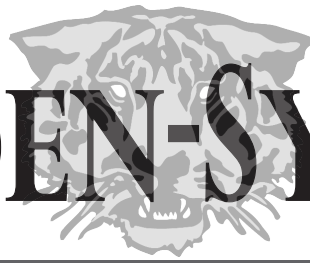


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Police Station Moved to Fraternity Circle

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As students returned to campus, they found that the Police and Public Safety Headquarters had relocated from the front of campus at Gilkeson to the Rush House on Frater-

nity Circle. Located across from The Theta Chi fraternity, and next to the cemetery, the police headquarters has found a spot that is more impactful for the safety of our community. The move was an effort to increase the deterrence of unwanted visitors and behavior that would harm our campus and those that call it home. The new building can be easily identified by the flag pole that flies the American and Virginia flags. Law enforcement and public safety have been at the core of our campus for decades. Whether it is a police presence at Tiger athletic games or keeping campus safe, our H-SC police will be there to serve the community.

I sat down with Mark Fowler, the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, and he shared his insight on the new location and headquarter



The new police station (Photo: map.hsc.edu) building. The main reason for the relocation was to increase response time by being closer to the Circle. The average response time for police to arrive on a scene in Virginia is 6 minutes and 20 seconds. I would bet that with the new

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H-SC Student Senate Snapshot: New Semester, New Priorities

Lucio Chavez '22
Guest Contributor

Three new clubs were proposed and passed by the Senate on weekly meeting of Tuesday, January 22nd; the Phoenix Initiative, the Sunshine Club,

and the Street Hockey Club. The Phoenix Initiative hopes to serve the Hampden-Sydney community by helping out in a variety of places including directing traffic for college events or helping students going through medical difficulties while they wait for the ambulance.

They will be receiving training in order to effectively execute the services that they will deliver. For additional information contact Gray Breeden at BreedenJ21@hsc.edu. The Sun-

shine Club aspires to help students at Hampden-Sydney with economic complications such as giving gas money to students in need who need travel back home for matters of emergency. Contact information on the Sunshine club will be announced on a later day. The street Hockey club plans to schedule casual weekly games and practices throughout the semester. Brock Wesson, one of the club's new officer, expresses that he plans "for this club to give H-SC students the closest experi-

"[the clubs disbanded] include the Students for Liberty, the Wrestling Club, the Orthodox Christian Ministry, and the FCA. Habitat for Humanity was also cut..."

ence of... hockey." The club wishes to play against hockey clubs from colleges all through the state soon. Alec Bursleson, one of the club's new members, states that the new club will likely

have a "slow start, but I am hopeful that [the club] will grow." These new clubs hope to emulate the values that Hampden-Sydney stands for: service, brotherhood, and the concept of being and behaving like a gentleman.

Chairman Pullen began the Senate meeting on the 29th of January. After the call to order, Senator Francis proposed to disband eighteen clubs; these clubs include the Students for Liberty, the Wrestling Club, the Orthodox Christian Ministry, and the FCA. Habitat for Humanity was also cut from the budget; however, they will be receiving funds outside of Student Finance Board. The Proposition passed unanimously. \$13,000 of unused funding from the disbanded clubs will be going back to the Student Finance Board's treasury.

The Senate focused the remainder of its time on the passage of the Finance Board's Spring '19 budget proposal. The total money for this budget is \$205,600; \$15,600 less than last se-

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A Foreign Policy Crisis in Venezuela

*Keifer Pfister '20
Staff Writer*

On Wednesday, the 23rd of January of this year, opposition leader Juan Guaido declared himself the interim president of Venezuela. In

“If the Venezuelan people want to continue to destroy their beautiful and resource wealthy country, then we have no obligation to stop them.”

response Maduro, the dictator/president of Venezuela, attempted to expel United States Diplomats and cease relations with the United States. The US State Department, currently led by Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, refused to recognize Maduro's authority to take that action. The US, Canada, and several South American Counties currently recognize Guaido as the legitimate President of Venezuela, while Maduro still has the support of Russia and several other, more autocratic, world powers.

This quasi-revolution comes after years of corruption and bad economic policies that have led to product shortages, hyper-inflation, and widespread hunger throughout the country. US-Venezuelan relations have gradually deteriorated since the death of President Chavez in 2013. Maduro, since taking power, has man-

aged to avoid total collapse thought increasingly brutal police tactics and alliances with other autocratic regimes, such as Russia and China.

For long term political change to be successful in Venezuela, it must occur from inside the country. While the United States ought to support the liberal reformers over a set of different autocrats, we ought not directly

intervene. The Socialist revolution of 1999 came from the people, and the liberal counter revolution of today must also come from the people. The US Federal Government, with perhaps the exception of U.S.A.I.D., should not directly aid the liberals. If the Venezuelan people want to continue to destroy their beautiful and resource wealthy country, then we have no obligation to stop them.

However, while we have an obligation to allow the people of Venezuela to determine their future, we also have an obligation to prevent Russia or China from attempting to militarily influence the revolution. If the Chinese or Russians attempt to prop up the autocratic regime, especially with military force, then we have an obligation to oppose their autocratic imperialism in our hemisphere.

The Rise of Kendall Street Company

*Reed Cooper '19
Guest Contributor*

Every year on the Hill, we hear stories about the many different bands from the past that once played in many of the fraternity houses and at events across campus. We hear about bands like Allman Brothers Band, Umphreys McGee, Widespread Panic, Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and the Blowfish, along with dozens of others that once blew the Hill away. Most recently, we have seen Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, who was once a campus favorite, absolutely take off in their fame with quickly gaining a loyal following and touring nationwide, including shows at many historic venues such as Red Rocks and the Capitol Theater. This brings us to a more local band from just north of us in Charlottesville, Kendall Street Company.

Kendall Street Company is comprised of six musicians who all began playing when they were students at the University of Virginia, and they have quickly made a name of themselves on the Virginia college market becoming regulars across the state. It is not abnormal to find the band playing at Hampden-Sydney at least once a semester, but in many ways the group has been putting in the work to grow their brand up and down the East Coast. Kendall Street is currently on a tour which takes them as far south as Atlanta and as far north playing all throughout New York and even a headlining show in Vermont. They also just recently performed in the historic music city of Nashville with another Sydney favorite, the Vegabonds. The band has seriously put in the work and miles over the past year, as well as they produced 17 new tracks in their three part new album RemoteVision which debuted last fall.

Kendall Street is the type of band that truly loves the grind and the art

of performing live music. For this reason, I believe they may be the next band that people from Sydney can sit back and say “I remember those guys playing back when I was in college.” Something about their smooth and tight dynamics as a band and how they are able to stretch out even the most familiar songs into lasting jams is what differentiates them. When they come to the Hill, they usually throw in some cover songs, but for some reason, they are even able to make their original songs sound so familiar and easy to catch on to which makes us only want to only listen more and more the next day. 2019 is going to be a huge year for this band, and you do not want to miss out on another chance to see them in the many small and intimate venues that they are consistently packing with people. As history has showed us on the Hill, we have seen bands in our time here that has gone to gain national attention, and Kendall Street Company will be that next band.



Kendall Street Company in concert (Photo: www.facebook.com/KendallStreetCo)

Spring 2018 Club Funding Allocations

Student Club/Organization:	Requested Allocations:	Allotted Allocations:
Anglers Club	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00
Animal Rescue Club	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00
Animation Society	\$600.00	\$500.00
CAC	\$161,000.00	\$122,000.00
Chess and Strategy Gaming	\$1,100.00	\$800.00
Classics Club	\$6,000.00	\$3,300.00
Club Soccer	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Cogito	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
Cycling Club	\$3,796.00	\$2,900.00
Environmental Club	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Film Club	\$4,200.00	\$1,500.00
Fly Fishing Club	\$7,734.56	\$4,100.00
French Club	\$750.00	\$200.00
German Club	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Golf Club	\$6,000.00	\$4,400.00
International Club	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00
Karate Club	\$3,000.00	\$2,200.00
Mentor Program	\$700.00	\$600.00
MSU	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00

Student Club/Organization:	Requested Allocations:	Allotted Allocations:
Music Interest Club	\$11,000.00	\$6,000.00
Outsiders Club	\$6,486.77	\$5,100.00
Phi Beta Lambda	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
Russian Club	\$500.00	\$200.00
Shooting	\$5,000.00	\$3,800.00
Society of Physics Students	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
Spanish Club	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sunshine	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
The Acousticals	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00
The Phoenix Initiative	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Tiger Athletic Club	\$2,000.00	\$1,600.00
UIPLS	\$5,000.00	\$3,200.00
Winter Ball	-----	\$11,000.00
Wolyniak Research Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Young Life	\$4,000.00	\$2,800.00
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mester. A new fund was added to the budget under the title of “Wolyniak Research Fund.” This new fund intends on assisting students with their research programs. Many clubs and organizations received substantial cuts on their budgets resulting in strong criticism from Senator Francis. During the meeting, Senator Francis stated that, if the budget was passed, the Minority Student would receive excessive funding. Garner H. Bayless '19, Secretary-Treasurer, answered to Francis' comment by stating that the society needs the money in order to fund MAM Weekend, an event that attracts many people to the college. Outside of the Senate meeting Francis explained to me that many other clubs received unreasonable amounts of money. He went on to state that “what some clubs ask for [in their budgets] can be done through donations” instead of receiving the funds through the Finance Board. Francis also opposed the cutting of some club budgets, like the Chess and Strategy Game Club and the Animation Society, while stating: “that’s all [the members of these clubs] have. The members do not party on weekends or attend other school activities,” all they have are these clubs. The budget for the spring semester ended up passing with only two nays, coming from Senators Francis '20 and Corini '20.

Police Station Moves Continued

location, our police force can surely beat the state average. The only change that students will notice is an increase in response time and a higher factor of deterrence towards unwanted guests.

One of the newest and best additives is the new gun safe. The old gun safe was problematic and caused unwanted surface rust to harm the barrels of guns. This was a result of poor air quality. At the previous location the gun room had many dehumidifiers working to their highest potential, but still failing to get the job done. The new gun room is much more accessible for both students and faculty resulting in an increase in convenience and also features new racks for bows and shelving for ammo and hand guns.

In conclusion, the new location of the Headquarters of Police and Public Safety brings a new chapter of campus safety to our community. Additions of the new climate controlled gun safe, a friendly front desk, and the constant presence of the H-SC police force ensure the safety to all that call this place their community.

Fraternity Circle Fight the Beginning of Change?

*Shelby Hanna '20
Opinion Editor*

On the night of January 26th, 2019, Hampden-Sydney's idyllic life was disrupted by several rowdy guests

“An officer observed the incident during his normal rounds and proceeded to disperse the crowd with the support of other officers...”

on campus. At Hampden-Sydney's Minority Student Union (MSU) house, a fight that started inside the bunker of MSU escalated to include a large number of people in the center of Hampden-Sydney's Fraternity Circle. Estimates of the size of the fight before police arrived vary, but

the Office of Student Affairs put the number at around fifty individuals.

An officer observed the incident during his normal rounds and proceeded to disperse the crowd with the support of other officers, according to the statement released by the Hampden-Sydney police, the Prince Edward Sheriff's Office, Farmville Police Department, and Longwood

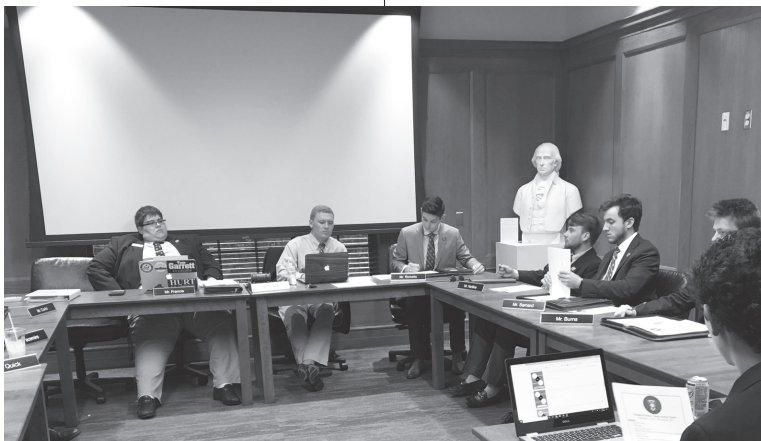
one individual has been charged with trespassing. When *The Tiger* last spoke with Hampden-Sydney police, they informed us that there was an ongoing investigation. Most reports concur that the incident was not started by students of Hampden-Sydney. The Office of Student Affairs stated that rumors that there was a gun present are false, but confirmed that two officers were indirectly exposed to pepper spray.

The administration was quick to take action on the matter, although Associate Dean Pantele and Dean of Students Richard Sabbatini sought to point to Hampden-Sydney's student government, and the Student Senate in particular, for the leading role they are taking in pushing for positive reforms in the wake of this incident. Senator Bjore Samard '21 confirmed that the Student Senate is looking into the matter, although the specifics of what is being considered are at this time classified. Senate Chairman Larry Pullen '19 verified that the Student Senate is looking into the matter, though he said he was unsure whether certain details might be kept secret indefinitely into the future.

University Police Department. Associate Dean of Students Richard Pantele '13 assured *The Tiger* that Hampden-Sydney police were able to disperse the situation before outside support arrived on the scene.

While the details surrounding the initial inciting incident are murky,

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The Senate meets (Photo: twitter.com/hscpresscorps)



3 Major Mid-season Storylines in the NBA

Garrett Barton III '21
Sports Editor

Disclaimer: All stats and information are as of Saturday, February 9.

This year's NBA season has been about as entertaining as most fans were expecting; for the past few years, the league has attracting more attention than ever because of its vibrant superstars and extreme pettiness. With that being said, we are now twenty-four hours from the trade deadline and about two weeks from the all-star break, which marks the midpoint of the 2018-2019 season. In no particular order, here are my top three take-aways from the first half of the season.

James Harden is Not a Human Being.

At the start of this season, the expectations for Houston Rockets guard James Harden were massive. 'The Beard' was coming off of a 2018 season in which he won the league MVP and was one abysmal quarter away from reaching the NBA finals. Houston made some seriously questionable moves during this past offseason, and it seemed as though the offensive juggernaut designed by GM Daryl Morey and Coach Mike D'Antoni had missed its only chance at a championship. Harden has responded to this criticism by having one of the most remarkable statistical seasons NBA fans have ever seen, and he is the clear favorite to repeat as league MVP. Through 54 games, Harden is averaging 36.5 points per game, 8 assists, and 6.8 rebounds. He is now the only player other than Wilt Chamberlain to average 30 points in 20 or more games. As of February 9, Harden's streak stands at 29 games, which is the third-longest streak be-

hind Wilt's two streaks of 31 and 65. This scoring explosion can be partially accredited to the fact that Harden's partner in the backcourt, Chris Paul, has only played in 32 of the team's 54 games while battling injury. Despite Paul's absence and the loss of some key role players in the offseason, Harden has carried the Rockets to what would be the fifth seed in the extremely competitive Western conference if the regular season ended today.

The Denver Nuggets are For Real.

Denver has been building a truly impressive basketball team ever since their acquisition of center Nikola Jokic in the 2014 draft. Jokic has been perennially underrated throughout his career, and this season he is showing the country what they've been missing out on. He has led Denver to a half game behind the Warriors for the first seed in the West. Third-year point guard Jamal Murray has blossomed into a complimentary co-star for Jokic, providing a consistently lethal shooting presence in the backcourt. Their supporting cast of Gary Harris, Paul Millsap, Malik Beasley,

and Mason Plumlee, alongside a talented bench, have combined to place the Nuggets at 2nd in the league in terms of offensive efficiency rating. Coach Mike Malone has found success by playing extremely efficient offense structured around the scoring and passing ability of Jokic. It is in no way flashy, but it is purely beautiful basketball. In my personal opinion, their play style is reminiscent of the Duncan-era Spurs. They are a league-best 23-4 at home, and they still are not receiving the hype that they deserve. I am putting my money on Denver to make the Western Conference finals, and I expect them to make it difficult for Golden State to make their fifth straight NBA finals.

The Eastern Conference is No Longer Boring.

For the past 8 seasons, NBA fans have usually been subjected to redundancy and disappointment in the largely inferior Eastern Conference, while the Western Conference teams have engaged in an arms race to see who can build the most dominant super-team. Things have finally changed, however, as LeBron James signed with a dumpster-fire of a Lakers team and

the Celtics, Raptors, and 76ers, are serious title threats at last. Ironically, none of these three teams currently hold the top spot in the East rankings; the best record in the conference belongs to the Milwaukee Bucks. I think the Bucks are still a piece or two away from becoming serious contenders, but the other three teams at the top of the conference are legitimate. Toronto has undergone a successful transition from the Derozan/Lowry years, and Kawhi Leonard seems to have finally pushed them into being a threat. Additionally, Lowry, Danny Green, and Fred VanVleet are making for a terrifying backcourt. Forwards Serge Ibaka and Pascal Siakam (one of my favorite young players in the league and a defensive cheat code) are having career years, and make the Raps are a force to be reckoned with.

Philadelphia is now two years removed from their 'trust the process' era, and all signs point to them gunning for a championship. The young tandem of Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid took the league by storm last year, but they couldn't quite get their act together against the better-coached Celtics in the playoffs. Now, they're a year older, and they have

added a dominant two-way star. This past November, Jimmy Butler was traded to Philly from Minnesota in exchange for Robert Covington, Dario Saric, and a second-round pick. It is clear that the big three of Simmons/Embiid/Butler has experienced some growing pains in terms of on-the-court chemistry, but if they can figure it out, they might just be playing for a championship in June. As of about three days ago, the Sixers also acquired star forward Tobias Harris from the Clippers. Harris has had a breakout season, averaging 20.7 points per game in L.A. This means that Philadelphia now has a starting five of Simmons-Redick-Butler-Harris-Embiid. This is the most talented NBA rotation outside of Oakland, California, but chemistry issues could plague them come playoff time.

The Boston Celtics were the most impressive team in last year's Eastern Conference playoffs, and that was without their two star players in Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward. Coming into this year, the Celtics were considered to be the second-most talented team in the league and the only true threat to the Warriors to win a title. However, they have displayed a bit of trouble in paradise. Hayward is no longer the sneaky-fast scorer he was in Utah. After taking over during the playoffs and drawing comparisons to Kobe Bryant, Jayson Tatum is going through a bit of a sophomore slump. Jaylen Brown's lack of a jump shot is catching up to him, fast. Terry Rozier is still a monster, but he's struggling to get quality minutes behind Kyrie Irving. Oh, and Kyrie has spent the last two weeks flirting with LeBron James on Instagram and telling reporters that he "don't owe anybody s---" when asked about re-signing with Boston. Despite all of these factors, they are still 35-20 and hold the third spot in the East. If coach Brad Stevens can learn how to manage personalities half as well as he can draw up plays, the Celtics will be as big of a Finals favorite as anyone.



James Harden celebrates (Photo: celebsnetworthtoday.com)



Defense Proves it Wins Championships in Super Bowl

Brad Jeffers '21
Guest Contributor

As a whole, offense seemed to be nonexistent in Super Bowl LIII on February 3 in Atlanta. Although both the Patriots and the Rams' offenses ranked in the top 5 points per game and total yards this season, defense prevailed as the dominant force.

It initially seemed as though the game would be full of excitement, as Patriots receiver Cordarrelle Patterson returned the opening kickoff 38 yards. Then, the Patriots offense took the field and ran the ball 5 times, gaining 27 yards and moving the football very well. However, the unexpected occurred when Tom Brady dropped back to throw his first pass and ended up throwing the ball in the hands of Rams linebacker Cory Littleton. This interception led to the first of many punts for the Rams offense.

The second drive for the Patriots again showed promise. They ran 11 plays and managed to move the ball into field goal territory, but kicker Stephen Gostkowski missed a 46-yard field goal, pushing it wide left.

The first points of the game were not scored until almost 5 minutes into the second quarter, when Gostkowski made a 42-yard try to put the Patriots on the board. Following the made field goal, there was a total of 8 punts between the two teams and no points were scored for almost 25 minutes of game time. The score at halftime was 3-0, which is the second-lowest halftime score in Super Bowl history.

Finally, the Rams finally broke

their scoreless streak with just over 2 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter as Greg Zuerlein made a 53-yard field goal that tied the game. The kick was nearly a Super Bowl record field goal.

One of the biggest highlights of the game came on the only touchdown drive of the night, when Tom Brady threw a perfect pass to tight end Rob Gronkowski for 29 yards. This would set the Patriots up at the Rams' 2-yard line, where running back Sony Michel would punch in the eventual game-winning touchdown.

The Patriots defense sealed the game late in the 4th quarter when Goff lobbed a pass to receiver Brandin Cooks, but it was intercepted at the Patriots 4-yard line by cornerback Stephon Gilmore.

The Patriots won 13-3 and brought home their sixth Champion-

ship in franchise history, which have all come under Coach Bill Belichick and Quarterback Tom Brady.

With the offenses at a standstill, the Patriots defense took over the game. They held the Rams offense to only 57 first half yards and 2 first downs. They also forced the Rams' high-powered offense to punt on a Super Bowl record 8 consecutive drives, and 9 out of the 12 times they possessed the football. Two of the other three drives ended in a missed field goal and an interception. They were also able to get lots of pressure on Jared Goff and hit him 12 times throughout the game.

Julian Edelman was named the Most Valuable Player. He had 10 receptions for 141 yards and tied the Super Bowl record for most receptions in a first half with 7.

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Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman (Photo: ftw.usatoday.com)

Zion is Like Nothing We've Ever Seen

Garrett Barton III '21
Sports Editor

Zion Williamson has been one of the most frequently mentioned names in the NBA this season, and he's only a freshman in college. The standout Duke forward has been capturing fans' attention since his junior year of high school at Spartanburg Day

“So, in terms of athleticism and size, this kid is like if LeBron James had a mutant son with a Ford F-150.”

School in South Carolina, where his highlight tapes went viral. He was the number two recruit in last year's ESPN 100 rankings, and he is now averaging 22 points and 9 rebounds per game in college.

Williamson is as physically imposing of a player as we have ever seen, especially for an 18 year-old. Checking in at six-foot-seven and 285 pounds, he would be the second-heaviest player in the league behind seven-foot-three center Boban Marjanovich. Despite this, it seems as though the weight is all muscle, given the fact that he has a 40-inch vertical leap and is one of the most electric in-game dunkers since Vince Carter. His size was comically unfair in high school, as he made every player around him look like a seventh-grad-

er. Currently playing in the ACC, it is still perplexing to see someone who looks like a center yet handles and drives to the hoop as if he is a guard. One of the most entertaining facets of his game is his amazing ability to block shots, even when it seems like he is wildly out of position to do so.

So, in terms of athleticism and size, this kid is like if LeBron James had a mutant son with a Ford F-150. It's no wonder why NBA teams have been salivating at the thought of drafting him number-one overall in the draft. In terms of his pure basketball skill,

however, there is plenty of room for improvement. Williamson is currently shooting a woeful 28% from three-point range, and for a player that gets fouled an absurd amount of times per game, he shoots free throws at a below-average rate of 65%. Of course, these are problems that can be fixed with the proper amount of practice and the right coaching staff surrounding him.

To me, one of the most interesting aspects of the 'Zion craze' that has swept the nation is the fact that experts and fans regularly use NBA legends to describe him. It is as if there are no words in the English language that can accurately depict what Williamson looks and plays like on a basketball court, so we have to use prominent basketball figures as reference

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Zion is Like Nothing Continued

points. The most common analogy for Williamson is LeBron James, because they both looked like Greek gods during their viral high school careers. Another frequently used physical comparison for Zion is a younger Charles Barkley, who was 6-foot-6 and 240 lbs when he was drafted out of Auburn in 1984. While Barkley was noticeably smaller, their play styles in college were quite similar, as Barkley was also deceptively fast and seemed like he could jump out of the gym if he wanted to.

If I had to make a perfect physical analogy for Williamson, it would be Karl Malone. For the non-basketball nerds in the room, Malone was the most dominant power forward of the 1990's, playing in a perfect duo with point guard John Stockton in Utah. He was a two-time league MVP and finished his career with the second-most points of all time behind only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Malone is 6-foot-9 and hovered around 250 pounds throughout his twenty-year NBA career, and is perhaps one of the strongest men to ever play basketball. Williamson is built in a similar way, yet his play style is very different, as Malone relied on his footwork and post moves while Zion is more of a dribbler and mostly scores from hard cuts to the lane.

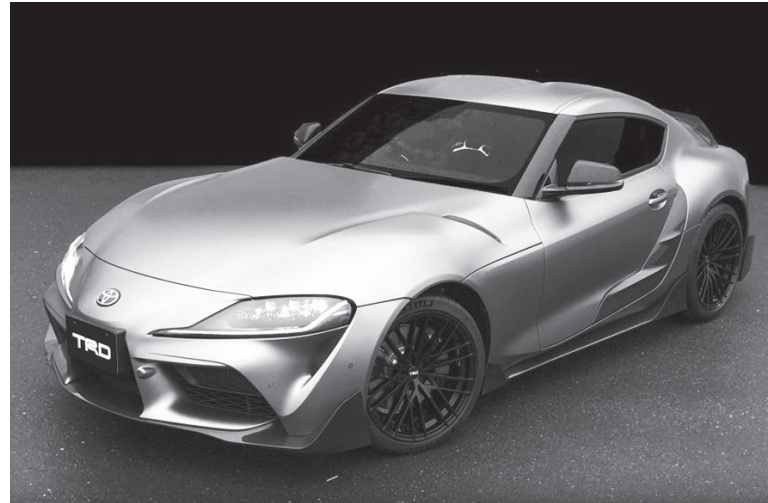
Simply put, there is no easier, adequate comparison for Zion Williamson. A popular basketball term that has surfaced in recent years is the "Unicorn", a player that has a set of skills that was never thought to be humanly possible until his emergence in the league. Popular examples have included Kristaps Porzingis and Giannis Antetokounmpo, both of whom are about seven feet tall but have guard-like ball skills. While he isn't a seven-footer, Zion is as much of a unicorn as anyone. Never before have we seen a player who is quite literally built more like a line-

backer than a power forward, yet is still somehow faster and can jump higher than anyone he comes across. This just hasn't happened before.

He is a brilliant athletic specimen, but he is in no way a perfect basketball player yet. It is for this reason that we as NBA fans should stop treating him as such, because at this rate it will be impossible for him to meet our expectations once he enters the league. Let's put an end to the unrelenting obsession over comparing this player to our favorite veterans, and just take a step back to appreciate who he is as he just now begins his career. He is not LeBron, nor is he Barkley or Malone. He is Zion Williamson, a one-of-a-kind prospect with loads of potential. He is a unicorn, and he is about to change the game of basketball.

Super Bowl Continued

Although Edelman won the MVP, there was a lot of focus on Rams running back Todd Gurley, who only had 10 carries for 35 yards. Gurley has been one of the best running backs since he came into the league in 2015. There were reports that he injured his knee early in the season, and then tweaked it again in week 16 of the regular season. Going into the post-season, it was reported that he was healthy, and the Rams told the media that he would be ready to go for the big game. This brings up the question: was he as healthy as the team said he was?



The new Toyota Supra (Photo: www.carmagazine.co.uk)



Zion Williamson (Photo: dukereport.com)



Tom Brady has now won six Super Bowls (Photo: www.si.com)

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For this installment of the column, I am going to talk about the VERY controversial new Toyota Supra. The new Supra MK5 is going to be powered by a BMW inline six-cylinder engine. To many Toyota fans, this is no good, because in their eyes a BMW engine violates the very spirit of the Supra. The legendary Supra MK4 was highly sought after due to its beautiful aesthetic, and hearty Toyota and Yamaha developed 2JZ inline 6-cylinder engine. The stock 2JZ engine block is capable of reliably producing more than 600 horse power. Some people have even gotten stock 2JZ engine blocks well above 900 horsepower. The old Supra is a highway rocket that bullies high end exotic and muscle cars in the name of Japanese cars to this very day. Therefore, Toyota fans' apprehensiveness regarding the new car is understandable, but I do have a couple things to remedy their anxiety. Considering that you can buy a more powerful brand new Mustang GT for significantly less than the new Supra will cost, the BMW engine was a smart move on Toyota's part. It would have been much more expensive to develop an entirely new engine for the car. Many Toyota fans are worried about the new BMW engine not being adequate, because Toyota has higher reliability standards than BMW. But the variant of B58 BMW engine (an engine that has a similar closed deck forged bottom end architecture to the 2JZ) found in the Supra was co-developed by Toyota, who even went as far as to stress test individual bolts during development. Trust Toyota, they won't put their name on trash. I think that Toyota tried to give fans what they loved about the old car, a tunable highway rocket with lots of headroom for above stock power, and now unlike the MK4, tuning will be easy due to the open BMW ECU. Not to mention the car is full of BMW M car suspension components, so it will be a track weapon regardless. Rejoice! The Supra is back.