cooked, television documentary in four episodes (Screening of selected scenes).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

No Classes - College Closed

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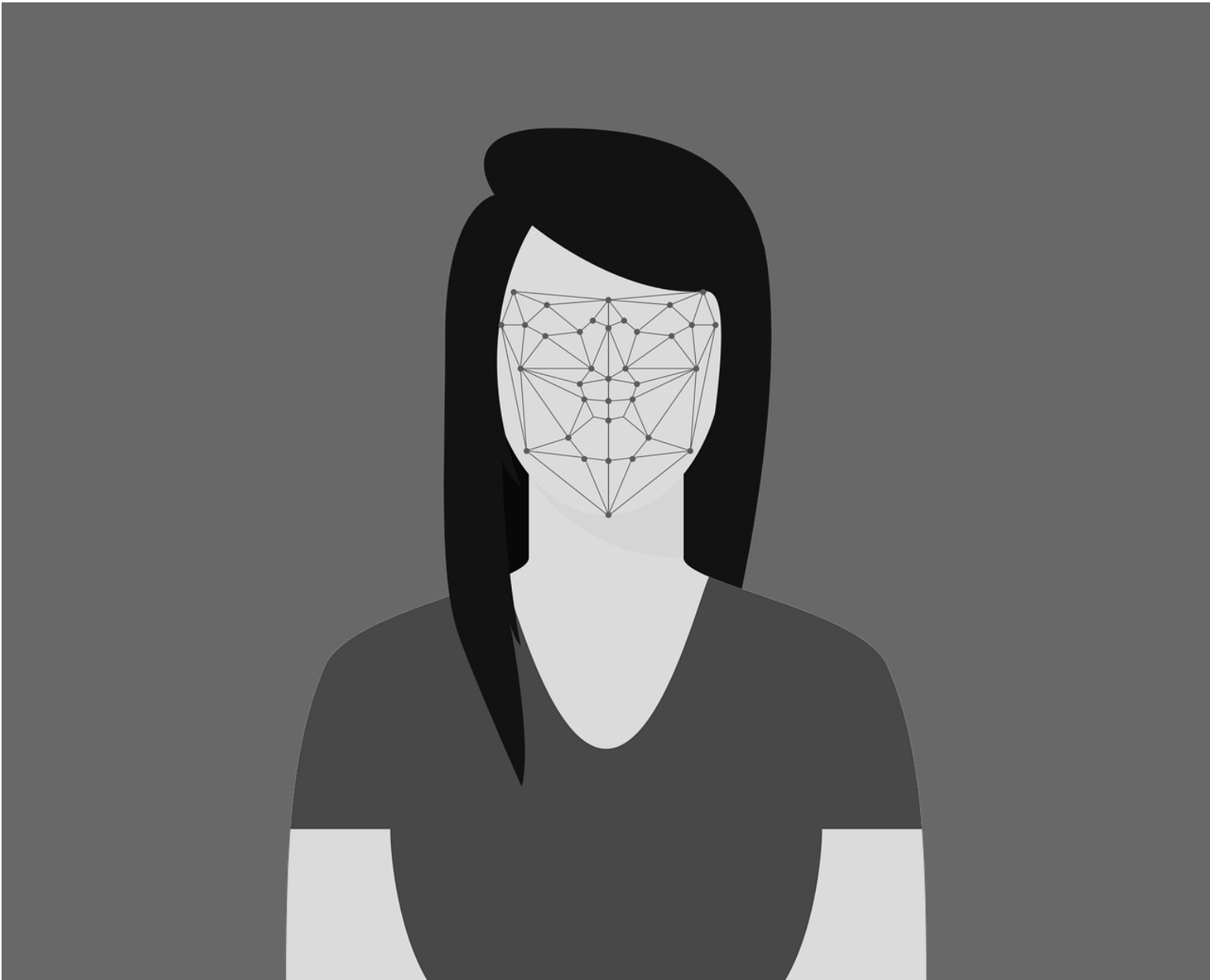
The Dangers of Facial Recognition Technology

BY EDMUND ZHEN

One of mankind’s most groundbreaking advancements happened during the Industrial Revolution, where its inventiveness drastically elevated people’s quality of life. Today, the world experiences the highest living standards ever recorded in history, with technological advancements that go beyond our materialistic needs. Today, the focal point of our technological pursuit is slowly tailored towards digitization as more and more of our everyday lives are affected by it.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said to Fox Business News, “Everything that we think about, every place is being digitized, whether it’s a retail outlet or a hospital, stadium, your home, or your workplace is increasingly computing [and] is getting embedded in the real world.”

This rings true in describing how advanced we are with digitization. As more and more technological advancement happen, the tech sector is slowly garnering attention from other companies and even governments. Recently, a lot of the debates have been on the AI facial recognition technology. Word of its functions has enticed corporations and cities to reach out to tech companies such as Rekognition and NEC Corporation of America, a major supplier of the system. Facial recognition technologies have the ability to scan waves of people and at multiple locations at once, which would replace traditional methods of finding offenders by wait-



Beyond the optimism of facial recognition technology lurks a danger that threatens our freedom and liberty. PHOTO/ Pixabay

ing at the scene. It gives the police force an omniscient approach towards fighting crime and a better sense of safety for the people. So far, the city of Orlando, Florida and the Washington County in Oregon have been deploying this technology and other cities are seeking to follow their footsteps as well.

The magic behind facial recognition technology is in its biometric identification systems. It examines the physical features of a person’s body such as fingerprint matching, eye scanning, and

voice recognition to distinguish one from the rest. From that, they take the image and run it through their database in order to see if a match can be found. The extent of its efficiency is recorded by Tara Francis Chan, a reporter for Business Insider, in an interview with local Chinese newspaper Worker’s Daily. They said, “The system is fast enough to scan China’s population in just one second, and it takes two seconds to scan the world’s population.”

This means, in under one second, the computer data-

base is able to scan the facial features of billions and individually run it through a database to find any perpetrators. The usage of it can be applied to the internet and in security cameras.

On the top of my head, I can think of many reasons on how this would be a good thing in helping to increase the safety of Americans. But beyond the optimism lurks a danger that threatens our freedom and liberty. If it ever becomes widespread, it can potentially give private corporations or the government

the power to identify anyone and their information without them ever knowing. Just like what happened in the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal, more of that can happen in the future if we allow for the widespread deployment of this technology. How would you feel if no matter where you go, there is always someone watching you? Since technology is always being upgraded and tinkered with, what if this technology opens the door to something even more intrusive? We might just not be able to ever reverse it if it ever happens.

Whether or not facial recognition technology is good for the American people or not, is still a mystery to be solved. Our involvement in it is still not yet advanced and current regulations on it are still extremely limited. As facial recognition technology gets more and more popular in the tech world, only time can tell whether or not this technology fits well into the lives of the American people, and if we are willing to give up privacy for the price of increased safety.



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Venezuela: The Fight for Power

BY EDMUND ZHEN

The socioeconomic and political turmoil in Venezuela has been a persistent dilemma that has devolved into a parasite, draining the efficiency and legitimacy of the government. In just two presidencies, incompetence, corruption, and mismanagement brought the once reputed country to its knees.

Unceasing inflation is preventing even the most basic economic progress for regular citizens. Currently, the state of Venezuela is teeming with riots, violence, and hungry people like never before. Prices of commodities are continuously soaring and sitting President Nicola Maduro is refusing to bow down to demands in relinquishing his power to the United States backed leader, Juan Guaido. With growing interest from global superpowers, the Venezuelan crisis has transcended all local and continental boundaries. As of now, President Maduro has found support from non-democratic countries such as China, Russia, Iran, and Syria who are accusing the US and its allies of staging a coup. The US and several European countries justify their interference by claiming that Maduro's acquiring of power was illegitimate. But even if this dilemma is causing the destructions of the lives and livelihoods



Currently, the state of Venezuela is teeming with riots, violence, and hungry people like never before. PHOTO/ Agence France-Press

of Venezuelans, should we really be interfering?

Though some people see US intervention as an intrusion into Venezuela's sovereignty, I believe that trying to keep our neighboring countries as politically similar to ours as possible is an important key to our national security. With our nemeses lending their support to Maduro, it is apparent that they are trying to

persuade him to adhere to their influences and interests that would be used to combat us. One goal I suspect those countries are trying to get at is to obtain access to Venezuela's oil reserves.

According to BBC, "Scientists working for the US Geological Survey say Venezuela's Orinoco belt region holds twice as much petroleum as previously thought. Geologists estimate the

area could yield more than 500bn barrels of crude oil."

That said, BBC also estimated that Venezuela may have double the Saudi oil reserves which has one of the largest known oil reserves in the world. Without our intervention, there is a chance that those countries can use their gains to dominate global energy supplies for their own subversive interests, they might be actively

trying to create footholds in our hemisphere or to threaten our national interests. But intervening won't be easy. A majority of the Venezuelan military is still loyal to President Maduro, something that is unlikely to change soon.

It is also reported by Daily Mail that Maduro is being helped by 400 Russian military contractors, but Russia strongly denied this claim. As of now, we have limited our involvement in Venezuela to economic sanctions, which seem to be a fitting response at the moment. But despite its appropriate measures, I believe a flaw in this political decision further cripples the lives of the Venezuelan people. What we should've done before imposing sanctions was to communicate with the United Nations about setting up a sort of aid for the people and then we follow up with sanctions.

Though this is one thing we failed to do, I believe that Venezuelans are strong enough to continue fighting for change. In the past, we have many instances of being on the wrong side of history and supporting the wrong people. I believe that this is our opportunity to show the world that we are not who we used to be and is trying to bring genuine positive change to a very troubled region.



President Nicola Maduro (pictured) is refusing to bow down to demands in relinquishing his power to the United States backed leader, Juan Guaido. PHOTO/ Reuters

Millions Are Watching “You,” the Netflix Series

BY MICHELLE ODINYAYEVA

Just post a picture last night out with your closest friends? Just congratulated your childhood friend on his engagement? Posted a “tbt” of your sibling, wishing them a happy birthday, with a funny caption? Well, he knows. He scrolled all the way back to 2014 to the photo you posted with your best friend when you had that bad haircut. He checked your childhood friend’s profile and knows exactly where he and his fiancé love to have brunch. He knows where your sibling is having their party from the post with the details about it. He knows and he will be there. He has been plotting to run into you and now this is a perfect time. Now, hopefully, you haven’t and won’t ever do or be the victim of stalking.

However, in the new Netflix show *You*, Guinevere Beck was not so lucky. Penn Badgley who is formerly known as Dan Humphrey from *Gossip Girl* takes on a different yet familiar role, Joe Goldberg. Joe is the manager of a bookstore, he wears his shirt tucked into his pants and cruises in Mr. Mooney’s Buick Skylark. Elizabeth Lail who plays Beck, a yoga instructor, TA, and a writer, walks into the bookstore Joe manages. As soon as Beck enters, Joe be-



Netflix’s new show, “You,” was a big hit and has already been confirmed for a second season. PHOTO/ Netflix

gins to analyze her, from her outfit to her apology. They share a moment, discussing Paula Fox and another customer. She purchases a book then goes on with her day, but little did Beck know she would become Joe’s target.

He begins to stalk her and her friend’s social media, trying to get to know her better. Then he follows her, not on social media, he literally begins to follow her. Watching her through her curtain-less windows, follows her to her hangouts, and tries to learn more about her to “organically” infuse himself into her life.

The psychological thriller is based on the novel *You* written by Caroline Kepnes, published in 2014. The show runs ten episodes long about forty-five minutes each, narrated mostly by Joe. With each episode, Joe digs himself deeper into a fantasy that he has created. However, the fantasy always gets interrupted by the reality. The reality of people Beck knew before him such as, according to Joe, “wrong men” like Benji and her friend Peach who “is the worst.” The reality that Beck’s does not always do what Joe wants her to do. This disappoints

him but makes him feel he must “do what he has to do to help.” The reality is that Joe believes he is the one that needs to save her, completely deluding himself that he may be the one causing her the deepest pain.

Netflix has already confirmed a season two for *You*. If you have not already watched, I’d recommend this as your next Netflix binge. According to PopSugar, we should be expecting a few new cast members for season two. A new love interest named Love Quinn played by Victoria Pedretti from Netflix’s other new show

The Haunting of Hill House. Quinn will bond with Joe over a loss and lack of social media presence. James Scully will play her “confident, opinionated, and privileged” brother. As well as Jenna Ortega playing Ellie, a teenager growing up with a lack of adult supervision, “working cons on adults around her, including Joe Goldberg.” According to Cosmopolitan, Sera Gamble confirmed that Joe Goldberg will leave New York and resume in LA. With so many unanswered questions and new members to come, I’ll bite.

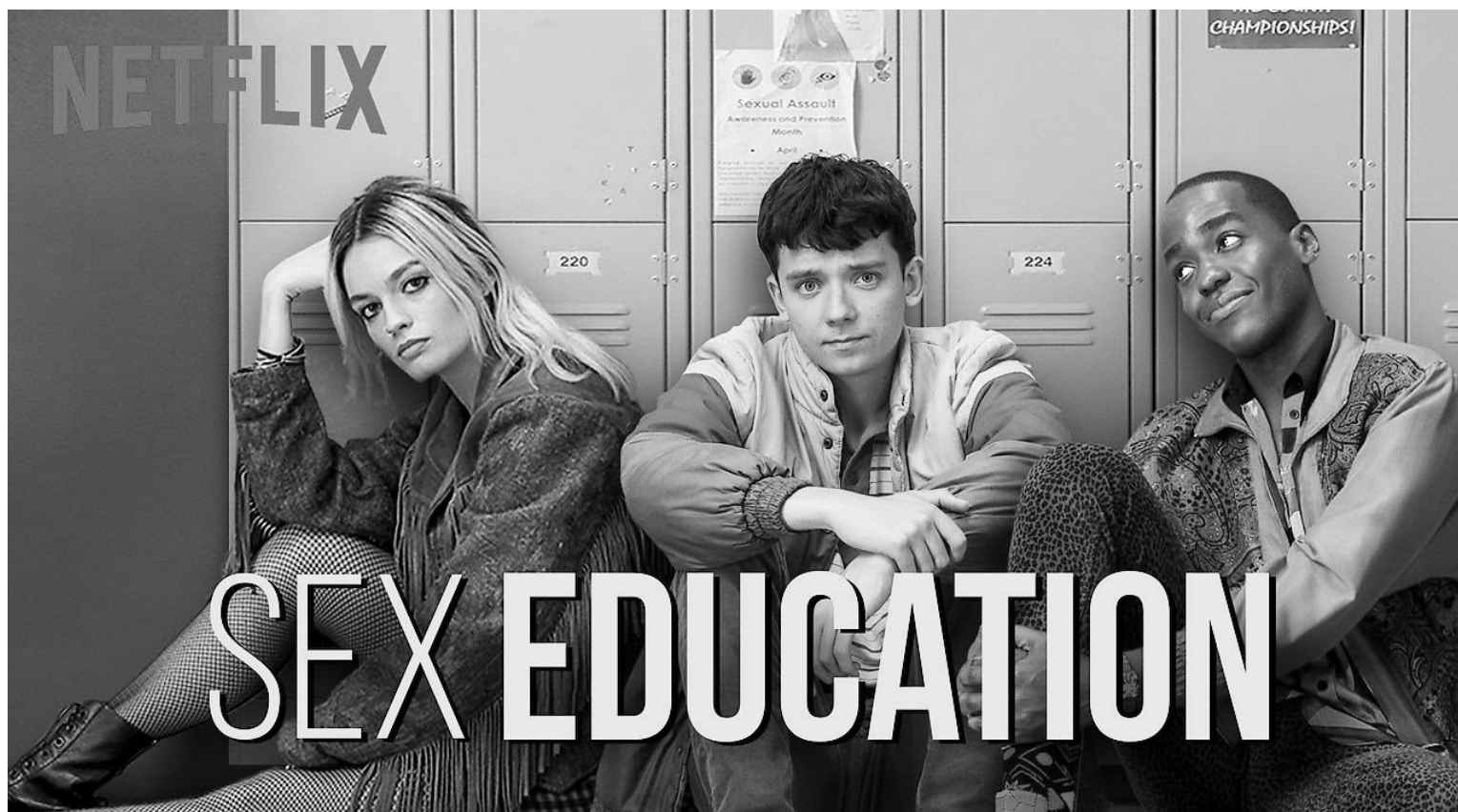


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Let's Go to the Clinic!

BY ASSIBI ALI

If you were avoiding your winter homework and keeping up with the latest Netflix releases, you may have come across the witty and stimulating masterpiece that is *Sex Education*. *Sex Education*, a British dramedy released by the streaming service in early January, follows the adventures of resident nerd Otis Milburn (Asa Butterfield), loud and proud Eric Effiong (Ncuti Gatwa), and local bad-girl Maeve Wiley (Emma Mackey). They are joined by an ensemble cast featuring Dr. Jean Milburn (Gillian Anderson), Otis' mother and a brutally honest sex therapist; Mr. Groff (Alistair Petrie), the headmaster of the school which the characters attend who has an aggressive relationship with his son; Adam Groff (Connor Swindells), the headmaster's son, who takes out his misplaced anger on an undeserving Eric; and Jackson Marchetti (Kedar Williams-Stirling), the most popular boy at school who doubles as the school's swim team champion. Milburn has the pleasure of being outcast at his school for his mother's very unconventional occupation. I can imagine that it'd get awkward bringing friends



"Sex Education" is marked by a cast with an effortless charm and heartfelt performances. PHOTO/ Netflix

over to get their sexual habits examined at the dinner table. Eric rings in the new school year by teasing Otis for not losing his virginity over the summer along with everyone else at school. **Cue flashback to Otis trying (and failing) to masturbate in his bedroom.** Later on, the protagonists are faced with their first sex-dilemma: Adam felt intense pressure to perform well in bed, having rumored to own the biggest... *attachment* of all the boys in school. The pressure began to negatively affect his relation-

ship with girlfriend Aimee Gibbs (Aimee Lou Wood).

His solution? Overdosing on Viagra. In what could perhaps be the most awkward skill to coincidentally possess, Otis channels his mother sexual intuition and starts speaking to Adam as if he were a client. One would think Otis regularly led advanced discourse on how to mend teen relationships and cope with sexual insecurities. Adam was convinced by Otis to "own his narrative," advice that he assumed meant flash his *thing* in front of the entire

student body in the cafeteria.

The whirlwind of a first episode ends with Maeve, an entrepreneur at heart, convincing Otis to join her in operating an underground sex clinic at the school for money. You can rest assured that the absurdity only seems to increase as time goes on. At its heart, *Sex Education* is more than just zany, moody, aggressively horny teenagers shagging each other in the projector room. It covered tender issues that spanned the whole season, such as Otis' fear of sexual stimula-

tion, Jean exploring casual dating after separating from her unfaithful husband, and a more personal storyline featuring Eric's struggle to please his religious family while keeping in touch with his identity. Eric, a queer black male, is a regular participant in drag culture and is found at his best and brightest wearing more colors than humanity has identified. Part of his journey sees him come face to face with the harsh pains of what his identity and passions can bring him. Turn on Netflix, watch the series, and then cry with me in unison when you get to it.

Recently renewed for a second season, fans like me who are itching to see what happens next with our friends from the other-side-of-the-pond might not have to wait as long as we thought! Netflix's quarterly earnings report illustrate *Sex Education* is on the rise to hit the 40 million mark within a month. The cast has an effortless charm to them, with heartfelt performances that drive you to be invested in the growth and development of their characters. The characters don't have the most gentle relationship with each other, in fact it's downright brutal how they treat each other. However, the underlying message that's core to the series is to lead with love. Eric overcomes trauma with a brave face, Maeve discovers her inner voice, and Otis learns that maybe there really is someone out there for everybody.



PHOTO/ Netflix

Welcome to the New NFL

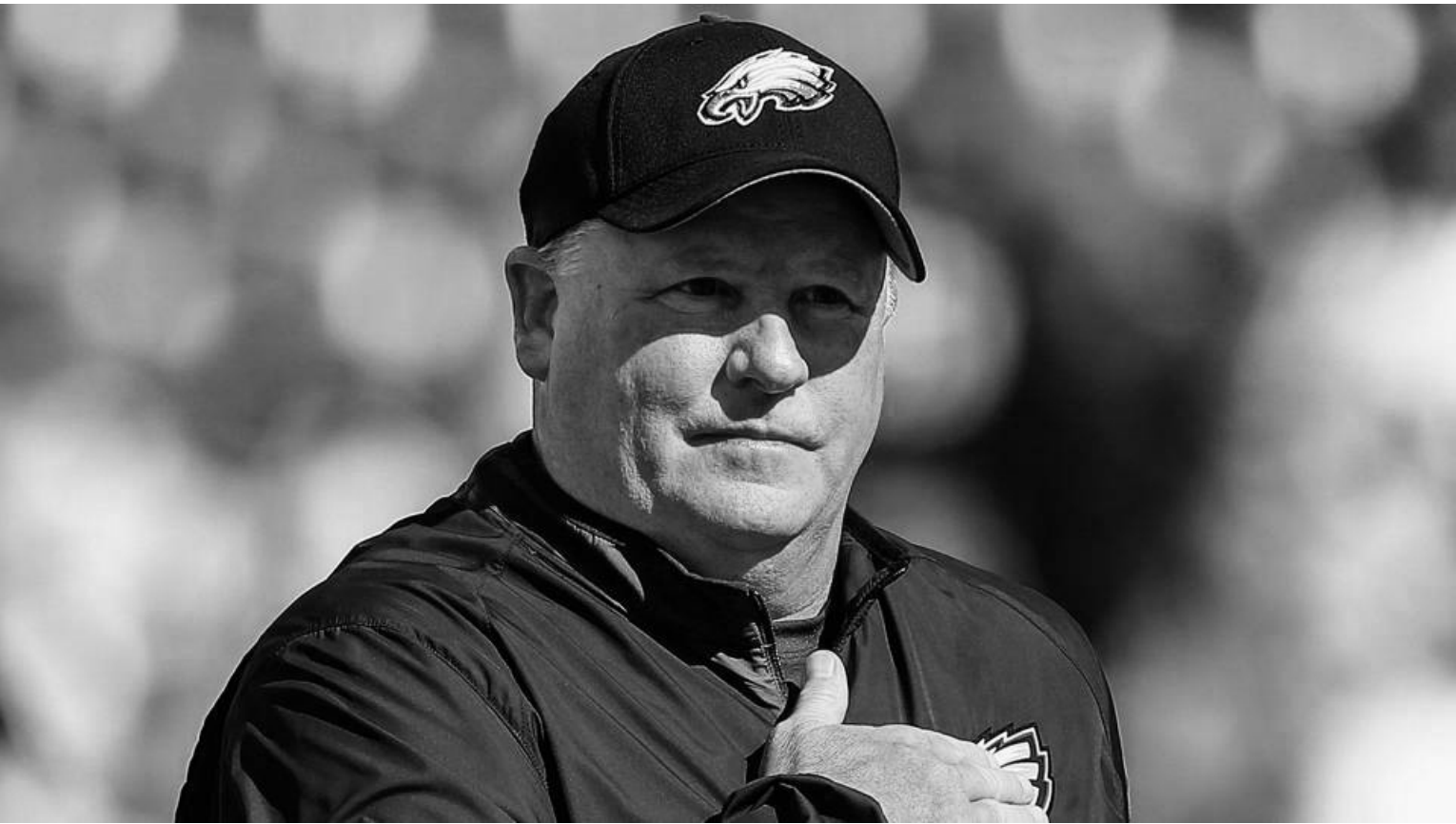
BY JOE LEO

This NFL season has taught us a lot about where the game is going. Football has been shifting toward this moment since the lock-out and new CBA, but the 2018-19 season was officially the start of a new age in the NFL. An age I'd like to dawn the "Chip Kelly Era."

What does a great college coach have to do with the offensive explosion in the NFL? Everything. The League shifted to what it is currently when Philadelphia gave Chip Kelly a chance as both the general manager and head coach of the Eagles. Andy Reid was hired in Kansas City and instantly improved the Chiefs and broke ground as one of the NFL's most prolific destinations for offense.

Guys like Adam Gase, Brian Shanahan, Matt Nagy, and Sean McVay all got their jobs in football because of Kelly. It was Kelly's college style of coaching that brought that type of offensive thinking to the biggest stage in football and the rest of the league ran with it. The Rams and Saints played in the NFC Championship game and those were the top two offenses in the NFL.

The Rams, Saints, and Chiefs were the mainstays in the playoffs as the lit up scoreboards—showcasing what is to come on the gridiron in a league that used to be a defensive game.



The 2018-19 season was officially the start of a new age in the NFL — the "Chip Kelly Era." PHOTO/ Getty Images

With Patrick Mahomes winning the MVP with 50 touchdowns and 5,097 passing yards, the second-year quarterback from Texas Tech took the league by storm—changing the league forever. Professional Football has lagged behind for years in the creativity department since the turn of the decade and players like Mahomes, it helps tremendously.

Mahomes has the unique combination of a cannon arm and slippery mobility that makes accounting for him an almost impossible task. On any given play Mahomes can make a highlight and majority of the time Mahomes answered the call.

The Kansas City gun-slinger cemented himself as one of the next quarterbacks to take the torch from the Brady-Brees-Big Ben-Rivers era.

As long as Mahomes is under center in Kansas City, the Chiefs will be in the mix to win a championship. However, don't look at the stats from this MVP season and think they are an anomaly.

Drew Brees threw 32 touchdowns, Philip Rivers threw for 4,302 yards, and Ben Roethlisberger lead the league in passing with 5,129 yards. Passing statistics went through the roof this year and with the way the league is shifting these stats will become more commonplace.

What is going on in football is very similar to the statistical shift Major League Baseball is seeing. All of this can be traced back to Chip Kelly and his influence.

Philadelphia won a Super Bowl last year with the RPO (Run-Pass Option) and highly intensive play action plays. For most of the season the Chiefs used the same formula to get a bye and have Patrick Mahomes eviscerate professional football.

Quarterbacks are unequivocally the difference makers in football and the sport as a whole is taking advantage of the entertainment value in that. The Monday Night Football game be-

tween Mahomes' Chiefs and the Los Angeles Rams was the most watched football of the year until the playoffs. That game was as advertised and offensive fireworks scorched the night sky in tinkle town. The Chiefs lost the game, but Mahomes showed in Prime-Time that the only way to beat #15 in red and white is to keep him on the sidelines drinking Gatorade.

Patrick Mahomes is a generational talent but he would not have been able to have the type of season that he had in 2018 if it wasn't for the genius offensive mind of Chip Kelly taking the college game and modernizing it for today's NFL.

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AD Drama in New Orleans

BY AUSTIN SANTIAGO

Anthony Davis wants out.

In the midst of the NBA season full of twists and turns, the New Orleans Pelicans star power forward has shaken the NBA landscape with an announcement that he wants to be traded and has no intention of re-signing with the team that drafted him first overall in the 2012 NBA draft.

Davis, who is the Pelicans' all-time leader in points, rebounds, and blocks, is not free to sign with another team until the summer of 2020. However, with one year left on his five-year, \$127 million contract, Davis is looking to still make the most amount of money possible without having to sign a max contract with New Orleans this coming summer.

Of course, money is only one of the reasons Davis wants out of the big easy as soon as possible, the other reason being that he is in the hunt for his first NBA championship. As Davis's agent, Rich Paul, made clear in an official statement: "Anthony wants to be traded to a team that allows him a chance to win consistently and compete for a championship," two things that the Pelicans have simply not been able to offer the player they planned to build a dynasty around back in 2012.

After years of roster in-



Anthony Davis has shaken the NBA landscape with an announcement that he wants to be traded. PHOTO/ USA Today

consistency, and mediocre playoff appearances, the only constant positive for New Orleans has been Davis, who has cemented himself as an elite NBA forward with legitimate MVP caliber play.

With this announcement, it seems like every NBA team is ready to partake in a bidding war for the superstar forward, however, many feel that Davis already has his eyes on what team he wants to bring his skillset to next.

In December, Lakers forward LeBron James told the media after a 112-104 win over the Pelicans that it

would be "amazing" to play with Anthony Davis someday. The comments made by James caught fire as many felt he was tampering with Davis, considering he is still under contract with the Pelicans.

More fuel was added to the fire by the Pelicans organization after the team released a statement in regards to Davis's decision.

"Although we are disappointed in this decision, our organization's top priority is to bring an NBA championship to our city and build our team for long-term success," the team said. "Relative to

specific talks of a trade, we will do this on our timeline. One that make sense for our team and it will not be dictated by those outside of our organization. We have also requested the League to strictly enforce the tampering rules associated with this transaction."

As if the tampering allegations weren't controversial enough, the current collective bargaining agreement prohibits players or their agents from publicly requesting a trade. Davis has been fined \$50,000 for his statement and an investi-

gation has been opened by the NBA to rule out any more signs of tampering.

Of course, because Davis is still under contract with the Pelicans, the team has all of the leverage in regards to where he goes next. They can trade him to any team, or simply hold onto him, forcing him to sign as a free agent in 2020 and in doing so, lose roughly \$80 million.

No matter what the Pelicans decide to do, many feel that it is only a matter of time before Davis heads to the west coast to wear the patented purple and gold to play alongside LeBron James.

Some within the NBA feel that Anthony joining the Lakers could create a bad precedent, and that he playing for the Lakers should be avoided. NBA analyst and hall of fame forward Charles Barkley had this to say on the matter:

"I don't like what the Lakers are doing. It's a collusion!" he continued, "We cannot have players and agents colluding to stack super teams."

Where Davis will play next is yet to be seen. Davis's announcement came days before the Knicks traded Kristaps Porzingis to the Mavericks after he voiced his frustrations with the team's direction.

It appears a new discussion must be had between the NBA and its players regarding player freedoms, as well as protocol to prevent any future tampering.



In December, Lakers forward LeBron James (left) told the media that it would be "amazing" to play with Anthony Davis (right) someday. PHOTO/ Associated Press