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Students 4 Teachers movement holds sit-in protest in solidarity with teachers

Warriors promoted awareness of contract negotiations following the Feb. 9 FJUHSD board meeting.

By David Hou
STAFF WRITER

Encouraging students to unite and take action, members of the Students 4 Teachers movement held a sit-in protest in the quad Feb. 19.

The student-led advocacy group is supporting teachers amid the gridlock over contract negotiations between the teachers' union and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. Members picket outside the Warrior campus and at district board meetings, contact district officials and share information with students via social media. The group aims to help resolve disagreements and ensure that teachers receive their requested pay raise.

Enthusiastic in their support of teachers, members conducted a sit-in protest to inform Warriors about the ongoing stalemate. According to senior Shawn Oh, members began planning the event following an incident at a district board meeting after which a board member criticized that student speeches limited to three minutes



LAUREN KIM

SILENCE OF THE STUDENTS: Senior Warriors cover their mouths in response to a district statement that speakers “wasted their breath” at the Feb. 9 district meeting.

were a “waste of breath.”

“[The comments were] infuriating,” Oh said. “It’s rude that they wouldn’t even consider what we had to say.”

The lunch protest included group members holding up signs with “Won’t Waste Our Breath” and “#3Minutes,” alluding to the original comment that led to the protest.

According to senior Brooke Sinek, members held a three-minute moment of silence and then spoke with their peers about the importance of supporting teachers. Some underclassmen also joined the protest.

Members are motivated by their appreciation of the academic assistance teachers provide. They credit the dedication of

Warrior teachers for many of their successes and believe that teachers are being treated unfairly, senior Eric Kim said.

“Teachers deserve the respect they rightfully earned,” Kim said. “They commit so much time to us, and [we should] show them the same support they show us.”

The movement informs by-standers of the potentially negative effects of a prolonged teacher-district conflict. Members feel that more students supporting teachers will pressure the district board to settle the contract dispute, senior Yujane Chen said.

“It says a lot about a person who complains about not [having] access to a resource such as letters of recommendation rather than thinking [about] why the resource is being taken away,” Chen said. “People are angry at the teachers for their actions, [but Warriors should] think of these people who have always put us first.”

Over the next few weeks, members will continue to attend board meetings and share updates online, hoping that their efforts will be successful, Chen said.

“This is a long fight,” Chen said. “As much as we are frustrated and disappointed by the lack of student action, it [also] really fuels our determination.”

FJUHSD releases school improvement plans

Over the course of the next decade, the Warrior campus will be renovated.

By Brendan Brzycki & Caroline Zhu
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

Moving to modernize high school campuses in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD), district officials released plans Feb. 3 for the first phase of a series of facility improvement projects.

In Nov. 2014, district residents voted to approve Measure I, a plan to authorize the issue of \$175 million in general obligation bonds by the district to benefit all eight high school campuses. These funds would be generated through a property tax of at most 0.019 percent of assessed real estate value. In the first phase of Measure I, Warrior campus betterment programs will receive revenue from the sale of these bonds, which will be used throughout the next six to eight years for a new aquatics facility,

a modernized theater and gym and an improved traffic system along Dorothy Lane and State College Boulevard.

In order to guarantee that funds are properly appropriated, the measure established a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), which will maintain accountability for the expenditure of bond proceeds. It also will ensure that audits of both performance and finance are conducted annually and that proceeds are applied solely to campus development rather than teacher or administrator salaries.

Since the release of the improvement plans, architects have surveyed the Warrior campus and decided on its most pressing needs, including pool renovations and

traffic management. Erosion of couplings, the devices holding pipes together in the Warrior pool, prioritized enhancing the structural integrity of the current aquatics facility. In addition, daily bottlenecks in campus parking lots necessitated the development of a

more organized traffic system that ensures student safety and optimizes bus arrival and departure efficiency. Administrators must also consider factors

such as cost and longevity when choosing structures to repair or replace, Assistant Principal of Instruction and Operations Sonje Berg said. Rather than fixing the current pool, the school chose to use bond money for a new pool that would last much longer. FJUHSD Director of Facilities and

“We want to start these projects as soon as possible so people see that work is getting done and the bond money is being put to good use.”

Sonje Berg
Assistant Principal

LATEST UPDATES

YLC holds Student Speaker Seminar March 5

The Youth Leadership Conference will host its annual Student Speaker Seminar March 5 at Chapman University. The theme of the conference will be “Explorer” and all four student speakers will focus their presentations on the topic. Furthermore, roundtable discussions will follow the speeches. Finally, a Collective Impact Fair will feature various clubs, and attendees are welcome to interact with the club representatives.

Ohana Club to host annual showcase March 18

Reflecting a theme of “All that Matters,” 20 Ohana Club members will perform pieces at the fourth annual Ohana showcase. The broad scope of the subject allows participants to interpret it as they wish. Personalizing the theme creates an event in which each performance is unique. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas Moore Auditorium.

Confusion surrounds FJUHSD purchase and implementation of Chromebooks

District officials and faculty disagree on information regarding Chromebooks.

By Sarah Kremer & Bernice Wang
NEWS EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

The need to update existing technology has become a pressing issue as the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) moves further into the 21st century. To do so, various stakeholders within the district have considered purchasing multiple devices ranging from iPads to Google Chromebooks.

Although FJUHSD superintendent Scott Scambray and school board members have declined to provide an official statement regarding the district’s intention to purchase one-to-one technology, the District Technology Committee has drafted plans to provide each student with a device if a purchase order is signed. The committee has selected a device, an Acer Chromebook, to bring into classrooms.

However, Warrior staff and administrators have been confused for the past few months over the possible integration of Chromebooks. While the FJUHSD curriculum committee chairs have been under the impression that Chromebooks have been man-

dated for use by the district, the superintendent has denied any discussion of Chromebooks at the district level in two separate interviews Feb. 4 and Feb. 26.

“[One-to-one Chromebooks] have not been discussed at all,” Scambray said. “Right now, it’s planned this summer that [schools] will install Wi-Fi. That is the only thing that has been discussed at this time.”

However, both math and English department chairpersons across the district were told in their Nov. 2015 curriculum committee meetings that Wi-Fi and devices for FJUHSD junior classes would be required for their Jan. 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium test. This mandate came from district officials.

Instead, the Troy Support Organization, not the district, purchased only two carts of Chromebooks to be used in the library and the business lab. The cart in the library was designated as a mobile testing center and was used by a limited number of students during testing.

Already, Chromebooks are in wide use at Fullerton Union High School (FUHS), according to FUHS sophomore Emma Kremer. Students and teachers who have explored the potential use of the devices in FUHS



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CHROMEBOOK CRISIS: District officials disavow participation in and responsibility for the purchase of Chromebooks.

classrooms have discovered that their portable size and variety of online applications are advantageous to classroom collaboration. However, the laptops do not hold up under long term use and have a limited battery life, thereby diminishing their functionality.

In spite of such concerns, Chromebooks remain a viable and affordable device, according to Jesse Knowles, chairperson of the District Technology Committee. Chromebooks connect to the Internet and store all work exclusively on the Google platform, instead of a hard drive. The devices are also fairly inexpensive

compared to other laptops. Regardless of the final decision regarding the purchase of Chromebooks, measures that increase the use of technology in education better match the working world conditions, Executive Director of Administrative Services Jennifer Williams said. “It’s not just about Chromebooks,” Williams said. “It’s also about the [continual] integration of technology in instruction. Educators want to prepare students for the real world where they will earn a living, work on projects, communicate with colleagues and interact with technology.”

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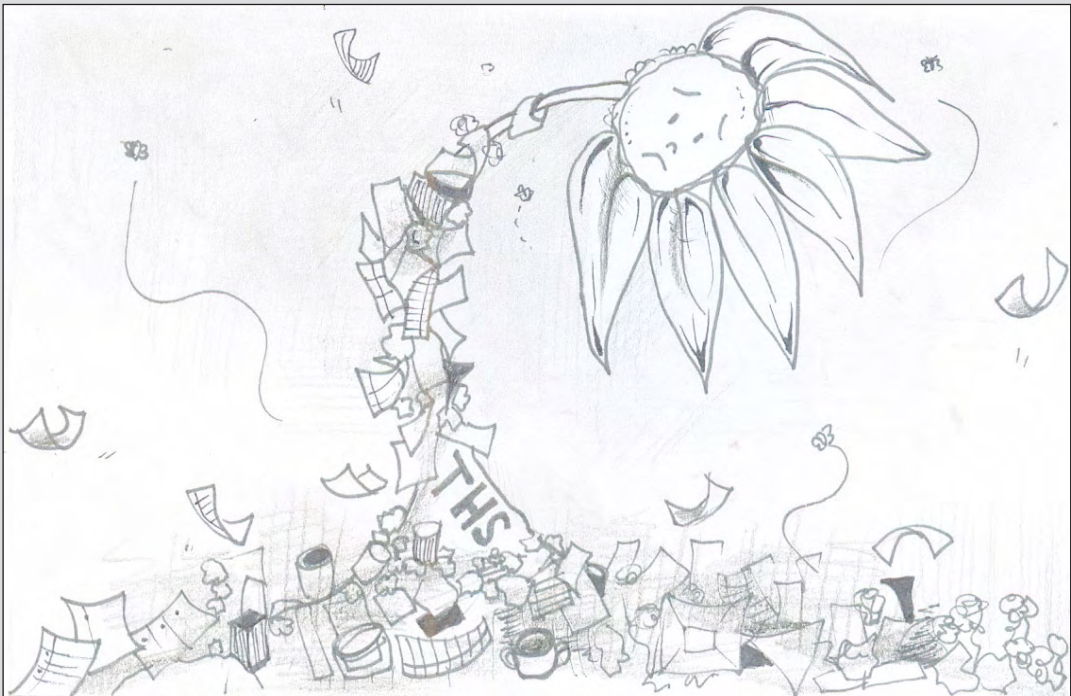
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STAFF EDITORIAL



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Warriors should trash harmful littering habit

Warriors can have attitudes as trashy as their campus. Nearly every Warrior has seen it: the colony of threatening seagulls that descends upon the campus at the end of lunch. When Warriors leave excessive amounts of trash on campus, dozens of birds are attracted to the food, drinks and other trash left to spoil. Not only is the flock terrifying for students seeking to maintain their personal hygiene, but the littering epidemic is also damaging the school and surrounding area. It is necessary to clean up after ourselves, especially considering the danger to the health and safety of the surrounding campus environment.

First and foremost, the littering problem could very well threaten the environment of the Warrior campus. While many students are concerned about the number of birds and the potential damage that may be caused, they often forget the damage that our actions have on the birds. Numerous environmental organizations such as the International Bird Rescue and the Long Beach Aquarium have extensively documented how birds in human-dominated areas end up eating large quantities of

human trash. Unable to digest the garbage, many birds eat less, leading to starvation. A large number also succumb to toxins in the rubbish, such as the chemicals in plastic. Our trash can also blow into the neighborhoods nearby the school and cause similar damage to local pets that ingest this trash. Moreover, the State Water Resources Control Board reports that the Los Angeles and Orange counties account for an additional 100 million gallons of polluted water dumped into the storm drain system each day. With several drains on and near campus, our garbage more than likely ends up as a part of this statistic.

Furthermore, the excess of trash prevents the janitorial staff from addressing more pressing concerns. Though picking up trash may be part of their job descriptions, cleaning up the sheer amount of rubbish left behind is not. Preoccupied by the lunchtime trash frenzy, maintenance workers have less time to focus on fixing and cleaning up more pertinent problems on campus, such as bathroom issues and water fountain leaks. With over 2000 students at one school, it is no question that many facilities must be cleaned and fixed daily to ensure that our school stays sanitary and safe. Additionally, students must remember that janitors only

help clean the campus—they are not our personal servants. Altogether, the solution is so simple that doing nothing becomes inexcusable. Distance certainly is not a factor, as trash cans are no mile-hike from anywhere students frequent. With no rational justification, it seems as though the only true obstacle is overcoming our own lazy and forgetful nature. However, even Warriors who do not leave any litter may still be complicit in this issue. As students, it is our duty to remind one another not to leave trash and to pick up after others if possible, just as it is our responsibility to keep the campus clean and beautiful. For the sake of the school and the surrounding environment, we need to take steps to fix our irresponsible behavior as a campus community.

To avoid polluting the environment and mistreating the custodial staff, we should all take steps to properly dispose of the trash on campus. In the end, it is not difficult to change our behavior in terms of cost or time; it only takes basic accountability and thoughtfulness. Hopefully soon, Warriors can take responsibility and dispose of their rubbish attitudes.

Barbies diversify, but keep superficial focus

By Julianne Kim
STAFF WRITER

The newly released Barbies challenge the concept of “dolloed up.”

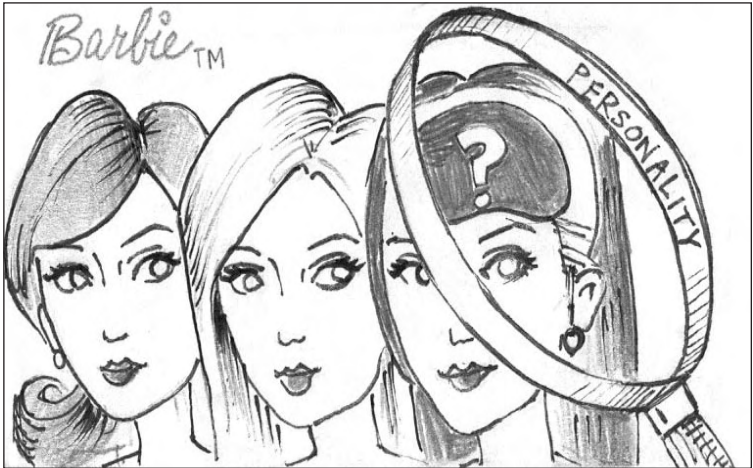
In celebration of National Barbie Day March 9, the traditional Barbie doll—the brainchild of the children’s toy company Mattel—was given a major makeover with the introduction of more varied physical features. The new Barbie “Fashionistas” line unveiled curvy, petite and tall body types, along with an additional seven skin tones, 22 eye colors and 24 hair textures. Nonetheless, despite Barbie’s recent remodeling to promote body diversity, she still continues to emphasize the unnecessary importance of outer beauty.

In the past, Barbie dolls promoted an unhealthy body image for younger girls due to their unrealistic physical proportions. According to the Huffington Post, if Barbie were an actual woman, she would have an 18 inch waist and 33 inch hip, an hourglass figure that is obviously unattainable. With approximately 90 percent of American girls between the ages of three and 10 owning them, Barbie dolls could lead the majority of young girls to have impractical expectations for their own bodies. A 2006 Sussex University study supported this statistic by showing that girls as young as five years old began to desire slim figures after seeing picture books of Barbie dolls. However, following the release of the new models, the potential for girls to be negatively influenced by Barbies may significantly decrease because the dolls no longer portray unrealistic body proportions. Since a variety

of body shapes are available, the new dolls can help these girls to accept that human bodies come in different shapes and sizes.

Nevertheless, while the new Barbies challenge standards of beauty, they do little to confront the current generation’s obsession with looks. According to the Young Women’s Christian Association, 67 percent of women are trying to lose weight and the rate of cosmetic surgery has increased 500 percent, proving that modern women are engrossed with their own appearances. Despite their revolutionary makeovers, the new Barbies contribute to this problem by focusing more on the clothing and physical appearances of the dolls rather than the stories behind them, in contrast to trendy figures such as the Prettie Girls! or Lammily dolls. For instance, the makers of Prettie Girls! emphasize girls’ talents and hobbies more than their looks. One of the dolls in the Prettie Girls! collection, Lena, is a cheer captain and a science and spelling bee whiz. In addition, Lammily dolls seem to have an almost infinite customization capability. Girls can include realistic features such as freckles and acne and choose occupations ranging from soldier to chef for their dolls. Clearly, both of these companies do not prioritize how the dolls look; instead, they underscore the fact that each person has a distinct identity and should not place excessive importance on beauty.

Overall, the newly released Barbies counter current beauty norms, but they still emphasize outer appearance over personality or interests. Though the makeover fails to solve Barbie’s overlying issue, initiating change in the traditional Barbie launches the idea that all body shapes, sizes and colors are beautiful.



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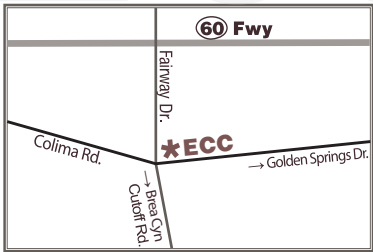
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Hypermasculinity tarnishes male image

By Brandon Ann
ASSISTANT OPINION
EDITOR

Be a real man. Embrace your feminine side.

The latest round of Super Bowl commercials serves as the most recent contributor to the gendered marketing trend. These advertisements target men through the glorification of archetypal male behaviors such as participation in violence and emotional indifference. For instance, the advertisement for Mobile Strike, a strategy game for electronic devices, featured Arnold Schwarzenegger as a gun-shooting action hero. Additionally, a commercial for Butterfingers depicted a macho cowboy jumping from an airplane while riding a bull. While many consider these advertisements harmless, recent studies have shown that these commercials lead to the development of a detrimental social behavior called hypermasculinity, a term for the exaggeration of stereotypical male traits. This unfortunate phenomenon continues to plague

our nation, putting pressure on impressionable young men and perpetuating gender inequality.

First and foremost, hypermasculinity greatly decreases emotional well-being and leads to dangerous behavior in men. A 2010 study by Professor Carlos Santos for the American Psychological Association demonstrated that boys who display hypermasculine stoicism, on average, exhibited lower rates of mental health than empathetic young men. Using a measure called the Children's Depression Inventory, Santos concluded that emotionally repressed boys displayed social anxiety. Furthermore, since hypermasculine men cannot express their emotions in a safe and responsible manner, detrimental behaviors such as domestic violence could manifest. To support this assertion, Dr. Mariah Laver of Emporia State University conducted an experiment in 2011 and found that the rates of physical and sexual abuse increased in couples in which the male expressed hypermasculine traits.

Perhaps worst of all, hypermasculinity contributes to the perpetuation of sexism. Nearly every aspect of our society associates femininity with weakness through phrases such as, "stop

throwing like girls" and "man up."

As a result, young men falsely assume that women are unathletic and regard feminine characteristics such as open communication as flawed. By extension, men see women as inferior in a hypermasculine society. However, women have matched, and often outperformed, men in every aspect of society. With Frida Kahlo in art, Marie Curie in science and Serena Williams in tennis, women have had an immense impact in every stage of recorded history. Over the past few decades, society has started to acknowledge these accomplishments. According to the Global Gender Gap Report 2014, the discrepancy between male and female education has shrunk to six percent, while the healthcare gap sits at four percent. However, it is unacceptable that this gap still exists. Given this fact, hypermasculinity serves as the last vestige of a backwards era, a philosophy that threatens the positive gains that have been made towards gender equality.

Ultimately, both men and women are damaged in a society in which men cannot freely expressing their emotions. After decades of prominence, it is finally time to say goodbye to the fallacious notion of the macho man.

YouTube Red joins cast of paid viewing services

As YouTube Red premieres an onslaught of exclusive videos, make sure to consider all entertainment options before pulling out your wallet.

By Anthony Kim & Christopher Lee, ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR & STAFF WRITER



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the Inside Scoop

Kick off a season of warm weather by checking out our reviews of these ice cream shops trending in Orange County.

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CHOUX Creme

By Nicole Kuntjoro
ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

A warm and enthusiastic staff, a variety of delectable baked goods and a line of liquid nitrogen machines churning out flavorful ice cream by the bucket—Choux Creme has found its way into dessert lovers’ hearts. The business encourages its customers to become the chefs and create their own innovative desserts, offering options to combine any of its baked goods—be it brownies, cookies, waffles or cream puffs—with an ice cream flavor of their choice. The shop even prepares its own version of the Afters’ milky bun ice cream, and makes it better, according to the staff. With an infinite number of combinations and creations, each order is tailored specifically for customers in a way that’s hard to find in other ice cream shops. In addition to this unique experience, the food itself is top-notch. At Choux Creme, you won’t find a scoop of ice cream that is too rich or lacking in flavor. Also, if the French puff is any indicator of the rest of its desserts, the bakery is always filled with fresh, mouth-watering goods.

Choux Creme, a perfect place if you’re tired of Cha2o, is a hidden gem among the businesses tucked away in Downtown Fullerton. If you still have doubts, you can also check-in on Yelp and get a free cream puff to help you make up your mind.



CAULDRON - ICE CREAM -

By Nicole Kuntjoro
ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Cauldron Ice Cream is not just another liquid nitrogen-based creamery. Known for the “puffle” cone, a decadent scoop of ice cream served in a Hong Kong style waffle, Cauldron presents the commonplace dessert with some extra crunch. The ice cream shop certainly makes a name for itself with its diverse assortment of flavors that appeals to both the old school ice cream lovers and the adventurous foodies. This ice cream parlor offers a mix of classic favorites and unique concoctions (hence the name Cauldron), ranging from Salted Caramel to Earl Grey Lavender. Like all other liquid nitrogen-based ice cream, the dessert itself is smooth and creamy; however, it creates a perfect balance between a thick texture and delightful taste that so many other ice cream shops fail to achieve.

Though there is often a line at Cauldron, it is worth it to visit this creamery at least once. With its steam-punk décor and Yelp-approved aesthetic, the small shop makes for an ideal hangout spot, especially with cheap prices that can’t be beat at other chain stores such as Creamistry. If you still need another reason to pay this creamery a visit, keep in mind that Cauldron’s signature rose-shaped ice cream makes for an Instagram-worthy post.



the Task

By Anthony Kim
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Do you scream for ice cream? We sure do, and our Entertainment and Lifestyle squad is here to give you the breakdown of some of the best specialty ice cream shops in Orange County. Our ice cream tag team took a road trip from our Warrior campus in Fullerton to the far ends of Tustin to explore shops that are worth a visit. The task was quite simple: we attempted the BuzzFeed-inspired “telephone taste test” and asked the employees of each ice cream store to recommend another shop within the county. Fortunately, the staff of each business was willing to help us, making the job easier. To begin our task, we went to À la Minute in Orange. With a welcoming environment to complement its expertly made ice cream, the shop certainly exceeded our expectations. The employees even helped us continue our “taste test” by suggesting the next creamery in the vicinity. From À la Minute, we drove to Afters, another specialty shop. I admit, À la Minute kicked it off well, but Afters did the trick for us. Once again, the employees were happy to recommend another shop for us to stop at. From Afters, we continued on to Cauldron. The ice cream from this shop made it nearly impossible to leave without having second thoughts about a second scoop. However, we somehow still had time for one more location. Thus, we finished off our sweet adventure with a quick stop at Choux Creamery. The richness of its ice cream concluded the trip nicely, as it became clear that our stomachs had reached their limits. For you ice cream enthusiasts, the next time you go out for a tasty treat, try a scoop at one of these specialty shops, as they won’t disappoint. If you can’t decide which ones to try—or which to try first—read our reviews to help you make that choice.

à la Minute

By Adrija Chakrabarty
ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Nestled between the aesthetic boutiques and cafes of Orange Circle, À la Minute initially seems like any other hipster ice cream shop. However, with its inventive flavors, À la Minute masters the art of making unique and delicious ice cream. Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of this ice cream shop is the variety of flavors showcased on its menu. From the citrus flavored orange honey to the earthy beet and goat cheese, the flavors are not only innovative but also bold. For instance, the slight sourness of strawberry pairs remarkably with the sharp taste of vinegar in the Strawberry Balsamic. Another customer favorite, the Chocolate Lavender is an instant classic with its decadent cocoa base and aromatic lavender undertone complemented with a topping of candied nuts. However, because À la Minute uses dry ice over conventional freezing, this method generally results in less flavor and more creaminess than some prefer. In many cases, the ice cream has an overwhelming richness that often detracts from its originality factor. For example, the Avocado tastes like frozen cream with only a slight aftertaste of California’s crown jewel. Still, the innovative flavors are reason enough for everybody to give the place a visit. I promise, À la Minute will be worth more than a minute.



AFTERS — ICE CREAM —

By Ryan Fawwaz
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

All of the hype—every Snapchat and Instagram post of Afters ice cream—finally makes sense now. After hearing about the shop’s notoriously long lines, I began to question whether a \$6 ice cream would be worth the 30-minute wait. It was. Biting into my glazed donut stuffed with Cookie Butter ice cream and topped with Oreos was truly a heavenly experience. The sweetness of Afters’ signature milky bun perfectly complemented that of the ice cream, which had an impeccable balance of creaminess and cinnamon-sugar taste. Who would think to put actual cookies in the ice cream? Genius. The only complaint I have is that the milky bun can be messy, (that is, if you’re clumsy like me) so be sure to have napkins. If you’re not into Cookie Butter ice cream, no worries. Afters provides an impressive variety of flavors ranging from Cookie Monster, a Sesame Street-inspired spin on the traditional cookies and cream, to its famous Milk and Cereal, a sugary tribute to a breakfast favorite. In addition to these unique flavors, the shop offers an entertaining atmosphere, fully equipped with a selfie station you can use to brag about your mind-blowing ice cream on social media. In short, you haven’t lived until you’ve visited Afters—so when you do go, remember to thank me.





He's Out of Your LEAGUE

If devising complex battle strategies and making royalties from gaming competitions sounds like a fantasy job, get to know the real-life occupation of pro-gamer and Warrior alumnus, Eugene Park.

By Ashley Fan, **STAFF WRITER**
Graphics courtesy of Riot Games and photo courtesy of Eugene Park

Two teams of League of Legends professionals occupy a heated online battlefield, and Warrior alumnus Eugene Park is right in the midst of the chaos. Over 30 minutes of arrows flying across the computer screen and health bars fluctuating, Park's defensive playing style and keen foresight free his teammates from precarious situations and steadily weaken the team's enemies. Then, a single word, "VICTORY," cast in a bright blue flame, lights up Park's screen, securing another win for the long-time League expert.

Park, more commonly known by his screen name "Pobelter," makes a living playing League of Legends (a.k.a. League), a multiplayer battle strategy game. On League's colorful and expansive field, players control a "champion" with unique abilities. These characters battle to destroy the other team's "nexus," the fortified centerpiece of a base. In the last few years, League has evolved into a competitive sport, fully equipped

with an official league of elite eSport teams, called the League of Legends Champion Series (LCS). One of these elites is Park himself, whose skill and experience have catapulted him into stardom in the immersive world of League of Legends.

There are over 67 million active League players in the world, but only a mere 25 Americans are currently professionals. That is a ridiculously small fraction of players, which leads to this burning question: Just how is Park so good?

"I think my skill is due to a combination of aptitude and a lot of time," Park said. "I've been playing since before the game was officially released when I was 13, so I'm one of the most experienced pros despite my young age."

Pure strategic skill and intellect definitely contribute to Park's international renown. Known in the League community as "the man with the 200 IQ," Park reached his level the old fashioned way: practice, practice and more practice.

Park's transition from novice to expert was facilitated by League's adaptability to a wide range of players, he said.

"League is accessible for new players but has a lot of strategic depth for hardcore players," Park said. "Many other games are either too casual or too difficult to understand."

However, there's a catch—individual skill can get a player only so far. Even with his unchallenged expertise, Park could never defeat the top League teams in the world all alone. Cue the League dream team: Jason "WildTurtle" Tran, Adrian "Adrian" Ma, Seung-hoon "Huni" Heo, and Yeu-jin "Reignover" Kim. Together, they are the Immortals, and their individual strengths combine into an invincible force of dizzying sneak attacks and battle strategies.

"My team members are all about the same age and have similarly goofy personalities, so we get along well," Park said. "We're all very serious when it comes to practice and competition though. My favorite experience with my team was exploring the city of Paris at World Championships."

Players from all over the world can attest—League of Legends blew up in popularity seemingly out of nowhere. However, like many one-hit wonders, the game has an uncertain future. Whether it will be as popular or successful five or 10 years from now is anyone's guess, but Park feels confident of his future, whether or not League will be part of it, he said.

"Right now I'm having a lot of fun and unique life experiences while saving up some money for college and the rest of my life," Park said. "As long as that doesn't change, I'll have no regrets."

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EUGENE "POBELTER" PARK

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GAME TIME!

Keep track of Warrior athletics with this flashback timeline filled with CIF advances and preseason progress.

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JEANETTE DE LA TORRE-DURAN

ON HIS TOES: *With his eyes on the ball, a Warrior athlete sets up to fire a forehand across the court.*



DAVIS PARK

PLAYING HARD BALL: *A Warrior winds up as he prepares to pitch a fastball that ultimately strikes out a Fighting Irish batter.*

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Unable to match the opponent’s aggressive offensive play, the Lady Warriors water polo team ceded 8-11 in overtime to the Santiago Sharks at Fullerton Community College. The Warriors dominated the pool in the first half with successive close-range shots to boost the score 5-1. Despite this lead, the Warriors suffered both an offensive and defensive breakdown, which the Sharks quickly capitalized on. Santiago soon fired back and gradually caught up during the second quarter when the Sharks began closing the gap 6-3. The Sharks shifted the momentum of the game in the third quarter, allowing them to tie up the score by the end of the second half. The opponents maintained their scoring trend, which the Warriors would struggle to overcome in overtime. Ultimately, the Warriors could not turn the tide of the game in the remaining six minutes. The Sharks asserted possession of the ball and continued their scoring onslaught on the Warrior goal. Although the Warriors had reduced Santiago’s lead to three points, they could not decrease this deficit by the end of the game.

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The Warrior girls basketball team conceded a close CIF match to the Long Beach Polytechnic High School Jackrabbits Feb. 24. In the 52-56 battle against the first seeded Jackrabbits, the Lady Warriors fought fiercely, maintaining a lead for the majority of the game. However, their attempts to secure a victory were hampered by several poor calls by the referees, and they were unable to regain the lead. Ignoring the odds that were stacked against them, the Warriors performed at their peak and rose to the challenge of mounted by their tough opposition. The Warriors went on to trounce the Oaks Christian Lions 57-42 Feb. 27. Having analyzed film to prepare for the match up, the Lady Warriors knew that slowing down the pace of the game could put them in control. By emphasizing perimeter defense to lock down strong shooters and also focusing on the pick and roll game, the team was able to pull ahead to the close deficit by the end of the match. With this victory under their belt, they are prepared to face upcoming challenges in the hope of continuing their CIF Championship run.

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Anticipating the arrival of a new coach, the Warrior boys tennis team ceded a tough defeat to the El Dorado Hawks 8-10 in a preseason match Feb. 24. The Warriors held an early 5-1 lead, thanks to strong doubles performances from senior David Jeong and freshman Tanmay Singhal, whose complementary playing styles won them two of three of their sets. Leading the singles athletes, junior Victor Vo also took two of his three sets with an aggressive playing style that kept his opponent on his toes. Despite his dominating performance, he was unable to gain a significant advantage for the team, or break the tied score of 9-9. Ended in a sputter rather than with the sharp pop of the tennis ball striking a racket, the game was called off at dusk, and the win was given to the Hawks. With a new coach on the horizon, the Warriors plan to jump right into their practice regimen to make up for the time and organization that they lost without one. The promise of new drills and varied strategy encourages the Warriors to start preparing for their first league match against the Sunny Hills Lancers March 15.

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Starting off its season strong against the Kennedy High School Fighting Irish, the Warriors solidified a 2-0 record following 4-1 and 6-0 victories. In game one, sophomore Otto Kemp rallied the team with a home run that set the tone for continued Warrior success. Junior first baseman Dylan Lack stood out during both games when he completed a run to first base three of the six times he batted. Along with offensive strength, the team exhibited defensive prowess by allowing only one run between the two games. The Fighting Irish were unable to get any runs from Junior Jake Eisner’s pitches until the sixth inning, and later senior Brett Boller went on to pitch five shutout innings. Junior Joey Clesceri played a pivotal role when his diving catch enabled him to throw the ball to first plate and get a Kennedy runner out. In the second game, senior Richard Canalas made a similar play to stop Kennedy’s offensive threat and secure an out. The Warriors entered its season with a ninth place ranking in Division IV of CIF and hope to continue its success at the Newport Elks Tournament this Saturday, March 5.

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HISTORICAL HEROINES

In honor of National Women’s History Month, try your hand at naming these influential women and check your accuracy with the corresponding word search.

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Founders of Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries and participants in the Stonewall riots:

US Representative and author of Title IX:

Leader of the Delano grape strike:

Youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize:

Computer programmer of the Analytical Engine:

Inventor of the technology behind Wi-Fi:

Cherokee Nation Chief and healthcare advocate:

Mathematician whose theorem relates symmetry and conservation laws:

Advocate for democracy in Myanmar (Burma):

Gothic novelist and trailblazer of the science fiction genre:

Journalist and co-founder of the NAACP:

Puritan leader and advocate of antimony in colonial Massachusetts:

African American abolitionist and women’s rights activist:

Last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii:

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