



Walsh Hosts “CAV BASH” Dance for Guests with Special Needs

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On Friday, January 31, Walsh hosted the university's first on-campus dance for guests with special needs. The event, known as “CAV BASH,” was modeled loosely after Tim Tebow's “Night to Shine,” dances for students with special needs.

Upon arrival, guests were greeted with applause from welcoming Walsh student volunteers. Each guest was given an assigned Walsh student, otherwise known as their ‘buddy’, to ensure a night of friendship and fun. After meeting their buddies, guests were invited to walk the red carpet through a Hollywood-themed hall filled with lights and gold decorations. Throughout the evening, guests could choose between a variety of activities, including games, karaoke, Just Dance, popcorn, cotton candy, dinner, and dancing.

The CAV BASH initiative was a student-led collaboration with Dr. Gary Jacobs of the Walsh Department



Students and staff enjoy a night out for the first CAV BASH.

of Education. “We ended up having over 85 guests attend the dance and 160 Walsh volunteers,” said Jackie Noelker, Co-Founder of CAV BASH. “Working alongside the CAV BASH Board was such an honor and I enjoyed working with them to create a tradition that Walsh can continue on for years and years to come!”

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Things to Eat: A Hibachi Hotspot

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Many people may say that Stark County is lacking in wintertime activities. In the summer and fall, there is the Stark County Ribs Burn-off, the Hall of Fame Parade, plenty of hiking trails, and outdoor sports events like football. During the cold months of December through April, it seems like there's little entertainment. Fortunately for Stark County residents, there is a restaurant in Belden Village that will not only cure your boredom, but it will also fill your stomach. This North Canton hotspot is none other than the locally famous A1 Japan Steakhouse, about fifteen minutes away from Walsh's campus.

A1 Japan Steakhouse doubles as a sit-in restaurant and hibachi bar that can fit approximately ten people per station. One thing you will not have to worry about is seating, as there are plenty of hibachi stations to relax at with more than enough elbow room. If you are wondering what hibachi is, it means you sit down and watch while your food is cooked in front of you. The chefs that prepare your food are extremely friendly and have a way to make you laugh as they effortlessly flip your steak, rice, and noodles a few feet away from your face. While this may seem dangerous, the chefs are experienced. They are able to keep the heat close enough for the viewer to experience, but far enough that you won't catch on fire.

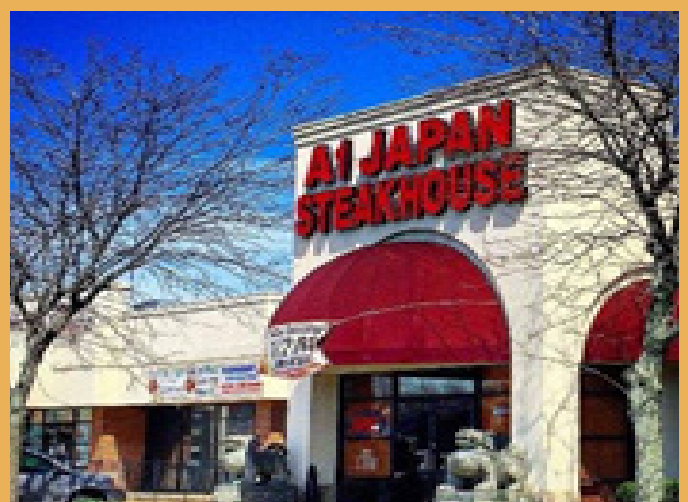
When sitting down and ordering, you enjoy the scenery as the chef makes a mountain of onions, puts sake in the middle, and lights it on fire. While doing this, the chefs imitate a firetruck while using a little squirt gun to put it out. During the cooking process, the chef makes conversations and throws jokes around to keep you entertained while the food is cooking. The chef will also, depending on your age, squirt sake into your mouth and to see how far away he can get without spilling anything. Other activities including: catching rice in your mouth, singing, and a bit of dancing permitting the chef isn't occupied with the cooking food.

The real question that many may ask is if the food is worth the trip. In my opinion, I would say absolutely. The portion sizes are gigantic, as you are given a portion of rice, lo mein noodles, and your choice of meat or seafood. They also feature sushi rolls that are slightly warm and taste amazing. Depending on if it is an appetizer or a dish, you will get between four to six pieces of sushi with wasabi and ginger. To compliment your dish, you are given soy sauce, ginger sauce and a mixture known as yum yum sauce. Trust me when I say looks and names may be deceiving. The sauce is

a pink color with a thick consistency, but do not be fearful, as it is a pretty good mixture to give your meal an extra flavor kick.

A1 also has a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Recommendations for non-alcoholic drinks would be their pina colada and their strawberry daiquiri. If you're celebrating a birthday at A1, they will sing you their infamous happy birthday jingle as their mascot comes out banging a drum and playing the birthday song on speaker. They also provide a scoop of ice-cream with a flower candle that folds out when the wick burns down. The candle also sings to you and does not stop, so I would keep that in mind as the song does become bothersome after a few minutes of listening.

Overall, I would give A1 Japan Steakhouse a 10/10. The restaurant gives you the opportunity to have an enjoyable meal that is also delicious and filling. They also have a regular style seating arrangement for more private and intimate dining experiences. The restaurant closes at ten o'clock everyday except Friday and Saturday when they close at eleven p.m. They keep their stations clean and wipe down the hibachi stations after every cooking session. The staff members are very kind and accommodating while the chefs are funny and keep you entertained throughout the duration of your meal. If you are travelling in large groups, are celebrating a birthday, or are just bored and in need of an hour or two for relaxation, I highly recommend A1 Japan Steakhouse as a place to eat while in-between study sessions.



A1 Steakhouse in the Belden Village area.

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The legacy of ‘Girl Dad’ Kobe Bryant

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Hundreds of videos have surfaced of Kobe and Gianna Bryant upon their tragic deaths on January 26, 2020. Videos of athletic prowess-- Kobe's phenomenal 60-point goodbye game, Gianna's well-practiced fade away shot. Videos of great compassion— Kobe's becoming of a “girl dad,” Gianna's becoming of a well-versed competitor in the

stands of basketball games with her dad outlining plays. Videos of people we've never met but feel like we know so intimately.

Because we saw it. We saw a relationship between daughter and dad, past and future, love and loss.

The power of social media allowed all of us to see a relationship that reaped love into basketball and made us see the game as something so eerily similar to life. Reflecting on Kobe is one YouTube click away. His highlights are stored, his interviews recorded, his life well-written.

I've been thinking of what it must have felt like for Gianna to have Kobe Bryant tie up her first pair of basketball shoes for her. To get ready for a game, pulling her hair into a ponytail, looking in the mirror at the Mamba on her jersey. To be driven or flown to every game with her biggest fan sitting next to her, telling her, “You can do this.”

For female competitors all over the world, before they step onto the field, run on to the court, jump over the hurdle, they are met with moments that are absent of any affirmation. These are moments when the crowd is filing out of the arena because the men's game played just before them. When she looks into the bleachers and can't even count how many people are at the football game and can easily count on one hand how many are watching her lacrosse game. Moments when she asks, “Does it matter if no one's watching?”

It matters to the competitor who's never seen lacrosse played before and wants to try it. It matters to the competitor who has driven two hours to watch the Women's March Madness games played in her hometown. It matters to all the women who had convinced themselves that they could not be a competitor. It matters to all the men who had convinced themselves that they could never be a “girl dad.”

Watching Kobe and Gianna ignited something in all of us. But, what if Kobe and Gianna's games weren't recorded, what if Kobe and Gianna weren't famous, what if we never saw them play or knew their names. Would it still matter?

For every competitor who has ever doubted her worth. Who has tried to tame the incalculable drive inside her bones—the need to run, to dive, to swing, to soar. Know that you have two champions watching you in everything you do, and that matters.

Rest in power Gianna Bryant and Kobe Bryant.

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Things to Do: A Book Reader's Sanctuary

ALANA WATKINS, STAFF WRITER

Reading for fun is something that many people try to at last once in their lifetime. For some, this comes second nature and its seen as a passion rather than a hobby. While Stark County has many places to cozy up to a book, there are few that are as comforting and diverse as Books-A-Million at the Strip. Books-A-Million, also known as BAM, allows bibliophiles to flock to a safe place. With a charming atmosphere, the store is one of the coziest spots in North Canton.

When you enter the building, the sudden change the smell is strong of paper as you are greeted by displays of the popular books for the month. To the right is Joe Muggs, a coffee shop inside the bookstore which plays a vital part in the store. The coffee shops serve hot and cold beverages, which means you won't have to travel to another store for snacks or bring one of your own. The entire store is quiet, which makes studying for tests or writing papers much easier.

BAM is broken down into sections to make the book finding process much easier. Sections include teens, fantasy, romance, sci-fi, religious, educational, comic, and motivational/inspirational books. There are a few genres that the store does not have including school textbooks. The store has

books for nursing students to study for the NCLEX test and high-schoolers preparing for their SAT and ACT college admission tests. They also have books catering to learning other languages and comic books for younger readers and avid comic book fans.

BAM also offers puzzles, calendars, action figures, collectibles, bookmarks, face masks, planners, and other useful tools to help you relax and reduce your stress levels. They occasionally carry items like gems for fellow lapidarist and gem hounds. These essential items will help you calm down after a long day of schoolwork and studying while allowing your brain to continue entertaining itself.

Overall, I give Books-A-Million a 9/10. The store is comfortable, easy to access and quiet which allows bookworms to gather for a restock. The staff members are friendly and are great at helping you find a book you might like. The store has so much to do and diverse options so no reader is left behind. Combined with Joe Muggs, the store has a lot to give to North Canton residents. I highly recommend this store if you are looking for great quality books and a pleasant atmosphere to help you wind down after putting in a good day of work.

Things to Do: Belden Village Mall

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With the harsh reality that winter is finally here after its series of false alarms and moody snow showers, outdoor activities in North Canton are coming to a short stop. For many students, a trip to the mall is a temporary fix to the lack of adventures that are being presented in the local area. Belden Village Mall is one of the central hubs for the city, as it gives students a place to hang out with friends and visiting family members without being too far away from home. Belden Village mall has a host of stores and is connected to the new Dave and Busters for easy access after your shopping experience.

Have you been shopping with your significant other that has to go to every store they see? Belden Village Mall has massage chairs designed for resting and relaxation while your partner continues their spree. The mall includes stores such as Pandora for your jewelry needs, Bath and Body Works for your lotion and body mist resupply, and a plethora of clothing stores, such as Pink and Victoria Secret, as well as many more. The store also has kiosks that sell trinkets, phone cases, gifts for family members, and some religious items to keep your dorms well stocked.

Getting a bit hungry and tired? You can stop by one of the restaurants located in the food court for a quick lunch or dinner if you're craving more diverse options. Some of the more popular restaurants include Stir Fry 88, Chick-Fil-A,

Sbarro, and more. Outside the mall is a connected chain of restaurants facing Everhard road including Melt, Chili's, The Rail, and Scrambler Marie's.

If you bring smaller children, they can ride electronically powered animal-shaped scooters as you travel up and down the aisle. The mall caters to people of all ages from Claire's and Build-a-bear for little ones, Hot Topic and Spencer's for teens, Charlotte Russe and Forever 21 for the young adults, and Macy's and Lane Bryant for the older generation. While this is only a few of the stores located in and around the mall, it gives North Canton residents a place to enjoy their shopping experience without traveling around the city.

Overall, I give the mall a 7/10. Like many of the places in North Canton, the mall is a great place to spend time with friends or by yourself without feeling too uncomfortable. The only downsides are the constant changes in stores and the location of the public restroom. The only bathroom is located in the front of the building. The mall appeals to people of all ages, genders, and economic status. You will find many of your favorite outfits in one of the stores without breaking the bank and still dressing the way you like. While the mall is still fighting to keep up with online retail, it is one of the sweet spots that will remain the seventh wonder of North Canton.

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The 2020 Oscars: A Walsh Student's Top Picks

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2019 offered very memorable films to round out the decade, and this year's Oscar picks reflect some of the best. From Netflix's sprawling gangster epic "The Irishman" to Pixar's delightfully nostalgic "Toy Story 4", Walsh University goes have plenty of stellar titles to choose from this semester. So put down those textbooks, grab some ice-cream from the Scher-vish Dining Center, and enjoy this critic's picks of the best Oscar nominations of the year.

Joker

Gritty, dark, and ultimately heart-wrenching, this film chronicles a mentally ill, impoverished birthday clown's slow descent into madness. Saturated with crowd-pleasing teasers of the legendary Batman, *Joker* offers a perspective rarely seen, namely, an in-depth look at the motivations and deeply rooted scars of the stereotypical "villain". Anchored by an uncanny performance from Joaquin Phoenix, viewers will find themselves haunted by lingering images of a dilapidated Gotham City, moved by the resounding strains of a sorrowful film score, and confronted with powerful messages about the consequences of treating fellow human beings with anything less than the respect and kindness they deserve. With an impressive total of eleven Oscar nominations, *Joker* is clearly no laughing matter.

Ford v Ferrari

Full of twists and turns both on and off the racetrack, this movie follows an American automotive designer's (Matt Damon) unlikely alliance with fearless race car driver Ken Miles (Christian Bale) to compete against the race cars of the famous Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966. While its high-speed racing is sure to have fans cheering, the real genius of the film is how it tackles themes of family, perse-

verance, and integrity with honesty and thoughtfulness. With four Oscar nominations including "best picture", this movie is the perfect blend of excitement and tension needed to spruce up a cold, homework-filled weekend.

Avengers: Endgame

While a single nomination (for "best visual effects") has led many fans to argue that Marvel's latest outing of Earth's Mightiest Heroes was snubbed, the film still undoubtedly adds new energy to the tired superhero genre. *Endgame* excels as a sprawling culmination of over a decade of filmmaking, combining dozens of superheroes and numerous storylines from twenty-two previous movies. Although it quite literally snaps under its own weight, this colorful, humorous, wildly entertaining hero flick has an important message about the consequences of choices and the heroism of self-sacrifice.

The Two Popes

Recognized for best screenplay, best actor, and best supporting actor, *The Two Popes* is a compelling dramatization of the unlikely friendship of Benedict XVI (Anthony Hopkins) and his eventual successor Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Jonathan Price). Silhouetted by gorgeous cinematography and clever weaving of actual historical footage, Netflix's honest look at Catholicism challenges Walsh's mission of evangelization with an important question, "What should the Catholic Church be in the modern world?" Thoughtful viewers may find the answer both surprising and compelling. (Pssst: Interested in this movie? Check out January's issue of The Spectator for a full review!)

The Typist's Tales Continue

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Hello all, it is I The Typist! I hope you're all ready for today's tale! I intercepted this transmission from a far-flung future! I hope you have a strong stomach dear reader because this tale is especially gruesome! Enjoy readers, enjoy!

I awake from deep sleep to the harsh glare of artificial light stinging my eyes. I bring my right arm up to shield my eyes as I try to get a grasp on my settings, and as I do I feel my elbow crack off the side of something solid, cold, and metallic. With my other hand, I feel the same material on my left side, and I feel open space just ahead. My eyes cease to sting as they adjust to the sudden influx of light. I am sitting in a metal chair with monitors measuring my vital signs. It cradles my head and legs, and the chamber I'm in is barely larger than the chair. The door in front of me opens

onto a much larger ante-chamber.

I reach for the edges of the door frame and try to pull myself to a stand. Icy cold needle-pricks race up and down my legs as they struggle to regain feeling. I brace against the door frame unsteady, and unsure my legs will support my weight as of yet. The chamber in front of me is sparsely furnished. There are a table and chairs in the center of the room. On the far wall from me, there is what seems to be the basic appliances of a kitchen. The walls are bare, and the sparsely placed monitors display the information on the life support systems. As my legs begin to regain a semblance of stability, I examine the kitchen more closely, there is a stove, a long-term preservation chest, and a small place for preparatory work, with assorted cooking utensils, some of

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Reviewing a Class: *Raging Bull*

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After viewing the film *Raging Bull* directed by Martin Scorsese, it became one of my favorite films. It features two of my favorite actors, Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci.

The tempo in this film was very consistent. Filmed in 1980, it was remarkable to me how clean the scenes were cut. The shot length tended to be pretty long, which is a common thread for movies dated like this one. I like this style because it allows the viewer to feel involved in the scene, making it more like a real conversation without noticeably cutting to different shots in the same scene.

Raging Bull happens to be the first film De Niro and Pesci both starred in. I was shocked when I learned this as their acting personalities felt in sync and tenured together in the film. This is the only film I have seen De Niro as an athlete which was a cool twist to the usual wise-guy boss attitude he brings to other films. He embraced his role as a boxer as he fit the style of a tough, gritty fighter from inner-city New York.

The film is based on a true story about the life of world middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, a brutal fighter from The Bronx, New York. His career of over 100 fights and 83 wins against notable boxing legends like Sugar Ray Robinson offered an intense story that Scorsese explains well. Known for his gruesome knockouts, the scenes are extremely graphic

in terms of blood and injury and depict closely to how those fights ended in real times. If one is easily grossed out by blood and conflict, you may want to refrain from viewing this movie.

It is important to note that this was filmed four years after the famous boxing movie *Rocky*. Even though it succeeded *Rocky*, the similarities were slim. *Rocky* was much more flashy with its extensive side plots and color. *Raging Bull* was in a much more serious tone in black and white and depressing moods in scenes.

Overall, this movie was very pleasant to watch. I'm usually not the biggest fan when it comes to black and white movies, but this one felt like it was necessary for the plot and time. I felt that the acting was great and the mood really stayed constant throughout the whole film. I think that the editing in this film has opened doors for other films and truly set standards for the techniques that we see in our world of technology today. Scorsese is the best when it comes to old Italian style movies. There were many jump cuts and quick transitions to each scene that I personally enjoyed and felt that it moved the plot along without over-exaggerating certain scenes. Even in this film, which is now going on forty years old, the cuts between scenes were very clean. It was barely noticeable to see the cuts during scenes to realize that the scene isn't actually ongoing and is edited to make it look like the scene is continuous.

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the stuff in the knife block so bizarrely shaped I can't even imagine what they'd be used for.

As I move my thoughts become clearer and flow more readily, pieces begin to click into place. That chamber was a suspended animation pod, meant to hold me in a sleep-like state until I arrived at my destination, a tiny planet in the far reaches of space that showed faint signs of life. I piece together the layout of the ship in my mind, trying to hold it there as I make my way to the front of the ship. As I progress, I see more and more open stasis chambers, but their open dates are all different. The entire crew should have woken up at the same time. The open dates go further and further back in time, sometimes opening in batches, sometimes one at a time, the time between openings are seemingly random, sometimes the difference in open dates is years, sometimes it's a matter of a few days. This shouldn't be possible, as the stasis chambers are managed by the onboard systems, and there's no way to open a pod manually. As I near the helm of the ship, I still have neither seen nor heard any of the other crew. My stinging anxiety grows further and further into a biting fear.

As I reach the helm I still have seen nobody, alive nor dead. The helm is empty, control panels displaying the ship was on auto-pilot. The comm station is playing a message on the loop. A woman is struggling to maintain a calm demeanor, as gunfire can be heard in the background. They explained that earth is under attack and that those in deep space missions are the last survivors of the human race and the ships are programmed to persevere to their destinations by any means necessary and that they would begin to recycle any unnecessary cargo into fuel, and repair materials. Something about the way she says unnecessary cargo sets my teeth on edge, but I can't place why. I use the main control panel to conduct a scan of the ship for signs of life. All that it picks up is me and a faint signature in the greenhouse.

I rush there, not considering the strange nature of the reading. In the heart of the greenhouse is a biomass generator, with the intent of failed crop, and plant waste to be used as a supplementary fuel source, fed by the automated systems that care for the crops meant to be produced within. I see the arms of the arbor system placing a torso into the biomass generator, and I understand why I haven't seen anyone, and why the computer has been waking people up. The door to the greenhouse closes and seals, and the arms of the arbor system snake towards me.

Win Streak Continues for Women's Basketball

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The Women's basketball team extends their winning streak to 16. Their last three games have not been close either. They defeated Findlay 96-79 at Findlay. In their largest margin of victory, they defeated Alderson Broaddus 101-44 at home. In their most recent victory, they defeated Ohio Valley 85-58 at home.

The Cavs defeated the University of Findlay 96-79 at Findlay (Feb 1). The Cavs had five players in double figures with Quionche Carter leading the way with 25 points. Junior Mayci Sales finished with a double double scoring 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Walsh forced Findlay to turn the ball over 25 times.

In the next game (Feb 6), the Cavs defeated Alderson Broaddus 101-44 at home. The Cavs had six players in double figures with Mayci Sales leading the way with 18 points on 7-12 shooting. In this game, the Cavs did everything better. Cavs finished shooting 66.1% from the court while holding Alderson Broaddus to only 33.3%. They shot 52.6% from the 3 point line while Alderson Broaddus shot 23.8%. Quionche Carter finished the game with a double double, scoring 16 points on 6-8 shooting and grabbing 10 rebounds. Redshirt-Sophomore, Alyssa Dean, scored 13 points and dished out 6 assists from coming off the bench. In this game, Mayci Sales hit 1,000 career points for the Cavs. She is now the 23rd player in Cavs history to hit 1,000 career points.

In their most recent game (Feb 8) the Cavs defeated Ohio Valley 85-58 at home. Mayci Sales led the Cavs in scoring with 22 points. Quionche Carter followed up with 18 points. The Cavs shot 51.6% from the court while Ohio Valley only shot 40.4%. The Cavs also forced Ohio Valley to commit 26 turnovers.

Quionche Carter was awarded the G-MAC Player of the Week averaging 17ppg and 9.5 rebounds. The Cavs are ranked #11 in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). They are also #12 in the National D2SIDA Top 25.

Next up for the Cavs, they take on Ursuline (Feb 15) at home. The Cavs are expected to extend their winning streak as Ursuline is 6-16 with a 3-10 conference record. After Ursuline, they play the rival down the road away (Feb 17). They are currently 3rd in the conference with a 16-6 record and a 10-2 conference record.

Back to winning for the Cavs Men

JARED WALSH, STAFF WRITER



Darryl Straughter

After winning 10 straight, the Men's Basketball team fell to Findlay 91-86 at Findlay. The Cavs were able to bounce right back and beat Alderson Broaddus 75-64 and Ohio Valley 96-81. The Cavs sit at the top team in the G-MAC conference with only five games left in the regular season.

The Cavs hosted Alderson Broaddus and won 75-64 (Feb 6). Darryl Straughter led the Cavs in scoring

finishing with 23 points on 8 of 17 shooting. Christian Montague and Mark Mokros were the only other Cavs in double figures with Montague putting up 15 and Mokros scoring 11. JT Shumate and Caleb Canter each had double digit rebounds. Canter led with 12 and Shumate with 10, all coming on the defensive end. The Cavs ended the game shooting 41.7% from the court while holding Alderson Broaddus to 37.7%.

Next game, The Cavs defeated Ohio Valley 96-81 at home (Feb 8). Darryl Straughter and Mark Mokros were on fire that game. Straughter ended with 29 points and Mokros ended with a career high 28 points. Mokros finished shooting 7-11 from the 3 point line. Christian Montague was just a few plays away from getting a triple double as he finished with 17 points, 8 assists, and 6 rebounds. Both Ohio Valley and Walsh shot 52.5% on the night. However, Walsh shot 18-33 from the 3 point line.

Walsh has a 3 game road stretch before they end their last two games at home. In those three games Walsh takes on the 3rd ranked team in the conference in Hillsdale (Feb 13). Then next, they face the team down the road in part one of the two part rivalry on Monday February 17th. Junior Darryl Straughter was named the G-MAC player of the week for the second straight week averaging 26 ppg and shooting 50% from the court and 3 point line. The Cavs are now ranked #19 in the NABC Top 25 Coaches Poll.

Northeast Ohio Natives Shine In Super Bowl LIV

ARMAND RUTTER, STAFF WRITER



Travis Kelce glares in awe at the Lombardi trophy minutes removed from winning the Super Bowl. (google images)

The annual informal holiday celebrated on February 2nd, known as Groundhog Day, was shadowed this year by Super Bowl LIV. The 54th super bowl matchup was set in Miami, Florida featuring the Kansas City Chiefs versus the San Francisco 49ers. In sync with the rest of the nation, Northeast Ohioans were especially locked into this year's contest.

Kansas City holds a trio of Northeast Ohio natives. Tight end Travis Kelce from Cleveland Heights is the most notable, 5-time pro bowl selection along with a two-time all-pro selection. He stayed in Ohio for college ball at the University of Cincinnati. Securing a few big catches and a touchdown, he added a Super Bowl win to his resume as the Chiefs topped the Niners 31-20. Travis becomes a champion just two years after his older brother Jason won a Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Defensive-end Frank Clark from Glenville High School logged a sack in Sunday's championship win, capping off a solid year. Frank earned every penny this season after signing a 105 million dollar extension in April. This past July, he hosted his first youth football camp in his hometown of Cleveland. Frank funded the entire camp, free of charge for the 300 local youths in attendance. He hopes to continue this camp free of charge for years to come.

Anthony Hitchens, a standout at Clearview High School in Lorain, Ohio led the Chiefs all season in total tackles.

Battling a troubled home life growing up, he often found himself at his best friend Zach Anderson's home. One evening turned into another, eventually leading to Zach's parents adopting Anthony and raising him as one of their own. He credits them tremendously along with the Clearview community influencing his success today.

While those three get to cherish their championship this off-season, San Francisco fullback Kyle Juszczyk was on the opposite end of the stick. He and his team will look to improve in hopes of

getting another crack at the big game. Kyle is a Medina native and attended Cloverleaf High School. He left all his efforts on the field last Sunday, becoming the first fullback in 17 years to be on the receiving end of a touchdown. His versatile skill set makes him a swiss army knife in the Niners offense. Juszczyk is a four-time pro bowler, as well as a graduate from the University of Harvard. After this past Sunday, he adds a trip to the Super Bowl to his impressive list of accolades.

Despite the Cleveland Browns' absence in the postseason since 2002, northeast Ohioans still seem to always have a local player or coach to root for in the final contest. In this season's NFL draft, six players were drafted who had attended high school in the area. There are over fifty players and coaches in the league currently who have serious ties with the area, making Northeast Ohio a hotspot for NFL talent.

The famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil failed to see his shadow on Sunday morning, predicting an early spring. As the groundhog awakes, unfortunately for football fans, The NFL enters back into its hibernation period until training camp starts back up in late July.