

Balancing spirit and scholarship: the Huron high school student section

Huron’s student section brings the energy, on and off the field

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At Huron, the student section isn’t just about screaming their lungs out on Friday nights, it’s about showing pride for their school, their team, and their community. This year’s leaders, seniors Max Pinsky and TJ Conley, along with junior Shayla Ly, are proving that school spirit can be just as important as schoolwork when it comes to building a strong Huron culture. For Pinsky, running the Huron Barstool account on Instagram has made it very easy to spread the word about themes and events. He keeps his posts limited on purpose so they stand out when they do go up.

“Making posts seems to be the best way to boost attendance, they have a domino effect,” Pinsky said. However, leading the student section is not just about likes or reposts. “Being a student section leader is about getting people to see the school as a community and support one another,” Pinsky said. “There’s a lot of people who only see the ‘me’ aspect of things, and school spirit is a way to show the ‘we.’” Pinsky also hopes to show that having fun doesn’t need to be about status or college applications, sometimes, it’s just about enjoying the moment. Bringing their own unique energy to the stands, it’s waving an American flag or dyeing

hair, senior TJ Conley is ready before a big game. “I take a lot of pride in setting the tone for the crowd,” Conley said. “Talking to Mr. Carter gave me a lot of perspective about how important our position is for the school and our culture.” The roller coaster chant at half time is Conley’s favorite chant. “It gets everyone going again,” he said. “When the student body is behind the team, we feel almost unbeatable.” There has been a lot of change seen by Conley since his freshmen year. “Now, it’s filled with people I’ve gone through school with,” Conley said. “It’s a huge

group watching the game together. People I barely knew three years ago are now right there next to me. It’s become like a family.” Stepping up to carry on this energy into her senior year is junior Shayla Ly. “Being a student section leader is more than posting on Instagram or being front row,” she said. “It’s about creating a school community that people are proud of.” Ly admits she was nervous at first. “At the beginning, it felt like a lot of pressure to say the right thing,” she said. “Now it’s more about connecting with people in the section and building trust so we can keep the energy up together.” Her favorite moment was showing up to the white out game in a bob wig and getting everyone laughing

and cheering again. But what matters most to her is building something lasting. “In the past, we’ve lacked the school spirit that other schools have,” Ly said. “This is the start of something that can change that.” For all three leaders, it’s clear that Huron pride goes beyond the games. It’s about community, connection, and balance. They want students to know it’s possible to show up for their grades and their team. “You can bring energy to everything you do,” Pinsky said.



During the third quarter of the Huron vs Pioneer High School rivalry football match the crowd showed off their school spirit with throwing white dust in the air to celebrate their team. “Being a leader is a lot of fun, especially knowing that when I first got here, the students weren’t very good academically. I’m happy I can show that students can find a balance between fun and academics” senior Max Pinsky said. PHOTO BY RYAN BEZAS

20 years later: Huron mens soccer wins regional final



The Huron Men’s Varsity Soccer team brought home the Regional Championship on Thursday night, defeating Edsel Ford 2-0 in a long arduous match hosted in Saline’s stadium. Teachers, students, and administrators filled the stands with roars of excitement with each goal. 1. Sophomore

Noah Hendren listens to halftime coaching. 2. Senior Kinley Poole holds the regional final trophy with the mens varsity soccer team. 3.Senior Malic Kasham jogs down his line of teammates 4. Senior Philip Leucht celebrates PHOTOS BY BRODY TURNER

