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To Mr. Healy, I leave you thanks for my first and only AP class about something I actually enjoyed, and for accommodating me with my test anxiety. To Mr. Quintana, I leave you thanks for actually doing something when I told you that someone made me feel offended about my position in the LGBTQ community. Especially since that was when I was just starting to come out, and you were the first teacher I outed myself to. To Mr. Yoder, I leave you a comb to fight with my father over. To Mr. Estes, I also leave you thanks for always knowing I was trying my best even though I don't understand pre calc for the life of me, and for telling me that I was better at math then for what I gave myself credit for. To Mr. Frongia, I leave you thanks for making my Spanish 3 experience something I didn't dread, especially after what Spanish 2 was like, and for thinking of ways to make me more fluent in Spanish when I was hesitant about what I was doing, like suddenly making me talk about how I don't like Star Wars. To Mr. Garcia, I leave you thanks for at least trying to do something about those that constantly disrupted class, I'm sorry that they eventually drove me out. To Mr. Swartz, even though he's also not here, I leave you conversations about old movies, and thanks for calling me one of the few students in class who didn't have a three second attention span my freshman year. I also leave you thanks for always trying to make me feel comfortable throughout the one act last year when my anxiety felt like it was getting out of control. To Mr. Snow, I leave you thanks for guiding me throughout all of FAACL. To be honest, you intimidated me at first, but I felt more comfortable talking to you as the years went on. To Mrs. Cantwell, I leave you so much thanks for helping me grow as a person the last two years, and for being someone I felt like I could tell anything without fear of judgement. To everyone who never bullied me for being an out-cast, having anxiety, and

for going through changes and discovering who I am, I leave you my thanks, and for those who did, I leave you hope that you can grow as human beings in the future. To the elementary schools, I leave questions about your theories of discipline. Why punish the entire class when it was just two or three students who misbehaved? To the cast and crew of Completely Absolutely Normal, I leave you my favorite play experience ever, the first ever Spring play standing ovation, and a large ferret. To everyone who knows I love movies, and is curious about what my favorites are, I leave you my top 11. Why top eleven? As a quote from Nostalgia Critic, "Because I like to go one step beyond." Also because my favorite movie is a tie between two.

1. Lolita (1962)
2. 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)
3. Blade Runner 2049 (2017)
4. Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)
5. John Wick (2014)
6. The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012)
7. The Danish Girl (2015)
8. Donnie Darko (2001)
9. Psycho (1960)
10. A Clockwork Orange (1971) / Bohemian Rhapsody (2018)

I, Jonathan Warner, being of hesitant mind and impatient body do hereby bequeath the following items: To Dylan Thompson and Evan Neufeld, I leave at least ten more euros worth of forbidden fruit. To Forrest Matter, I leave a mason jar of frozen gummy bears. To Tucker McGrath, Ty McDaniel and Elias Wickline, I leave a pair of musty red shorts, cross country track workouts in the pouring rain, and a healthy dose of big speed. To Ann Diaz, I leave good feels (you need them more then I do).

I, Heather Whetzel, being of unsound mind and freckled body, do hereby bequeath the following items: To Fiza Afridi, I leave to you all the love and support you gave me throughout our years together in tennis. You were always the one that picked me up when I

doubted myself. Keep the positivity and the hugs that we had throughout our time as teammates. To Lana Ali, I leave to you the bomb mix-tape we would play in my car to Chick-Fil-A, and all the tennis balls I used to hit you, out of love of course. I also leave you the confidence to always believe in yourself, and listen to your heart rather than what other people say. Keep the big smiles and laughs that we had playing together in Tennis. To Natalie Barranco, I leave to you all the milkshakes and nuggets we ate together. You must take on the responsibility of looking out for Madison for me. My spot as the tennis mom is passed on to you, take it with pride, and thrive with it. To Tasia Chesnov, I leave to you all the balls I used to hit Zhenya during our matches. You are a natural at tennis and you are going to go far. Run with the wind, kid. You have all my confidence and belief in you. To Madison Horneber, I leave to you my spot as captain, and #4, in tennis. You were the first freshman I tried to teach, and I couldn't have asked for a better apprentice. Thank you for all the support you gave me during my singles matches. You were the best Waterboy I could ask for. You can have my lucky Hogwarts hat, and my undefeated streak. Cherish the moments you will have in the coming years of high school, and take lots of pictures. Don't forget the Vine references, and always hit the 'Woah'. To Ilana Mattson, I leave to you the space in the trunk of my car. Always remember that moment of surprising Coach Yoder when you popped out the back. I also leave you all the tea, sis. Just make sure it isn't too hot when you spill it. You are the most adorable human being I have met, and for that I finally leave you, all my winks ;). To Katie Ramsey, I leave to you the waves from Mr.Goble on Spring Break, and the long talks about who got picked on The Bachelor. Your radiant energy and your smile lit up the days of practice we had together. I will always remember the jokes we made, and the way

we stuffed our faces at the snack table. I leave you all the Bagels from Mr.J's that we bought, and the pounds of broccoli and peppers that Coach Yoder ate. I also leave you the weight of the team on your shoulders. You are going to be on the top next year, and you are going to be amazing. Stay quick on your toes, always follow through, and don't forget to hustle. To Jeslyn Lui, I leave to you that night at Fort Defiance when I broke my racquet in the middle of my doubles match, and you gave me yours because you knew it was exactly like mine. It gave me the confidence to finish that match, and win. I leave to you that confidence and the rewards that came with it. Thank you for having my back, cherish that quality about yourself. To Hayleigh Walton, I leave to you the responsibility of taking care of baby Lana. Protect her with your life, she is beautiful and needs to know it. Don't let anyone take that away from her. I also leave to you that moment on the bus to an away game, when everyone was listening to music we didn't understand, and we both looked confused together. Finally, I leave to you the day that Coach Yoder called you 'Heather'. That day, you were made my child. Because of that, I leave to you the pranks I played on Coach, the hugs and high-fives from teammates and their parents, and the first racket I ever used. To Lucia Mecozzi, I leave to you my hands so you can hold them, my sweatshirt to keep you warm, my Spotify playlist of High School Musical soundtracks and Hannah Montanah bops, and my jokes that I made to Mr.Goble. Always remember the deep conversations we had about roller coaster relationships, the tea that is spilt at work, how tired we are of school, and memes that butter our biscuits. Cherish the moments we had in my car, and the plants we grew together in the greenhouse. I will miss you tremendously, my lobster. To Nissi Gotay, I leave to you the Cardi B playlist we danced to while we worked. Don't ever forget

the day we got smoothies on our way to work, and we spent the whole day together having fun while making money. I also leave to you all the wonderful hugs you gave me, and the games you won at my Christmas party. Your smile always lights up the room, and your energy is even greater. Cherish that about yourself. Finally, to Coach Yoder, I leave to you the thing that means the most to me. My team. So many seniors are leaving this year, but you have a large group of wonderful ladies that will be with you next year. I leave to you the songs we sang on the rides home, all the Steak & Shake meals we ate after beating Waynesboro, my racquet strings I broke at Fort Defiance, and every ball that I hit you with over the years. You made me laugh every single day, and I could not have asked for a better coach to have. You have taught me that I can achieve anything I put my mind to, and that I am stronger and faster than I know. Thank you for being a role model in my life, and for giving me the opportunity to be apart of such a fun, lovable team. You have made an impact on me greater than you know, thank you.



I, Jenny Xanoubane, being of positive mind and thin body, do hereby bequeath the following items: To Rachel Phengsithy, I leave KUWTL.



I, Jericho Zornes, being of elevated mind and dead body, do hereby bequeath the following items: to Evan Czajkowski I give fire.



Walker Thompson



Blane Murphy



Brianna Kelley

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