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## GIVE THANKS

*The Accolade wraps up the school year  
with a Holiday Cub issue featuring  
most stories written by the  
beginning journalism class.*





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**INTENSE LECTURE:** Social science teacher Patrick Debacker reviews information with his Period 2 AP Human Geography class Thursday. Next year's incoming freshmen who test and qualify for honors/pre-IB can opt to take this course.

# 2019-2020 freshmen can take AP Human Geography class

*Social Science Department to drop Honors World History; promotes Social Science AP path*

ANDREW NGO

Cub Reporter

It's history for Honors World History.

Starting the 2019-2020 school year, incoming freshmen who test into Sunny Hills' honors or pre-IB program will, for the first time, have the option to take an AP class — a path that has been offered only to sophomores and upperclassmen, school officials said.

In this case, the Social Science Department will offer AP Human Geography at all grade levels, including the ninth grade, they said.

That would eliminate the need for Honors World History sections.

"Honors World History is not very different from our regular World History [class], so the idea was to get a deeper social science education and more AP classes [through] AP Human Geography," said Greg Abbott, first-year Social Science Department chairman.

Abbott and principal Allen Whitten said teachers in the So-

cial Science Department have been working on such a change for the past five years.

"It was just recently that they all kind of got on board with it [to say], 'Yeah, let's do it,'" Whitten said.

Along with this change, the Social Science Department will start marketing what it calls a "Social Science AP path."

After AP Human Geography in the ninth-grade year, Abbott hopes students would continue

with AP Psychology or AP European History their sophomore year, followed by AP U.S. History in their junior year and ending with AP Government and AP Economics in their senior year.

"The point is that when students finish four years, they're going to have 18 units of social science if they pass all of their AP exams," said Abbott, who has designed a postcard that contains the Social Science AP path. "But if they do, that is an entire semester

[of college]; that's worth \$10,000."

Currently, only one section of AP Human Geography is offered for the 2018-2019 school year, and that Period 2 class is taught by social science teacher Patrick Debacker.

Of the 36 students enrolled in Debacker's Period 2 class, two freshmen, a boy and a girl were allowed to be there because of special circumstances.

"I'm currently doing fine [in AP Human Geography]," said freshman Jacqueline Kim, who transferred here from Fairfax Senior High in Los Angeles, where she had AP Human Geography on her schedule. "The workload is manageable compared to my other honors classes."

Sophomore Katie Cho took the AP Human Geography exam as a freshman last year when she was enrolled at Fullerton High School, and she ended up scoring a 4 out of 5 possible.

"On a scale from one to 10, 10 being extremely difficult, I would give the exam a six," said Cho, who transferred here as a sophomore because of Sunny Hills' Korean world language program. "It is definitely doable for freshmen."

Debacker is optimistic about opening up AP level work for ninth graders.

"I think as long as everyone understands that [this] is a rigorous course, then the freshmen will do well," he said.

## New department chairman hopes podcasts will appeal to social science students

First-year Social Science Department chairman Greg Abbott hopes to reach out to students in an innovative way — through social science-themed podcasts.

"We want to create lifelong learners who learn for the sake of learning — not for points or for grades," Abbott said. "The beauty of a podcast is that you can listen to them while you're doing some of the mundane tasks of life."

He collaborated with AP Macroeconomics teacher Peter Karavedas on a Nov. 14 podcast that Abbott hopes

will be posted on the school website in the form of an embedded SoundCloud track before the end of this semester.

"The podcast will cover things that will hopefully be useful," Abbott said.

Some students are looking forward to seeing what Abbott has to offer.

"I'd like [future] podcasts to have something more relevant to today's world [because] that would keep me listening," sophomore Christian Rivas said.

—compiled by Cub Reporter Andrew Ngo

## Freshmen taking AP classes?



"Wow. I wish I could take AP classes this year because it would be useful."

-Paul Kim, 9



"I think it's good for freshmen if they're smart enough."

-Symon Tabello, 10



"They should wait to take AP classes just because it can be pretty stressful."

-Jordan Wiggs, 11



"It is a good educational opportunity, but it might add stress."

-Brianna Reyes, 12



"I think freshmen are capable of taking a college level class."

-Patrick Debacker, AP Human Geography teacher



# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*Senior Malia Arpon travels to an Indianapolis Future Farmers of America convention as one of 40 student delegates from Southern California*

SYDNEE TALLANT

Cub Reporter

Offering opening and closing remarks at a competition her freshman year.

Reciting an important election speech in her junior year.

Winning that election on the same day as prom last year.

Those were among the most memorable moments for senior Malia Arpon, who dedicated all four years of her high school experience in Sunny Hills' agriculture program.

"Malia is definitely one of those students who go above and beyond," Future Farmers of America [FFA] adviser and agriculture teacher Brian Kim said. "She is highly active on the school campus."

And her involvement with FFA led to another recent achievement — becoming one of 40 students in Southern California to serve as a national delegate for the FFA organization's Indianapolis convention Oct. 22-28.

Arpon said she was notified of the feat in a July 5 email.



**MEMORIES:** Senior Malia Arpon (fourth from left) joins some of the other Southern California Future Farmers of America delegates after they arrive on Oct. 22 at the airport in Indianapolis, the site of FFA's national convention. Arpon has been part of FFA since her freshman year.

"When I received the email, I was so excited and wondered how training for being a delegate would be," said the senior who hopes to study agribusiness and

ag communications at Oklahoma State University.

The application to be named a delegate required that participants be seniors while active in FFA and

answer essay questions regarding agriculture, Kim said, adding that they must submit a list of their personal achievements.

More than two months af-

ter receiving that congratulatory email, Arpon attended a Sept. 25 training session at Galt, Calif., to learn about delegate responsibilities.

And when the October convention came along, Arpon received financial support from her parents to fund her trip to Indianapolis to attend the FFA convention, which included air fare, hotel stay and convention costs.

"I used skills [there] that I've been taught in the past during national convention," Arpon said. "For example, during business meetings, we used parliamentary procedures, which were in a past competition in the FFA, so I knew the basics of it. ... Parliamentary procedures is just a way that formal meetings are held."

Through her years competing as a member of FFA, she said she has learned life skills such as patience, how to care for animals and how to manage money. She also created unforgettable bonds with people.

"These people are friends that I can rely on," Arpon said. "They're like family, we're [always there] for each other no matter what."

## Link Crew to help freshmen study for upcoming finals

ELIJAH JHEE

Cub Reporter

For a second consecutive year after its inception a year ago, Link Crew plans to hold a final exam study session for freshmen Dec. 13 after school, organizers said.

Billed as "Cocoa and Cram," the event will last from 3 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria, and participants will receive hot chocolate and snacks, Link Crew co-adviser Lindsay Safe said.

"Freshmen have little knowledge on what final exams are like, so we want to support them," Safe said.

In a follow-up email statement, she added, "It's exciting to provide a place where freshmen feel comfortable coming for help."

Upon arrival to the cafeteria, freshmen will be welcomed by Link Crew leaders who will be

available to tutor ninth-graders in subjects such as math, history, science and English, Safe said.

"If a freshman needs help in another area, we will find a leader with that strength to help in that subject," she said.

The event's main goal is to prepare ninth-graders for a successful first final exam by setting up whiteboards, forming study groups on certain subjects and providing extra study guides to help with the material that they will be tested on, Link Crew commissioner senior Stephanie Yanes said.

"When I was a freshman, I was honestly so scared for finals because we never experienced them before," Yanes said. "We just want to make it easier for freshmen and help them feel prepared."

Last year, the event attracted more than 100 students, supporting the need for another one, Safe

said.

Math teacher and first-year Link Crew co-adviser Cristian Bueno said she's looking forward to seeing how many will turn out for the Dec. 13 session.

"I think this year's larger freshman class will play a role in the amount of students that show up," Bueno said.

Though no formal announcements have been made about the event, some ninth-graders who were informed about it expressed interest in showing up.

"It's nice to see upperclassmen help us out and provide the time to be there because everyone has to go through freshman year, and everything is still wacky and new," freshman Mary-Grace Rovira said.

"I would probably participate ... and try to see if there are any methods I could use to help me," Rovira said.

### COCOA AND CRAM

Dec. 13

3-5 p.m.

in the cafeteria



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**LAST YEAR'S CRAM SESSION:** Then-freshman *Eureka Cook* (left) gets help from Link Crew member *Miriam Thomas*, then a junior, during a 2017 study group.





**EXIT, STAGE LEFT:** This rendering of the remodeled PAC shows revamped entry ways to the building with accessibility for the disabled. The PAC is scheduled to be closed next semester for modernization.

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# PAC to get facelift next spring; closure will affect some events

REBECCA CHOI

Cub Reporter

Coming on the heels of a remodeled gym earlier this year, the PAC will be closed starting next February or March as part of a nine-month, \$3.5 million project to renovate the theater, leaving several student clubs and programs to find other venues to house their events, school officials said.

"They are ripping all the bricks [in front of the PAC] out," principal Allen Whitten said. "[Also, the entryway] is going to be a much more modern, sleek and open look."

The theater will include new chairs, lights, sound and a retractable curtain behind dancers to provide color to the stage, according to renovation blueprints.

Because the seats will now include chairs for the disabled to abide by the Americans With Disabilities Act, it has led to a decrease of 50 seats; however, the light system will be upgraded with LED color options on and off the stage.

Plans regarding the sound system are still unknown, but dance director Leiana Volen said she hopes it will be the best there is.

Behind the stage, the classrooms will include permanent projectors and screens, and the backstage will have makeup count-

ers to stimulate stage lighting.

Also, nine-foot-tall cabinets will provide more storage for band instruments in the storage rooms.

"The chairs are terrible, the light and sound is terrible and all of it need to be upgraded, so I'm really, really excited," Whitten said.

## CLUBS CHANGE VENUE FOR EVENTS

Some clubs have had to scramble to find new venues to host their annual events once the PAC closes next semester.

Although the renovation did not come as a surprise to these programs, they still chose to have their event in the spring because of timing and convenience issues.

The Korean Culture Night will be held in the gym on March 23, while Bayanihan Club's Pilipino Culture Night [PCN] will be on April 20 in the same building.

Korean Culture Club [KCC] adviser Esther Lee is uncertain about how her student members will adjust to the change in venue.

"[I'm] kind of nervous because suddenly we don't have the comfortable atmosphere," Lee said.

Both organizations chose not to follow the ASB's decision to move Mr. Sunny Hills from the spring semester to earlier this

month.

"Having it before [the renovation] messes with everyone's schedule because [it is] immediately [after the school year starts]. I want PCN to be second semester because everyone is less stressed with college and other things," Bayanihan Club president senior Jasmine Spuur said.

In the meantime, the Bayanihan Club wants permission to perform at Plummer Auditorium next to Fullerton High School. Spuur said she asked ASB president Syrrus Marapao about the idea, and he will contact the district to see if that's possible.

"[In the gym], I would not know where to put the dancers to get ready [for their performance]," Spuur said. "I want an actual stage rather than having the audience on the bleachers."

## DANCE PRODUCTION HEADS TO BP

This year, the spring dance concert will be held at Buena Park High School's theater April 11-13, Volen said.

The biggest change is that her classes will lose the two weeks they have before the concert to perform on stage.

"It'll be nice to be at a redone facility, but it's still very different when you have to go off campus versus having it on campus," Volen said.

# Synagogue in Fullerton increases security

*Sunny Hills Jewish students reflect on recent antisemitic attacks in U.S. worship centers*

DANIEL KONG

Cub Reporter

Sophomore Jacob Klatzker has been going to Temple Beth Tikvah in Fullerton all of his life.

But after hearing about a Halloween vandalism of an Irvine temple and an Oct. 27 shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue that resulted in 11 Jewish worshippers killed, Klatzker noticed some drastic changes inside the Acacia Avenue building.

"My synagogue always [has] security cameras, but there's usually not a police officer in the temple unless it's the High Holy Days," he said. "Now, we are starting to see police officers more frequently, [and] my family, and I don't feel comfortable about it."

His level of unease has also made it more difficult for Klatzker and other Jewish students on campus to enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday break next week.

"This isn't right," said freshman Paige Zell, who converted to Judaism five years ago and worships at Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. "As a human, I shouldn't have to walk into a place where I [felt] safe for most of my life and then worry about protection in case something happens."

Zell has been unable to attend any services in recent weeks because her synagogue has been closed.

But when it reopens, "I've heard we will be getting two bodyguards," she said. "That isn't enough for the amount of people who attend, but it's better than getting nothing."

This is not the first time that Jews have been targeted with acts of prejudice such as violence and discrimination, local rabbis said.

"It is a very sad country's history," said Mark Goldfarb, the rabbi of Temple Beth Ohr in La Mirada. "These actions [are] not only illogical but irrational, and it is against the foundation of this country that affords its citizens life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The antisemitic attacks in Irvine and Pittsburgh have taken a heavy toll on the nation, especially on the Jewish students at Sunny Hills.

"I hope that people wake up to the fact that this isn't OK not only in America, but around the world," Klatzker said.



# New comedy troupe brings laughter to SH

REBECCA BACK

Cub Reporter

As the newest addition to the Conservatory of the Fine Arts [COFA], the Funny Hills comedy troupe provides an opportunity for students to perform and experience different types of theater versus drama courses already offered on campus.

"Once we got the club started again, I was excited because I know it brings creativity and a fresh feel to the department," drama teacher and adviser Amanda Gieser said.

The team was originally formed when an improvisation team was needed to participate in an event at the Fullerton Theatre Festival last March.

Gieser asked alumnus Marcus Reveles, who had experience in impromptu, to train interested students.

Now, after the competition, the new club aims to recruit a multitude of students and accept applicants with all levels of experience with theater, she said.

"You don't have to be in a theater class to be on the improvisation team," Gieser said. "People who love to memorize lines and play characters on stage aren't exactly always the same people who enjoy being in improvisation."

Composed of 16 members from the Funny Hills, members from all grade levels meet every Monday from 3-5 p.m. in Room

26 to practice theater games and to improve their abilities to act comedically on the spot.

"I joined the troupe to get better at being on my toes when it comes to comedy," senior Benjamin Woehrer said. "I hoped it would allow me to be better at surviving in uncomfortable situations."

Junior Diego Cano found acting in Funny Hills as second nature and exciting to do for the first time.

"I've always made people laugh with my cringe-worthy jokes," Cano said. "I thought this was my chance to shine."

Being in the new troupe allowed senior Gillian Urban to make new memories and break out of her shell, which she found very important.

"It brings me out of my comfort zone, which is something I'm really trying to work on," Urban said.

After practicing theater every Monday since August, Funny Hills performed for the first time at the COFA Fall Festival on Oct. 24.

The troupe's ability to answer all types of questions from the audience left an impression on senior Zoe Young, who was among those at the festival.

"The fact that they're able to take people's weird questions in stride and create a routine off of it instead of having something strictly planned out is amazing," Young said. "I can tell that they



**A CONCERNED LOOK:** Junior Diego Cano (left) reacts to senior Tristan Scroggins' facial expression during a question and answer session at the Oct. 24 COFA Fall Festival in the quad.



**YOUR QUESTION?:** Sophomore Ben Tristan (left) talks into the mic held by alumnus Marcus Reveles.



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**TAKING THE MIC:** Senior Tristan Scroggins (left) listens to senior Syed Ashhad's answer to an audience question about how to scare one's siblings.

worked hard on their performance."

Billed as an "Improv Show," the comedy troupe will have its own first formal performance on Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. at the PAC.

The group plans to have more shows next semester and in the near future, Gieser said.

"I'm glad we're going to get some recognition in the school," Woehrer said. "Sunny Hills isn't

huge on the arts, but I feel like this is a good bridge between the arts and other activities. Not everyone likes to listen to choir or watch theater, but everyone likes to laugh."

## Miracle Minute to be used again for holiday drive

ADRIAN TWOMBLEY

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The ASB will culminate its annual Pathways of Hope charity drive Dec. 7 with a Miracle Minute event similar to the one held to raise money for breast cancer awareness, ASB members said.

"Money just works better for everyone," the ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said. "Food quickly goes bad, and people have a harder time donating food, so we get

less donations."

The campaign actually starts Nov. 27 when a bin will be placed near the ASB room, Room 170, for students to pitch in any monetary donations.

Then on the last day of the campaign, an announcement will be made during Period 2 for teachers to collect money from their students in an envelope, and an ASB representative will come to pick it up, the ASB co-adviser David Fenstermaker said.

### PATHWAYS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

- Nov. 27 to Dec. 7
- Money collection bin placed near Room 170
- Miracle Minute drive during Period 2 Dec. 7

For the breast cancer aware-

ness Miracle Minute event, more than \$2,500 was raised, the ASB commissioner senior Sarah Ceriale said. That's around the same amount the ASB hopes to raise for Pathways of Hope.

"Pathways of Hope is an important organization because we are able to help others who aren't as fortunate as us through a school event," Ceriale said. "I think that really sends a message of how anybody could do something for people in need."

According to the Pathways of Hope website, the organization provides about 56,682 meals in total to families in need and shelters about 264 homeless people in need, 155 of which are children.

About 50 people have found permanent housing through different housing programs held by Pathways, according to the group's website.

"Nobody is powerless," Ceriale said. "Everybody can make a difference."



# SPORTS FAN CLUB

*Principal Allen Whitten gives junior award for bringing more students into newly formed group*

**JOHN PARK**

*Cub Reporter*

**H**e knew nothing about sports.

Yet when he heard from his friend, senior Rayaam Mamoon, talking about starting a campus club dedicated to discussing all things sports, be it professional or amateur, junior Tino Samano was all in.

"Rayaan's my friend, and it actually seemed like a pretty interesting club," Samano said. "I didn't know anything about sports, but I know things about sports now."

After getting the ASB to approve the Sports Fan Club, Mamoon scheduled meetings for Wednesdays at lunch in Room 84.

But no one showed up at its first meeting on Sept. 5. The same result occurred the following Wednesday. But attendance started picking up by the third meeting, he said.

So Samano said he decided to increase interest in his friend's group by spreading the word about Sports Fan Club to those in his classes and to anyone he came across in the quad.

Eventually, the campus organization increased in membership to as many as 20, though it now gets half that amount who attend on a regular basis, he said.

Word spread about Samano's attempts to help his friend, and it caught principal



Rayaan Mamoon,  
club president

Allen Whitten's attention.

On Oct. 10 during a staff Late Start meeting in the PAC, Whitten recognized Samano for his unselfish deeds, calling him up to the stage and handing him the first "Exemplary Kindness and Leadership Award."

"Any time we see students doing cool things to support their class and support Sunny Hills, we like to recognize that," Whitten said.

Samano said he was surprised upon receiving the award and did not think he would have gotten recognition for helping his friend, whom Samano had known since freshman year.

Club adviser Joanna Emerson agreed that Samano deserves the award.

"I think that was really nice, and I think students should be recognized for supporting other students," Emerson said.

## THE SPORTS FAN CLUB TODAY

Mamoon said his favorite sport is basketball, and his favorite teams include the Los Angeles sports teams, the Clippers and the Lakers.

Being the club president and founder, Mamoon said he is proud of how much has been accomplished.

Mamoon said he loves the environment of the club and enjoys socializing with its members.

"I like that there's sports fans who come in and share their ideas," he said.

Not only does the club mean a lot to Mamoon, but it means a lot to his family



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**A GOOD SPORT:** Junior Tino Samano (left) accepts the "Exemplary Kindness and Leadership" award from principal Allen Whitten during an Oct. 10 Late Start meeting in the PAC. Samano helped boost membership of friend's club.

as well, specifically his mother, Sofi Mamoon.

"I felt a sense of pride, excitement and hope because my son could be a part of something he was so passionate about," the mother said. "He would have leadership opportunities and create a legacy for himself while preparing himself for college."

She said she is very happy and wants Mamoon to enjoy himself and have a good time.

The son also recognizes his family's support.

"It means a lot to them too that I'm doing extra stuff beyond just academics and

school," Mamoon said.

Samano, Mamoon and his mother have many hopes for the club in the future, such as continued increase in members.

The club held an after school meeting at Taco Bell in Amerige Heights a month ago, and Mamoon said he hopes to do more meetings like that in the near future.

"I hope Sunny Hills would continue to promote this club for future students," Sofi Mamoon said.

*Sports Fan Club meets every Wednesday during lunch in Room 84.*

## Black Student Union revived on campus

**ANDREW PARK**

*Cub Reporter*

During the 2017-2018 school year, African-American students consisted of 1.5 percent of the Sunny Hills population, according to the most recent statistics from the California Department of Education.

That comes out to 34 of the 2,244 students on campus.

Despite the small amount, seniors Jackie Logwood and Sama Suliman — both African Americans — felt the need to resurrect the Black Student Union [BSU], which had not met in several years.

"I wanted to create a culture club



Jackie Logwood,  
club president



Sama Sulima,  
club president

that brought unity to the African culture in school," said Logwood, the club's co-president.

Said Suliman, the other co-president, "We want to show black students that it's OK to embrace their culture."

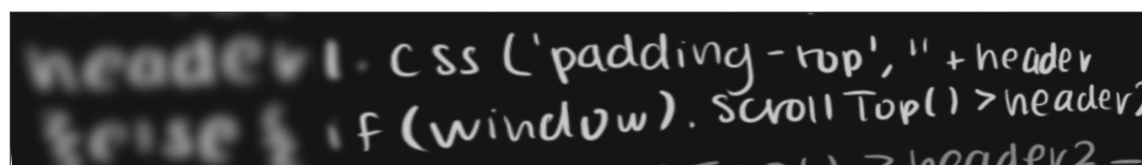
To create a respectful environment for black minorities, BSU promotes cultural awareness through community services and projects. One of its projects involve working with Parks Junior High School officials about raising awareness to curb students' use of the "n" word.

"Students in Parks, including my sister, complained about excessive use of the 'n' word on campus," Logwood said.

The group is not limited to African-American students or those of African descent, she said.

"It's not like, 'I'm black, let's talk.' It's more like, 'Let's look at history [to] deal with racism,'" she said.

*Black Student Union Club meets every Wednesday during break in Room 12.*



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## Programming a new coding club

**CHARIS LEE**

*Cub Reporter*

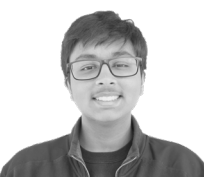
It was a typical day for sophomore Sylvester Seo — until a green slip was handed to him in the middle of his fifth period.

This had indicated the approval of his very own club, which would be run with his friend, sophomore Sujay Sheth.

Coding Club cultivates young minds by focusing on the inner



Sylvester Seo,  
club president



Sujay Sheth,  
club president

workings of programming and its many functions, club leaders said.

Sheth and Seo hope to dispel the notion on how difficult coding may be and wants to share the joy of programming with students on campus.

"Unlike other academic clubs, we don't aim for an award; we aim to research together, learn together and develop our passion together," Seo said.

The idea of creating the group was first introduced by Seo, who encountered programming when he was 12 years old.

"It was amazing how I could just create anything I want," he said. "The computer follows my order and creates like a game; there are infinite possibilities."

Seo explained the club's

goal of entering a programming competition to challenge coding members and allow them to experience a new opportunity. He proposes that students should conduct a passion project.

"So if students love basketball, they could create a program that could keep track of scores or points," Seo said.

Sophomore Emily Pham, an active member, is adamant in finding a clever idea for her project.

"I'm still trying to figure out what I want to do, but I want to design a game or a program that might help other people," Pham said.

*Coding Club meets every Tuesday during lunch in Room 182.*



# Christian Club extends welcome to others

**KATHERINE KIM**

*Cub Reporter*

As the winter holiday season approaches, some fondly reflect on the religious aspect of Christmas.

The manger, three wise men and a virgin's birth in a stable.

That could also be a time for those seeking a purpose in life to consider attending Christian Club meetings.

There, members sing, and their voices unify as one.

Christian Club strives to do its best with every meeting it has with its new president, junior Simon Kil, who takes care of announcements, leads board meetings and encourages anyone he encounters.

"This year, we have [a non-mandatory] meeting every day for anyone who wants



Simon Kil,  
club president

to come," he said. "We were willing to surrender more time to this, but we really just wanted this club to be a place where anyone could come any day of the week."

A typical week includes worship on Mondays and Fridays, prayer on Tuesdays, speakers on Wednesdays and Bible study and evangelism on Thursdays.

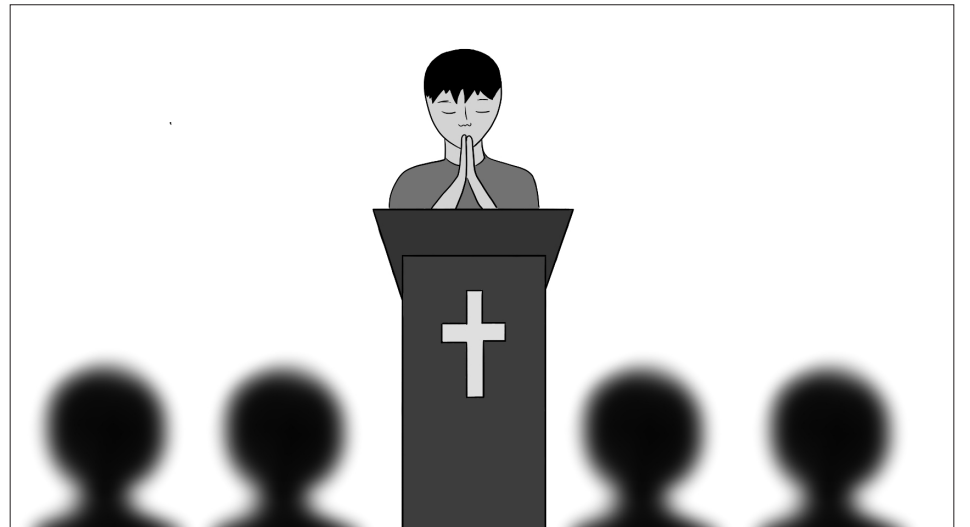
Christian Club will have a Revival Night at Fullerton's Grace Ministries International on Dec. 8.

During this evening, the praise team will lead worship, and a guest pastor will speak and lead prayer, club leaders said.

"We have to get a venue, get a speaker, find a praise team and also come out to get food," vice president senior Da-in Kim said. "I'm hoping people can find reconciliation with other people."

Through this night, Kil said he wants to achieve whatever God wants.

"We just want to convey that Christianity isn't something to avoid and that God truly



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loves everyone and wants everyone to get to know him," he said. "We just want to allow God to move in the hearts of many so that people [don't] see Christianity as a life of 'do this and don't do [that],' but as a life of joy and freedom."

*Christian Club meets every day during lunch, Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 115 and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays on the grass fields near the Lyceum.*

## New Vietnamese club connects with student culture

**HOPE LI**

*Cub Reporter*

Racial recognition.

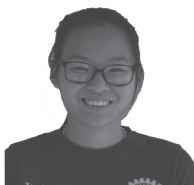
That's what sophomore Vincent Le was looking for when he noticed the Asian clubs on campus.

Though Le never attended any of them — Chinese and Korean Culture clubs — he wondered why no one ever started an official gathering of ethnic Vietnamese students.

"I felt less represented than the other ethnicities here," said Le, the Vietnamese Student Association [VSA] founder and vice president. "I didn't feel that I would be represented [in other Asian culture clubs]."

In the first week of October, Le said he submitted his petition to the ASB to form VSA.

Le felt "pretty satisfied" when the



Quyen Phan,  
club president

request was granted a week later.

"We named the club [VSA] because there's an organization of the same name [Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations] we could possibly connect to," he said.

Since its third meeting Tuesday, VSA has attracted at least 20 members, mostly sophomores and freshmen, with about 16 non-Vietnamese students.

"They're all mixed," president sophomore Quyen Phan said. "I saw some Chinese, Vietnamese and Filipino [students]."

The VSA cabinet said they hope to infuse future meetings with as much Vietnamese culture as possible, from teaching the language and introducing various food items like to presenting history and traditions. Among the foods are chè, a boba-like drink, and *bánh mì*, a Vietnamese sandwich.

Freshman Ashley Hoang appreciates

when VSA members say names of foods like *bánh mì* the "right" way — it "sounds more legit."

"We sometimes talk about nostalgic things like food since it's a big part of culture and it reminds me there [are] so many kids [who] grew up like me," Hoang said.

Besides offering non-Vietnamese students a learning opportunity, the club welcomes students of Vietnamese ethnicity, especially those like Le who feel a lack of representation on campus.

"I think this [group] is a way of just going back to our roots," Tran said.

"It's the perfect way of doing it, too, because when you do it together, it's just more enjoyable for everyone."

*Vietnamese Club meets every other Tuesday in Room 44 during break.*



ALLISON LOUIE | theaccolade

**VIET NATION:** This is the VSA's mascot, a ghost holding a bowl of pho for the Halloween event in the quad.

## Calling all girls — why not check out Women in Engineering Club?

**GIANNE VELUZ**

*Cub Reporter*

For decades, the engineering field has been dominated by men.

However, a new club on campus, headed by seniors Aleeya Mitsch and Claire Minahan, hopes to change that.

Mitsch and Minahan are fourth-year Engineering Pathways to Innovation and Change [EPIC] students who started the Women in Engineering Club in October and drew the interest of more than 16 members during its first meeting Oct. 25.

Since starting the club, Mitsch gained contact with organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers and hopes to connect with other women on campus who have similar goals.

"We got statistics from our teacher



Aleeya Mitsch,  
club president

[Dan Zanone] stating that under about 14 percent [of engineers] are girls in the entire senior class," said Mitsch, acknowledging the unequal ratio of men to women in her EPIC senior class.

"Each year there are only two to three girls in each class period, and this club helps bring all the ladies together from the different grades and different periods," club member senior Almas Jaleel said.

Mitsch said that the club currently has only female members. However, boys are welcome to join if they wish.

"We want to promote women in engineering because it's a really male-dominated field, and I know from personal experience that it's really intimidating to be surrounded by a ton of guys," she said.

Mitsch said she was first introduced to the engineering field in junior high. Her mom, who is a STEM counselor, would hold "STEM Saturdays" and conduct

experiments for the middle school students.

Mitsch said she intends to attract more members through fliers, announcements and messages sent to teachers and friends. She also plans on visiting schools such as Parks and Nicolas junior high schools to introduce young women into engineering and get them involved, which is similar to how she was first acquainted with the field.

Mitsch participated in a Boeing internship last summer when she had the opportunity to meet various women engineers from Boeing and Raytheon, some she hopes will visit the club members and provide guidance and inspiration.

"[Club members] get to do hands-on experiences, get to reach out to other people and learn about it with a ton of other girls like them," she said.

Mitsch hopes to be a mechanical engineer after college and has been influenced by women such as 21-year-old

Andini Makosinski, an acclaimed inventor and public speaker who was recognized for her thermoelectric flashlight at the Google Science Fair in 2013.

Others who aren't certain about their future profession have also joined the club to see if engineering is what they want to major in going into college.

"A long-term goal would be to learn more of my major and then finalize it if that is what I want to continue with," Jaleel said.

With hopes of having majors ranging from architecture to computer engineering, the members strive to seek inspiration along with motivation and to offer the same to prospective members and leaders of the group.

*Women in Engineering Club meets every other Thursday in Room 408 during break.*



# Born on New Year’s Day or Christmas? It’s not that bad

ALICE SHIN

Cub Reporter

Sophomore Alyssa Ogas, once a 7-year-old who loved stuffed toys just like any other girl, hoped for a big fluffy stuffed animal as her birthday gift.

Ogas recalled one of the most memorable experiences on her birthday, which happens to fall on Christmas Day, when her grandmother decided to trick her.

“She gave me a huge box, and I thought it was going to be a huge present, but it turned out to just be a band-aid,” she said. “She ended up giving me another present: a bedspread and a pillow.”

Ogas is among the 14 Sunny Hills students who were born on a holiday like Christmas, New Year’s Day or Valentine’s Day.

Though some may think that those born on a holiday lose out to the occasion itself, the sophomore feels that holiday birthdays add something special to the exciting season.

“I’m OK with having my birthday on Christmas because it just adds one more special occasion to the already eventful, fun and overall exciting season,” she said.

Unlike Ogas, freshman Michelle Sheen’s special day falls on New Year’s Day.

“[Following] Korean tradition, you eat *tteokguk* on New Year’s and *miyeokguk* on birthdays, so my mom has to make [me] both every year,” Sheen said.

*Tteokguk* is a type of soup made of beef broth with sliced rice cakes, and *miyeokguk* is a soup made of beef



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**SWEET SEVENTH:** *Sophomore Alyssa Ogas celebrates her childhood birthday on Christmas Day.*

broth with dried seaweed.

Some people do not like combined birthday presents, but New Year’s Day-born freshman Megan Vo sees the many pros and cons.

“I think it’s good since everyone’s technically celebrating my birthday since it’s New Year’s,” Vo said. “However, it’s also kind of inconvenient since people tend to pair my Christmas gift and New Year’s gift as one gift.”

English teacher Jennifer Kim said she coincidentally has her birthday on Thanksgiving this year, but she doesn’t mind.

“I come from a big family on both sides, but we’ve always gathered at my great aunt’s house — about 100 of us — and there’s usually a cake for all of the November birthdays.”

# Get your holiday gifts for left-handers here

KRISTIMA ARYAL

Cub Reporter

Some believe they’re geniuses.

Others say they’re more athletic and attractive.

They claim that they’re just normal people with more everyday struggles than an average person.

Left-handers.

According to theatlantic.com, it is without a doubt that the “the physical world is largely built for righties.”

Essential items such as scissors, spiral notebooks, pencils and desks have been created with the average right-hander in mind.

“It’s an everyday struggle to do daily things like cut stuff with scissors,” said southpaw freshman Elaine Chu.

Senior Journey Cordero agreed with the struggles of being a left-hander.

“I always have the left-hand smudge,” Cordero said.

For those looking to buy holiday gifts for their left-handed friends, a San Francisco-based store and its website have a vast array of options for shoppers to consider.

Located in Pier 39 at Fisherman’s Wharf, Lefty’s, the “Left Hand Store,” first opened in 1978, catering its products specifically for left-handers.

Lefty’s provides shoppers with a wide selection of products from a pack of five college-ruled, left-handed notebooks in which the spiral bound is on the right hand side for \$28 to its six-piece left-handed kitchen set priced at \$39.95.

Online prices at leftyslefthanded.com are the same as the store’s.

“Our most popular items are probably the [left-handed] pens, scissors, can openers and knives,” Lefty’s employee Emily Dumlao said.

Some right-handed students say they are making the Lefty’s online store their first stop for holiday shopping.

“My whole family is left-handed except for me, so I will probably purchase the [left-handed] scissors,” freshman Shelly Fonseca said. “My aunt wasn’t able to cut paper for arts and crafts because the scissors didn’t work with her hand.”

Chu was not aware of the store, but when informed about it, she said she was willing to do some online window shopping for herself.

“I think it’s a really innovative idea to have a store just for left-handed people,” Chu said.

# Theatre 3 holds annual Christmas show

ZIYAH ANDRADE

Cub Reporter

With Christmas more than a month away, Theatre 3 will write original scenes for its upcoming performance at nearby elementary schools.

No dates have been set to visit such potential campuses as Laguna Road, Golden Hill, Pacific Drive, Fern Drive and Richman elementary schools as well as Arborland Montessori. The schools being chosen will be selected on a first come, first served basis through emails sent out.

Students will work on four scenes, each one ending with a Christmas carol, and will ultimately conclude with “12 Days of Christmas,” a theater tradition.

“We believe in bringing the gift and magic of live theater to students in our local community,” said drama teacher Amanda Gieser, who is guiding the students with their scenes.

Even though Gieser is helping her students, they are given a large amount of freedom to be creative with the performances. They have to come up with their own ideas and write new scripts, making the show completely original.



JAIME PARK | theaccolade

# DEAL OR NO DEAL

The Accolade looks at whether Black Friday shopping is worth the gamble on holiday spending

JACK LEYDIKER

Cub Reporter

Black Friday.

Just these two words alone can stir up anticipation from avid bargain hunters or barrages of awful experiences and horror stories from those who don’t enjoy shopping as much.

This annual shopping spree is held each year on the day after Thanksgiving. However, many stores have begun to open later on Thanksgiving night, and since its original inception in the 1980s, Black Friday sales have spanned the entirety of four days in some areas, according to history.com.

Many students have noticed that the outrageously low prices these sales advertise often lead to conflict, and whole sections of stores have erupted in a chorus of protest as

customers savagely swiped at each other, vying for the last sales item. Naturally, this behavior has dissuaded many potential shoppers.

One such off-put customer, junior Scarlett Alcantara, attended a Black Friday sale two years ago at a Walmart, hoping to nab some early Christmas presents for her cousins.

“I would never go again because there were too many aggressive people there,” Alcantara said. “My parents were worried about me [because] they didn’t want me to get trampled.”

Like many other shoppers, she emphasized that the excessive lines and wait times shoppers endure each year are not worth the products these sales promise.

“I would never want to go back,” Alcantara said. “It was too stressful being there.”

However, even among this heated contention, students attest that Black Friday never fails to

attract crowds. These steady patrons consistently brave brutal lines and deplorable conditions just for the opportunity to be the first through store doors.

One such patron is sophomore Acira Mehta, a seasoned customer who has shopped for three consecutive Black Friday sales in various stores at the Brea Mall.

“The first thing I think of when I hear the words ‘Black Friday’ is ‘I’m going to leave broke tonight,’” Mehta said.

Nonetheless, she enjoys such sales because they provide great deals on clothes, from offering \$10 premium sweaters to 75 percent discounts on designer handbags, she said.

“I usually pull all-nighters on Black Friday,” said Mehta, who arrives at store doors at 9 p.m. on Thanksgiving nights for a chance to steal some sizzling deals. “I shop mainly for clothes

while I’m there.”

The only way to receive an authentic Black Friday experience is by participating in every aspect of a Black Friday sale, diving into the ordeal head-first. From the winding, head-spinning lines to the blistering and unforgiving cold, all challenges and rewards should be embraced equally.

However, considering the range of experiences Black Friday sales have to offer, a prospective sale-goer should keep some things in mind, regardless of where they choose to shop.

“Whatever happens, don’t lose your humanity,” Alcantara said.

## Origins of Black Friday



In the late 1950s or early 1960, retailers marked the Friday after Thanksgiving as the start of the Christmas holiday shopping season.



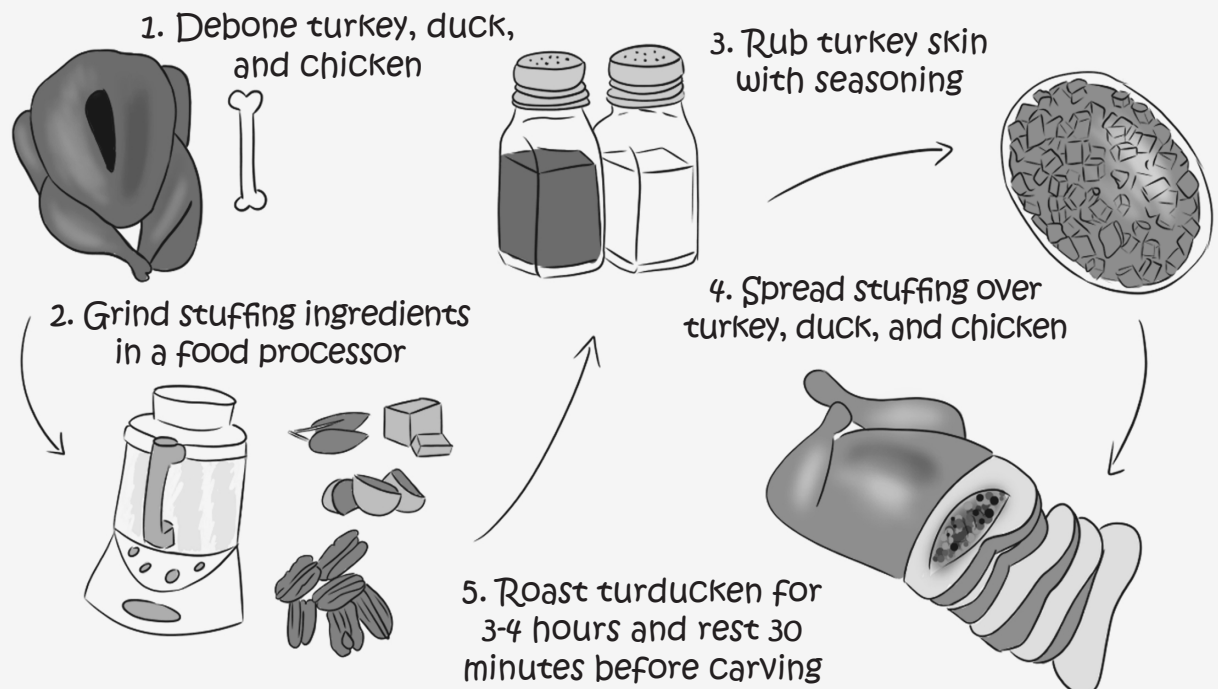
By the 1980s, accountants started using the color black to symbolize a profit and red to represent a loss, and so businesses started marketing the day after Black Friday as an expected profitable event.



40 percent of Americans plan to shop in-store on Black Friday, while 51 percent expect to do so online.

Compiled by Jack Leydiker

# How to Make A Turducken



KAREN LEE | theaccolade

# Eating three birds in one dish; the ultimate Thanksgiving feast

HANNAH KIM

Cub Reporter

Thanksgiving is a time of gathering with family members, giving thanks and most importantly, eating food.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner usually consists of mashed potatoes served with hot gravy, sweet cranberry sauce and a piping hot turkey straight out of the oven, filled to the brim with stuffing.

But not every year needs to be the same. Sometimes, families may be looking to try something different.

This was the case for baseball coach and history teacher Arlie Kearney, when he and his wife decided to prepare a “turducken” for their first Thanksgiving dinner together.

But what exactly is a turducken? Though the exact creator of the dish

is unknown, the platter was originally popularized by professional football player and former coach John Madden.

Making the plate requires four ingredients: a turkey, duck, chicken and stuffing. After deboning the turkey, duck and chicken, each bird encases the next with stuffing in between each layer.

Junior Anneke Rodriguez’s sixth-grade teacher originally introduced her to the dish.

“My teacher brought up the subject of things that people ate on Thanksgiving, and one of them was the turducken,” Rodriguez said.

But unlike the junior, who would like to try one, math teacher Cristian Bueno prefers to stick to her family traditions.

“A turducken, from my understanding, is a chicken inside of a

duck inside of a turkey,” said Bueno, who has used the exotic dish as an analogy to help her students understand the concept of functions inside of functions inside of functions.

Despite using the turkey-duck-chicken platter as an example for the past three years, the teacher has never tried the dish and has only had one student who had it before.

“I had a student in the summer who said it was delicious, and his parents do it every Thanksgiving,” she said.

Bueno said she would try a turducken but would not want it to be the main entrée. In previous years, her family has had a potluck of Mexican food, which she prefers over a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner.





JAIME PARK | theaccolade

# WHERE IS THE BLUE WAVE?

*Democrats fail to overtake Senate, gubernatorial races*



alexPark

Asst. Opinion Editor

Call it more of a blue blip than a “Blue Wave.”

While some states like California and Florida are still counting absentee and overseas ballots for the midterm elections earlier this month, political pundits from both sides agree that the Democrats have found a way to overtake the House, while the Republicans successfully retained a majority in the Senate.

However, when I see some of the liberals’ reactions to the results, I personally find it ridiculous that they make such a big deal out of this victory and use it as evidence to claim that the Blue Wave did exist in this election.

But it’s time to face reality. The results of this election is a huge relief for Republicans, not Democrats, because they successfully evaded the catastrophic result of having less than 200 House seats like how former President Barack Obama did in the 2010 midterm election when he lost over 60 seats.

If we also look at the results of all the other elections besides the House, Republicans technically won all of them. They secured a majority in the Senate and also

managed to secure more trifectas, which is when one party dominates the executive and legislative branch in a state. Currently, they have eight more ‘trifectas’ than the Democrats (22-14).

This is a major indicator showing that Republicans are generally more favored by the American people in local terms.

I can easily see that the proponents of the Democratic Party are not learning their history because, if they do, they can easily find out how common it is for an opposing party to win a Congressional midterm election.

According to a Gallup poll, after World War II, the average number of seats the president’s party loses in a midterm election in the House is 25, but when their president has an approval rating lower than 50 percent, the party loses in average around 37. Also, out of the 28 midterm elections after World War II, the president’s party was able to gain five seats in the Senate.

Compared to President Trump’s approval rating, which usually ranges from 37 to 47 percent, I believe he did well by losing only approximately 30 House seats so far and securing a majority in the Senate.

In other words, the results of the 2018 midterm election are nothing special because the Democrats have not even won a majority in the House by a landslide.

Not only that, but the results also increased the

Republicans’ chances of winning in 2020 because they were able to retain a significant amount of support in key states that helped Trump win the 2016 election, showing that he still has a high chance to get reelected.

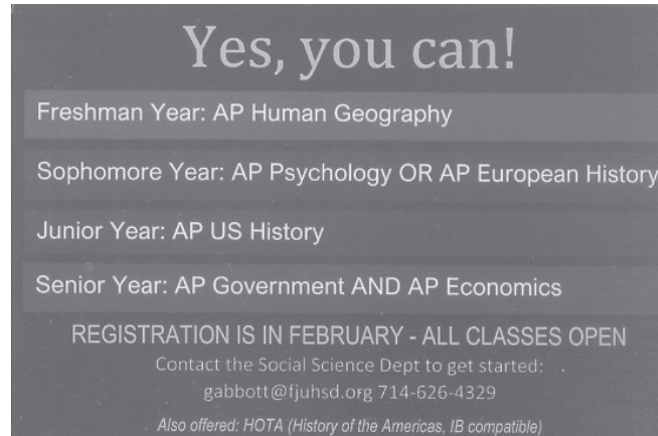
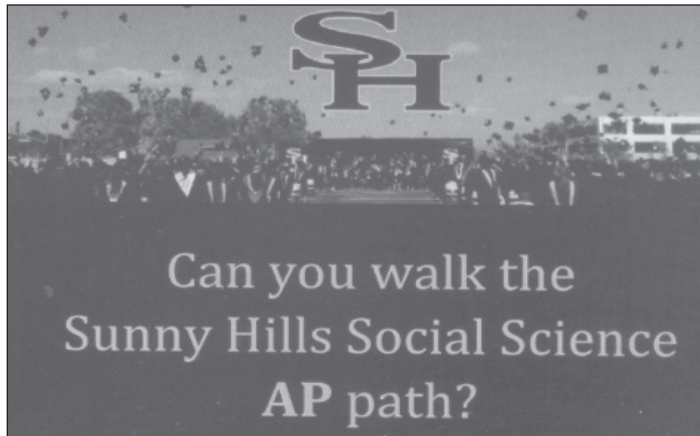
For example, in this election, Republicans won a majority of the House seats in Florida, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, which were the three key states Trump barely won by one or two percent. His victory in these states shows that Trump still has the support he needs to win in 2020.

Although I declare this election as Trump’s victory, I forecast a very depressing future for our nation because the Democrats’ overtake of the House will cause a severe deadlock in Congress where absolutely no bills will be passed.

America experienced a shutdown last year, despite the Republicans having a majority in both the Senate and the House. Since they now lost one of them, the American people will have to deal with a Congress filled with constant bickering that has absolutely no benefits to our country.

Despite how much the liberal media exaggerates the “Blue Wave” in the House, the reality is that no wave existed in this election and that it gave conservatives the advantage they need to strike back two years later.





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### STAFF EDITORIAL

# Freshman offer makes 'history'

Sunny Hills school officials have traditionally encouraged freshmen to wait until their sophomore year or beyond to take AP classes. The reason given to incoming ninth-graders in the past was that including such a rigorous, college-level course or courses could be too overwhelming for them, especially since they are most likely adapting to a new environment and new honors classes.

Obviously, exceptions were made, as in the case last year of a freshman who was allowed to enroll in AP French because that was the last year Sunny Hills was offering the course, and the student had a background of having taken higher level French in middle school.

Interestingly, other schools in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, like at Fullerton or Troy, took a different route and did not discourage their ninth-graders from enrolling in AP classes.

Fullerton, for example, allows freshmen to take AP Human Geography; whereas, at Troy, ninth-graders can take AP World History.

In a May 25, 2018, *Accolade* staff editorial, we also were hoping school officials here would re-evaluate their stance about what grade levels can take AP classes. In that article, we noted that an Orange County Department of Education email newsletter indicated that eighth-graders in the Fullerton School District are already

taking the AP Computer Science exam with the possibility of an AP English class being offered at that same grade level.

So we were more than pleased to have learned earlier this month from teachers in the Social Science Department that starting in the 2019-2020 school year, freshmen will now have the opportunity

“[AP HUG] would introduce to our new students the array of teaching styles that the Social Science Department offers.”

to take AP Human Geography, replacing Honors World History.

Though only one section of AP Human Geography is being offered this school year, we've been informed that the number of sections offered next school year will be based on how many current eighth-graders sign up for the class. Since Honors World History will no longer be offered here next school year, we can only hope that those teaching that course will have the training from the College Board to instruct AP Human Geography instead of assigning the sections to the

lone teacher who's been in charge of it now.

Doing so would introduce to our new students the array of teaching styles that the Social Science Department offers.

A final note of kudos also goes to the speed at which the department has already started notifying eighth-graders about this change. A four-inch-tall-by-six-inch-wide postcard titled, “Can you walk the Sunny Hills Social Science AP path?” was given to one of our editors Thursday.

On the back, it states, “Yes, you can!” followed by the following list:

“Freshman Year: AP Human Geography  
Sophomore Year: AP Psychology OR AP European History  
Junior Year: AP US History  
Senior Year: AP Government AND AP Economics

REGISTRATION IS IN FEBRUARY - ALL CLASSES OPEN”

Now that our Social Science Department has pioneered such an AP pathway at each grade level, we hope that other departments will follow suit, like math or English. Given the caliber of students who enroll at Sunny Hills, we are confident that freshmen can handle not just one, but possibly three AP classes in a school year.

That would definitely be a historic step in the right direction.

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**isaacChoi**  
Staff Reporter

America [FYLA], introduced to me by my parents.

FYLA is a non-profit volunteering program that cooperates with other orga-

Two years ago, I was very poor in my time management, and I wasted countless hours watching YouTube all day. But then, two years ago in August, I opened up to an organization called the Future Young Leaders of

nizations to have its members experience different types of volunteering such as recycling and cleaning parks.

As for me, my task is to collect \$3 worth of recyclables every month and give it to a worker at a recycling center who provides me with a receipt that allows me to gain my service hours.

Through my experiences recycling, I was taught how to effectively manage my time. Because I had to work on a deadline, it me pushed me to find ways to make enough time to collect \$3 worth of recyclables.

As a result, unlike my usual self who

used to thoughtlessly waste time, I now created my own daily schedule where I make sure I spend every minute doing something productive.

For example, the second I get home, I unload my homework assignments and finish them within three hours. This is a major change in my life because I used start my homework at 9 p.m. and finish at 2 a.m.

After being influenced by FYLA, I no longer thoughtlessly waste hours, and I now have a solid schedule to work off of. Recycling taught me how important it is that I use my time wisely.

# How I became a better time manager



# PLEASE HEAR #METOO

## Readers voice opposition to opinion editor's Oct. 26 column

### ORIGINAL ARGUMENT:

- #MeToo movement has strayed away from its original purpose.
- Simple accusations hold too much power over another's reputation.

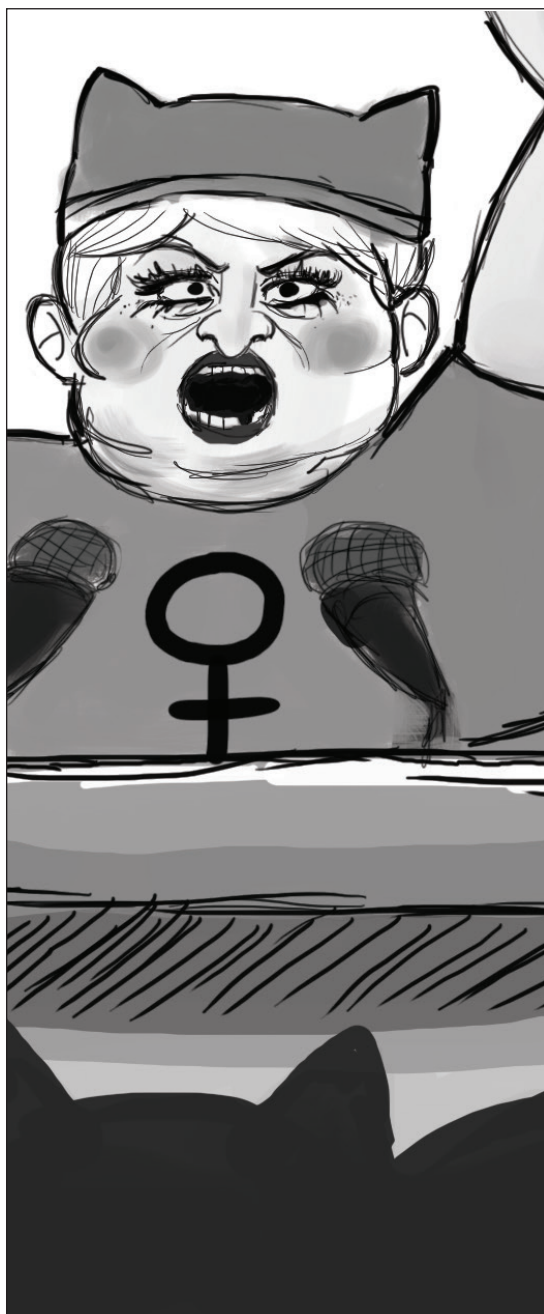
*Editor's note: Opinion editor senior Kihoon Kim wrote a column in the last issue titled, "#MeToo Has Gone Too Far," regarding the negative social repercussions of the #MeToo movement.*

*An illustration (bottom left) that accompanied the column also prompted discussion among our readers.*

*As of Nov. 13, The Accolade has received only two written rebuttals. We have included the first one as a guest column followed by a letter to the editor.*

### REBUTTAL:

- #MeToo is not only supportive of women, but for also men.
- Sexual allegations are not taken seriously enough.
- Most allegations are not false.



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alexaPalmer  
Guest Columnist

In the Oct. 26 issue of The Accolade, #MeToo is greatly misrepresented. Many of the things said were

predominantly opinions with very little factual evidence provided to support the claims.

The "MeToo" hashtag gained popularity in October of 2017 and is meant to raise awareness and fight against sexual harassment and assault. This is inclusive and supportive of all men, women, people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community who want to speak up about their experiences with sexual violence.

Indubitably, many people in positions of power have lost their jobs, resigned or have had their reputations damaged due to accusations of sexual harassment or assault; but many times, they aren't taken very seriously.

Donald Trump was also accused of sexual misconduct by at least 19 women, and guess what? He became the president of the United States in spite of all the allegations. Apparently, it doesn't even matter if they're true or not because he was appointed anyway.

While false accusations have definitely been made before, they are not the issue. In a study featured in the aforementioned issue of The

Accolade, the editor cites, "According to the National Sexual Violence Center, 2 to 10 percent of sexual allegations are false," meaning that at least 90 percent is true.

There's only a small percentage of people who make false accusations, so that doesn't mean that the other 90 percent should be ignored. It's true that a lot of people have been more cautious about their actions in order to avoid being accused of sexual harassment, though the only people who should be afraid are those who are guilty.

My intent was to clarify the actual purpose of the Me Too movement and why it's important to be more aware. I cordially encourage everyone to do further research and become more educated on this topic because sexual harassment and abuse continue to be a serious issue in our society.

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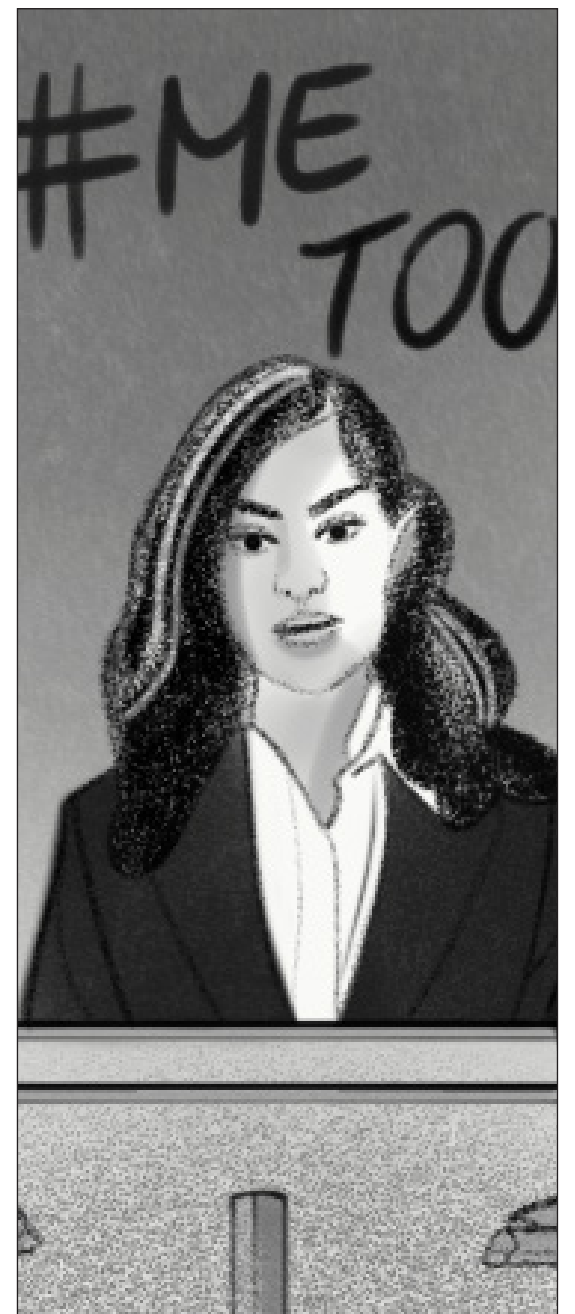
I found the article about the #MeToo movement shocking.

I strongly disagree with the article because it just seems to say that the whole point of the movement was to go anti-men, but it was started to spread awareness about sexual harassment.

It's simple. Men shouldn't feel entitled and think touching a woman without her consent is OK.

Big Brother watched for too long. I think it's Big Sisters' time now.

— Samantha Alvarado,  
sophomore



RACHEL KIM | theaccolade

## Letters to the editor

I found the article "How about an SH Wellness Day" insightful. I didn't know that this was a problem for many students.

I agree that this would be a very effective method for preventing drug use and reliance on social media. Great article, keep up the good work.

— Carson Irons, sophomore

I really liked the "Senior Rocks Physics

Conference" article. It is really cool to see all the things Sunny Hills students are doing both in school and out.

— Abigail Haan, sophomore

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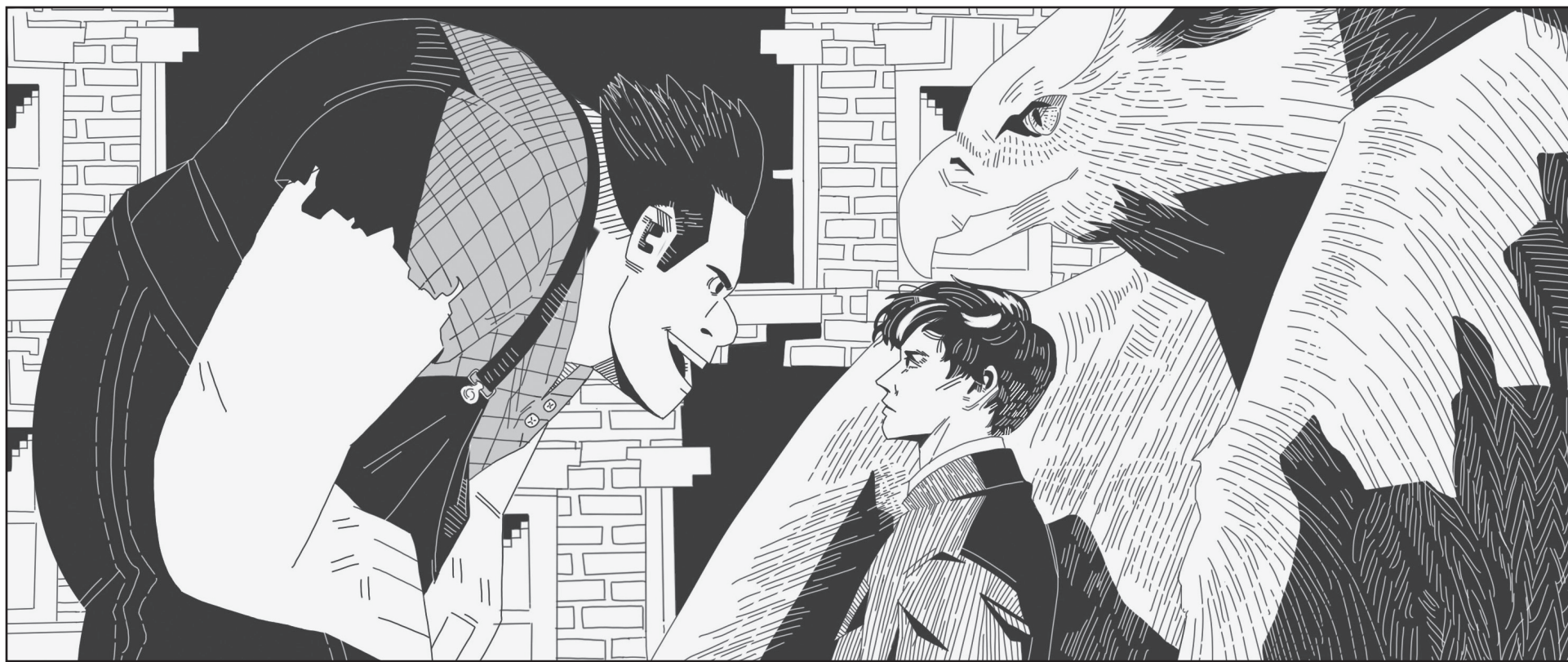
## For the record

The Accolade regrets the following errors from the Oct. 26 print issue:

In a page 9 "Letters to the editor" section of the Opinion page, a response to the "Peace Attained" column should have been attributed to Abigail Haan, sophomore.

In a page 11 Feature story titled, "Troy alumna says 'Hola' to students," the hiring and start dates for Spanish teacher Maria Torres were mistakenly reported. Torres was offered the teaching position in early August and officially started teaching here on Oct. 1.





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**RIVETING RELEASES:** Two popular movie sequels are being shown in the same month. The only question is: Who will take the lead in gross gains?

# ‘Wrecking’ the box office, ‘Fantastic’ movies

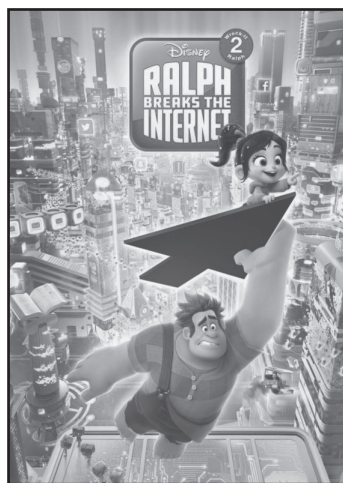


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## “Ralph Breaks the Internet”

**Synopsis:**  
When “Sugar Rush,” Vanellope’s video game, is broken, she and Ralph embark on an adventure to search the new world of the internet and find a spare piece to fix it.

**Length:**  
1 hour and 54 minutes

**Genre:**  
Fantasy/Adventure

**Release Date:**  
Nov. 21, 2018

### FAN QUOTES:

“I’m genuinely excited to see the new movie. I plan [on watching] it over Thanksgiving break with my friends. However, I don’t want Vanellope to leave Ralph behind because they went through so much together in the previous movie.”  
-Matt Chun, 11

“The animation in the first movie amazed me, and I don’t know what to expect from the sequel. I’m pretty sure it will be top notch since the CGI is always improving. I’m excited to see what they did to improve the animation.”  
-Jennifer Frohling, 12

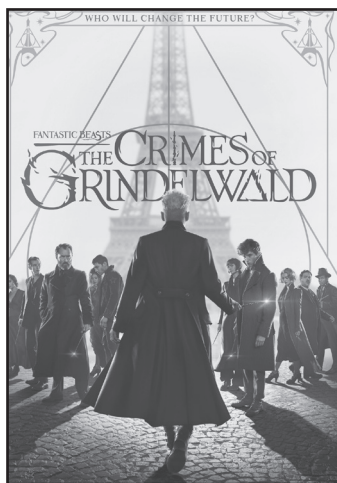


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## “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald”

**Synopsis:**  
To obstruct Grindelwald’s evil plans to rule over non-magical beings, Albus Dumbledore recruits former student, Newt Scamander, for help.

**Length:**  
2 hours and 14 minutes

**Genre:**  
Drama/Fantasy

**Release Date:**  
Nov. 16, 2018

### FAN QUOTES:

“I’m very excited because I loved the first Fantastic Beasts movie and I’m eager to see how the story would play out after the first movie.”  
-Hyunnis Cano, 11

“*Harry Potter* is just so fun, and even though I haven’t reread the books in a while and may not love it as much as I used to, I am still a fan and I am looking forward to the new movie coming out.”  
-Katherine So, 11







ERIN LEE | theaccolade

**YOU'RE A MEAN ONE:** An artist's rendering of Dr. Seuss's mean-spirited Whoville character, the Grinch, who attempts to steal Christmas from the Whoville citizens.

## 'Grinch' heightens holiday spirit among all ages

ANDREW HONG

Staff Reporter

What started off as a classic Dr. Seuss winter holiday book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* has now become a storyline reused in multiple productions, ranging from its 1966 cartoon series to its Nov. 9 film, "The Grinch." The movie reimagines the vision of the children's story through 3D computerized animations, a solid casting of voice actors and a remix of Christmas music and hip-hop.

The film tells the story of the mean-spirited character, the Grinch (Benedict Cumberbatch, "Avengers: Infinity War"), who goes on a mission to steal Christmas from the city, Whoville.

While watching the 86-minute animated production, view-

ers can side with either position regarding the overall quality of the movie; children may enjoy it for its light-hearted plot, entertaining scenes and visually stunning animations, while others may be disappointed with its lackluster storyline and dull secondary character development.

Director Scott Mosier does a fair job of introducing the main characters and consistently retaining their lead roles throughout the film but falls short in showing relevance for other characters, such as Cindy-Lou Who's friends, Axl and Izzy.

These characters appear midway in the movie only to be used as plot-fillers and setups for uneventful scenes.

Despite the inadequate equality of the motion picture, the music smoothly ties the

scenes together. From Tyler, The Creator's musical take on the Christmas classic "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" to Pentatonix's climactic musical version of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," the rapper incorporates his hip-hop mash with the holiday tune incorporates.

Meanwhile, Pentatonix's acapella brings suspense and a fast-paced impression in scenes throughout the movie.

While it lacks in plot structure and development, the movie flourishes in the computer animated graphics, strong voice castings and appealing holiday music.

Grinches beware: You will leave the movie theater with a bigger heart, especially for the upcoming winter holidays.

## Band goes back to its *Origins*

MICHELLE BUCKLEY

Co-Entertainment Editor

With the recent release of *Origins* in 2017, no one anticipated American rock band Imagine Dragons to release another album so quickly. Now that it has arrived, fans are more excited than ever.

As its fourth studio album, *Origins* comprises not only of a vast number of songs with powerful messages that get listeners pumped, but also of some soft and mellow tunes that leave fans feeling satisfied.

Beginning the 40-minute album is "Natural," previously released as a single in July and accompanied by a music video on Aug. 24.

Two other singles — "Machine" and "Bad Liar" — detail self-empowerment and marriage, respectively. In "Machine," lead singer Dan Reynolds defiantly tells someone that he is not part of a particular device, but rather he considers himself the machine, encouraging a strength in individuality.

In "Bad Liar," Reynolds sings "Oh, hush, my dear, it's been a difficult year." Listeners are left to decipher whether

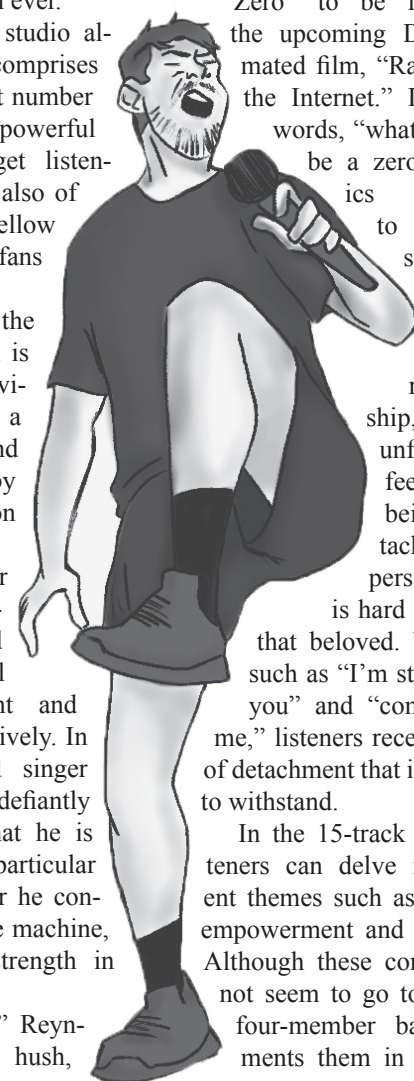
Reynolds is reaching out to his ex-wife, Aja Volkman, American singer and songwriter, in this song because of their recent divorce. But aside from the meaning, it is a tune with a soft and melodic rhythm accompanied by teal drums that listeners can take comfort in.

The album also includes "Zero" to be featured in the upcoming Disney animated film, "Ralph Breaks the Internet." Despite the words, "what it's like to be a zero," the lyrics correspond to an upbeat soundtrack.

Detailed a romantic relationship, "Stuck" unfolds the feeling of being so attached to a person that it is hard to let go of that beloved. With lyrics such as "I'm still stuck on you" and "come back to me," listeners receive a sense of detachment that is too strong to withstand.

In the 15-track album, listeners can delve into different themes such as love, self-empowerment and depression. Although these concepts may not seem to go together, the four-member band implements them in a perfectly

constructed album that adds to its vast list of hits.



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**RADIANT REYNOLDS:** Lead singer Dan Reynolds performs hits from a recent album.

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**DRIBBLING PAST DEFENDER:** Guard junior Steven Yoo (left) drives the ball down the basketball court in the "Rumble for Rosecrans Tournament" on Nov. 14, his team currently with an undefeated 3-0 record.

## BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Girls Basketball

I Finished third in league with a 6-4 record  
I Won the Southern California Division III Regional Final  
I Play their next home game on Dec. 5, against Warren High School.  
I Reached CIF Division III Semifinals

### Boys Basketball

I Finished fourth in league with a 4-6 record.  
I They play their next home game Dec. 14, against Buena Park High School.

# WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW



ANNIE CHOI | theaccolade

**IN DEEP WATERS:** Junior Sarah Bankhead winds up to pass the ball during a home practice on Nov. 14.

## GIRLS WATER POLO

I Finished first in league with an 8-0 record.  
I They play their next home game Nov. 28, against Brea Olinda High School.

OTHER SPORTS NOT PICTURED



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**UPFIELD:** Seniors Colin Delzer (left) and Michael Nunez (middle) dribble around a defender against Brea Olinda in a game last season.

## BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

### Boys Soccer

I Finished first in league with a 7-2-1 record  
I They play their next home game on Nov. 27, against Western High School.

### Sunny Hills Girls Soccer

I Placed second in league with a 7-2-1 record.  
I They play their next home game Nov. 28, against Wilson High School.

## WRESTLING

I Finished last in league with an 0-5 record.  
I They have their next home match Dec. 20 against Fullerton High School.



## ANNIE BANG

Cub Reporter

He competes with the upper-classmen, runs over eight miles a day and can finish a mile under six minutes.

Zachary Gomez is the first freshman to join the boys varsity cross country team in six years, an impressive feat early in his high school career.

"I've achieved something that not a lot of people have, so I'm excited about that," Gomez said.

With a personal record of 15 minutes and 55-second record for three miles, Gomez averages a pace of a little under 5 minutes and 20 seconds per mile. However, his experience began before the school year even started.

Gomez began running for fun in first grade, but it wasn't until sixth grade when he started running for track; he mainly ran shorter distances ranging from 100 to 400 meters.

"Back in junior high, I was training more for speed, and I was picking up cross country to get more endurance," he said.

Gomez also ran in a junior high club made up of him and four other friends called the "Running Rivals."

"We all competed to get first," he said, who cited this as the reason for wanting to get better.

His first preseason race with the team was back in July at St. John Bosco High School.

"A bunch of my friends go there, so I was excited to race against them," Gomez said. "I didn't do so well. I was winded, and it was only two miles."

Since then, he improved from 17 minutes to 15 minutes for three miles.

In order to get better, Gomez plans to increase one-half mile every three weeks. During practices and regular runs, he sets a pace of six minutes and 20 seconds or simply keeps up

with his senior peers.

"Each year I hope Zach improves," cross country head coach Daniel Scott said. "You can not be competitive in running unless you are pushing to [be] better."

Despite being an accomplished athlete, Gomez said running up hills is his greatest weakness because of the incline.

"Give me 400 meters of flat, and I'll kill that, [but] give me a 100 meters of hills, and you'll pass me up anytime."

He looks up to his own senior varsity teammates Jonathan Rikitu, Shane Ely and junior Jared Alcaraz as role models.

"I'm trying to see how close I can get to where they are by the end of the season," Gomez said.

Captain senior Rikitu viewed Gomez similarly, saying he felt honored to be a role model by such a great teammate.

Ely was also aware of Gomez's aptitude for long distance running and expressed his opinions of his younger teammate.

"I am really proud of Zach for what he's able to do as a freshman," he said.

Becoming a freshman varsity runner didn't occur overnight for Gomez, who credits his accomplishments to hard work.

"I put in as much work as I can, just as I do with anything else," he said. "You never really know what you can do until you put your mind to it."



**ON THE GRIND:** Freshman Zachary Gomez practices his long distance running.

# Freshman Prodigy

Zachary Gomez becomes the first underclassman in six years to join varsity cross country

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