

SYLVANIA SEEING STARS

NORTHVIEW ALUMNUS STARS IN CINEMA SENSATION

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"Project X was one of the craziest movies I have ever seen. It was the best party movie ever made," said junior Sydney Lahre.

With positive reviews such as this one it is easy to see how Project X is becoming one of the most popular movies among high schoolers. Project X tells the story of three high school students adventures in throwing one of the biggest parties of all times. The three main characters, JB, Thomas and Costa, were all unpopular students, but after this experience, they were amongst the most popular kids in their high school. Costa has a significance special only to the city of Sylvania. Actor Oliver Cooper was a 2008 graduate of Sylvania Northview High School.

Cooper did not want to attend college because of poor grades and test scores. After graduating high school Cooper wanted to leave Ohio, so he attended Arizona State University but decided to leave after one year and move to Los Angeles because he felt he was wasting his parents' money because of his lack of learning and poor class selection. Cooper first planned on moving to New York but decided not to due to his dad's criticisms. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, his brother landed him an internship at the Conan O'Brien Show. In Hollywood, he became friends with Shaun Weiss, a fa-

mous actor and comedian. The two wrote comedy together and Cooper says that he was the first person who motivated him to pursue a career in acting. After nine months in L.A. Cooper began taking acting classes, it was there that he first heard about Todd Phillips production. Cooper applied for an audition for the movie but did not hear anything for three weeks. After another week, Weiss called Judd Apatow, the director of *Heavyweights* and asked him to get Cooper an audition, and he did. At the audition, Cooper claimed that he was extremely nervous and even threw up before the audition. After nine auditions, Cooper was finally informed that he had got the part in Warner Brothers film *Project X*. They began filming for *Project X* on June 14, 2010 and it lasted for 6 weeks. Although not aware of it then, Cooper may have become one of the most famous party characters of all time. Many people believe that Cooper's character is one of the best in the movie. "Costa is by far the funniest character in the movie. He was absolutely hilarious and really played the part well," said junior Coryn Ciboro. Cooper says of himself, "I'm good at turning off my brain where I'm not thinking. . . I'm just such an idiot that sometimes it tends to work for me." This spontaneity is constantly shown throughout the film, explaining why Cooper is one of the most popular characters in the movie.

Before the filming of *Project X*, Cooper paired up with long time friend and Southview graduate, Joe Burke. The two started off producing/directing a short film called "Marriage Drama." Cooper and Burke began writing the script during the fall of 2010. They approached "Funny or Die," a comedy video website that combines user-generated content with original, exclusive content with an idea for a video called "Marriage Drama." The website loved the idea and they shot the movie on March 10, 2011. The movie starred Virginia Madsen, a Golden Globe Nominated actress who played a role in the film *Sideways*. "She is one of my favorite actresses from one of my favorite films. . . we were stoked to work with her," said Burke. The movie received positive feedback from viewers and things seemed to be moving in a good direction for the two young movie producers. The two also filmed two other short movies called "Rick White" and "In-Between Meals." Their movie shorts seem to be very successful and the two hope to film more in the future.

Project X seems to be a very popular movie to many. According to Neil Genzlinger from The New York Times, "Once in a while a film comes along that is so courageous it deserves consideration for the Nobel Prize. An entire generation has been born and gone to college since the Beastie Boys defined that most basic of

civil liberties: You've got to fight for your right to party." Furthermore, The Toledo Blade gave the film four out of five stars. Rolling Stone said, "Most teen flicks just fake being fueled by anarchy. But the gut-bustingly funny Project X is the real deal. It's raunchy, reckless and ready to party. What's not to like?"

Typically, movies are known for their main characters. In *Project X*, however, Cooper disagrees. Cooper believes that the extras in the film played the most vital part. Without the image of a huge party, the movie would not have been the same, claims Cooper. Not only were the extras a crucial role in the movie, but Cooper says that the director was excellent at organizing the party scenes and portraying a realistic party. "The atmosphere is a big part of what makes a movie feel genuine, and he is the best at that," said Cooper about the director of the film.

Most high schoolers would agree that *Project X* is one of the greatest party movies of all time. Those same students may also agree that Oliver Cooper was the funniest and most well developed character in the movie. Although many people across the country may love Oliver Cooper, only Sylvania has special connections with the actor that no other city in the world will ever have. Cooper was born and raised in Sylvania and many are proud to call him one of our own.



THE UGLY TRUTH

Marriage Edition

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Welcome to the column where no topic is off-limits. Males and females have been left clueless on how the opposite sex operates for too long. That is why we will discuss how our gender operates in order to shed some light on...

The Ugly Truth.

Dearest readers, this issue's topic is one of grave importance. No, seriously. We girls have dreamed of it, fantasized, mapped it out in our heads- ever since we were young. What is it, you ask? Why, our wedding of course! Everything has to be perfect for our fairytale wedding. EVERYTHING.

Now, first thing's first: the proposal. Goodness, just imagine... the guy comes up with some witty or super gushy romantic way to ask your perfect hand in perfect marriage. That moment where you can't breathe because he's kneeling in front of you talking, but you can't hear any of it--you're too focused on that zit forming above his lip and wondering if it'll still be there for the wedding. Because as soon as he kneels, of course, you've already made up your mind and have already begun planning, but we'll go ahead and let him have his moment, because that's his only part in the process. Everything else is entirely up to us. So as soon as he's finished his spiel, we'll squeal up and down and be all excited like we're supposed to... but little does he know, we've already been planning this wedding since we started dating him. The wheels have already started their turn-

ing, and we're ready to begin.

Okay, so to get this little misconception out of the way, we girls do *not* become "bridezillas" as they say. No, we just need everything. To. Be. Perfect. And the first step towards that is finding the right color scheme. And the scheme depends entirely on the season. Do we want a summer wedding? Most girls do. Or how about a fall wedding? Or spring? Nobody wants winter, though. Blegh to that. It's not an option. Everyone knows you cannot wear white after labor day, and wearing a white wedding dress is the ultimate faux pas. But anyways, scheme. Yes. The next question we ask in this step, is: do we want the wedding inside? Outside? That would all have to factor into our color scheme. So once we have all that figured out, we can choose. Remember, people: the ultimate goal here is to match the napkins to the dresses, and the dresses to the ties. If one can do that, it'll take you that much closer to perfection!

And now, the next, and possibly the most crucial of steps: deciding the wedding party. We all flip through our current facebook friends--quickly dismissing those weirdos that we never talk to, the slus--I mean, girls that would most likely disrupt the wedding and make the day about them, and the pretty friends. No, the best option is to choose our ugliest of friends to be in your wedding, for two reasons. First and foremost, this day is all about us! So having ugly girls in our procession will make us look all the more attractive by comparison. And the second is to ensure that the grooms-men won't get into mischief with them. Oh, but I almost forgot. The one exception is the maid of honor. This position being a key component to the marriage ex-

perience, it's all right if our best friend just happens to be attractive. Just make sure later on that her dress is slightly uglier than ours. Which it will be, no doubt.

So. Onwards to the next step! And that is... the after party. Where will it be? What food will be served? What DJ--or more importantly what music will be played? Will we have money for an open bar? Psh. Of course we will. Nevermind, we don't ask that question. We already know the answer. Expense is no issue. If it is, we follow the proper procedure: whine, moan, and cry until we get our way. Eventually someone will succumb to our demands, be it our loving mother, daddy, or fiance. And if that doesn't work, then simply accuse your soon-to-be hubby of thinking you're fat, sob profusely, and he'll feel so bad (or so annoyed) that he'll try to appease you! It all works out in the end. We always get our way.

All right, so now our dress. Wait. Nah, I don't want to go into that. It's perfect. It's a little hard to describe perfection.

Please keep in mind that in order to keep this article short, I've been skipping a lot of the intimate details of our process. The only other big step then is the wedding itself. If we're not freaking out about some minor detail--like the photographer being late, the flower girl skinning her knee, or that distant cousin that nobody in the family likes that you're pretty sure you made sure not to invite just showed up wasted and screaming. Yeah, things like that. If we aren't freaking out, we're in total bliss. We try not to think about how long it'll take to pay off the wedding cost, because at that moment, nothing matters... but us. And that, is the Ugly Truth.

In this edition of the Ugly Truth I will speak of the one phrase that makes some shiver, and others grab the nearest pillow they can find and squeeze it for dear life...MARRIAGE. Now, there is some information that I must share with my audience before I expose to you all my thoughts on this sacred act of matrimony. Clearly we are all in high school and are not, or at least shouldn't be, married. I know that I have no first-hand experiences with this treacherous act of suicide but I will try my best to interpret the outlandish rituals and meanings behind it.

To begin, the word MARRIAGE (scary things should always be in caps) is really a secret code that only the best can decipher. If you take out all of the words, multiply them by 37, divide by the square root of 678, and then convert it to radians and find the angle on a circle diagram, MARRIAGE really spells OH MY GOD YOU ARE SO DUMB FOR GETTING YOURSELF INTO THIS UN-FIXABLE MESS. Yeah I know; you are probably all smacking yourself on the side of the head for not seeing it sooner but hey, if it makes you feel any better it took me until the age of five to decipher it.

Now that you know what MARRIAGE truly means, we can interpret it. The first problem comes with the fact that the man is not the center of attention at the wedding ceremony. Excuse my language but what in the name of flaming sandboxes is up with the people who thought of this insanity?! If the woman is the center of attention at the wedding ceremony then my name is Jay Fisher. Seriously people let's be honest here, who cares what the girl is wearing or even what

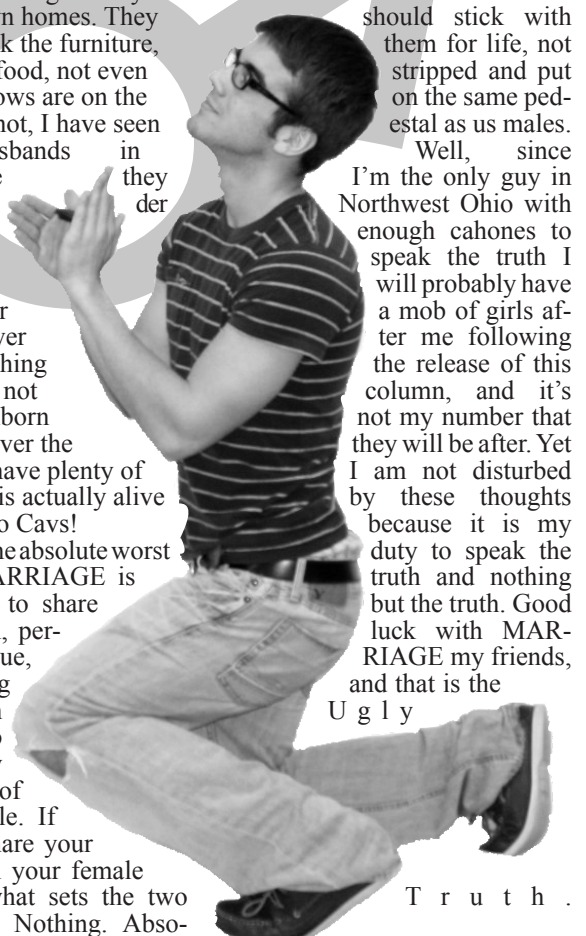
she thinks about this day, the man should call all of the shots and he should be wearing some sort of neon suit to show that all eyes should be on him only. If we keep giving women even the slightest bit of hope that they might someday be equal, then they will gather enough courage to talk back when we yell at them for not remembering to remind us about something we forgot (if this confuses you then drop out of high school).

Furthermore, I will be the first to express my distress towards husbands that don't understand how entangled they are within their own homes. They don't get to pick the furniture, room designs, food, not even how many pillows are on the bed. I kid you not, I have seen grown male husbands in the ER because they were put under so much stress because their wives made them go to their own baby shower instead of watching the game. I am not going to my unborn infant's party over the game; he will have plenty of those when he is actually alive so until then Go Cavs!

I digress. The absolute worst part about MARRIAGE is that you have to share your very own, personal, unique, and amazing last name with someone who is probably not worthy of sharing the title. If you have to share your last name with your female spouse then what sets the two of you apart? Nothing. Abso-

lutely nothing. Right there is the main issue because the dominant male must always exemplify greatness and superiority which is why the second that a Mrs. Vazquez-Ederra is present, she is placed on the same pedestal as Mr. Vazquez-Ederra... not cool. They are called maiden names for a reason ladies. In case I have to decipher this one for you guys too, you simply take the word maiden and multiply it by 1. Most of you probably suck at math so I will help you out, it means maiden. Every female was born to be the maid of their husband, which therefore means that their title should stick with them for life, not stripped and put on the same pedestal as us males.

Well, since I'm the only guy in Northwest Ohio with enough cahones to speak the truth I will probably have a mob of girls after me following the release of this column, and it's not my number that they will be after. Yet I am not disturbed by these thoughts because it is my duty to speak the truth and nothing but the truth. Good luck with MARRIAGE my friends, and that is the Ugly Truth.



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