

# ‘Yailey’

## Runners take this relationship one step at a time

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**T**hey run along trails, up hills, across sand – and through each other’s minds. Together, senior Hailey Schreyer and junior Skylar (Yale) Stultz make up the First Flight cross country team’s power couple, commonly known as “Yailey.”

It all started with a text, in which Stultz timidly asked Schreyer out to lunch. One year later, the happy couple has established a lifetime of memories through their shared love of running.

“Since we have so much in common and do so much stuff together, I always have someone there to experience and share the memories with,” Schreyer said. “There is just so much we can talk about and look back on, like, ‘Oh, remember when we did this...’ With a lot of people you can’t do that, but he has been there for everything.”

Working toward a common goal, the two have not only had a positive impact on each other, but their leadership skills have been reflected in their team’s success. As captains as well as top runners, Stultz and Schreyer have led First Flight cross country to an undefeated conference season.

“First and foremost, Hailey and Skylar are good team leaders. They both have a good work ethic and they set a great tone for the team, which is why they are both captains,” coach Chris Layton said. “On kind of a sillier level, I think they are very cute together. They sort of embody for me all that is sweet and innocent about your first romance.”

Finding time for one another during the busy week can be a common problem for couples. Luckily, the dynamic duo has the luxury of spending time together every day.

“One of the best parts of having Skylar on the team would be just being able to spend more time with him,” Schreyer said. “I know a lot of couples who don’t do sports or extracurriculars with their boy/girlfriend don’t get to see them except for on weekends.”

Being deemed the “power couple” has pushed the two runners to take on a higher sense of responsibility as they act as role models for the team. The title raises the standards of both their relationship and their athletics.

“I think it’s really cool to be known as the power couple,” Schreyer said. “It makes me feel really good, and it gives me motivation to live up to the name, to continue having strong goals and determination because people view



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Senior Hailey Schreyer and junior Skylar Stultz playfully pose after a home cross country meet. Oct. 14 marked the one-year anniversary for First Flight cross country’s ‘power couple.’

me – well, us – that way.”

Both Stultz and Schreyer agree that each other’s presence on the team fosters motivation as well as an overall sense of enjoyment.

“Running with Hailey makes me more devoted, I would say: She makes me run even when I

don’t want to,” Stultz said. “The best part about having her on the team is always having someone to rely on, and having the best person in my life in my favorite thing to do.”

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