




# ORACLE

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## Warriors protest Trump’s campaign rhetoric

Warriors rallied against the messages behind Trump’s campaign in the quad Nov. 18.

By David Hou  
STAFF WRITER

Emphatically voicing their disapproval of the Trump campaign, many Warriors staged a public demonstration against the rhetoric of President-elect Donald Trump Nov. 18.

Students spoke up against what they viewed to be the incendiary undertones of Donald Trump’s presidential campaign message, which they claim have unleashed racism and hate in the local community. The protest, organized on Facebook by senior Audrey Pham, consisted of an opening statement, short speeches rallying Warriors against discrimination and a closing statement regarding the need for increased student activism.

According to protester junior Soham Patel, although demonstrators accepted Trump’s electoral college victory, they wanted Warriors to be cognizant of the racism and misogyny that they believe have defined Trump’s campaign and subsequent election.

“We are trying to send out a global message to denounce all the hate, Islamophobia and homophobia that the Trump campaign used to garner votes,”



LAUREN KIM

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** *Senior delivers a passionate speech on the implications of Trump’s discriminatory comments while a crowd of Warriors listens on.*

Patel said. “We’re trying to send a global message that we, as American citizensstudents and future voters, do not agree with what the current President-elect has done to get his votes.”

Pro-Trump Warriors staged a counter-demonstration by holding up signs with Trump’s campaign slogans and chanting anti-protest expressions. According

to Trump supporter senior Vijay Konka, the counter-demonstrators mocked what they perceived to be close-mindedness on the part of the anti-Trump protesters and argued that they should accept the election results.

“Instead of protesting, we should unify,” Konka said. “We are stronger as a whole, and the election is over. We have to move



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forward as a country.”

Regardless of student response to the protest, participants of both demonstrations hope that the event raised awareness of the need for more democratic participation. According to Patel, protesters believe the demonstrations will facilitate a dialogue between people with opposing ideas and encourage discussion,

understanding and mutual respect following the tumultuous campaign season.

“This is not a Democratic versus Republican issue,” Patel said. “We [should] start discussing ideas that we are protesting today because you can find common ground and move forward. Diverse solutions come from diverse discussions.”

## Giving Children Hope donates to refugee crisis

Giving Children Hope is fundraising to aid Syrian refugees.

By Caroline Zhu  
STAFF WRITER

Working to relieve Syrian refugees, Giving Children Hope club members are accepting donations to send to the Middle East through Dec. 15.

Giving Children Hope club members aim to fill at least three large boxes with goods such as basic hygiene products and children’s toys. Club members also raised over \$200 to donate to refugees through the central Giving Children Hope organization. In addition, the Giving Children

Hope organization held a benefit concert Nov. 18. Warriors who donated a box of necessities received free admission to the concert.

According to President Lydia Chan, the club was founded to provide local support for global issues. Warriors who donate to the cause will make a difference in the lives of refugees, an effort that aligns with Giving Children Hope’s theme of extending regional support to international emergencies, Chan said.

“We would like to help people both in the local community and around the world,” Chan said.

“[Giving Children Hope] has helped those affected by earthquakes in the past, and they are currently sending necessities to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. War-

“[This drive] has taught us a lot about coming together and working for a single cause.”

Lydia Chan  
President

riors [can] help with the drive by [helping to reach] a wider audience and by donating to those in need.”

Giving Children Hope’s campaign to alleviate the Syrian refu-

gee crisis coincides with fundraisers currently being conducted by other clubs. However, the proceeds from the Giving Children Hope drive will benefit others on an international scale, while most clubs’ charity drives will focus on the local community instead. According to Vice President Leo Yeung, board members do not try to compete with concurrent fundraisers because donating to those in need is a noble cause, regardless of their destination.

By organizing the drive, club members came together to remind Warriors of people who are in need, Chan said. The charity effort encouraged club members

to give to others during the festive season.

“It’s great that we have these drives because they spread our mission of giving children hope, but also remind people that there are people who are less fortunate and may need our help,” Chan said. “[This drive] has taught us a lot about coming together and working for a single cause. I’m glad that we are coming together as a community to help provide warmth to those in need [this] holiday season.”

*Editors’ note:* The photos for Issue 4’s coverage of the FJUHSD Candidates Forum were taken by Ashley Branson.



# Warrior orchestra performs festive repertoire for standalone winter concert

String orchestra hosted the annual Christmas showcase of the Instrumental Music Department.

By Michael Kao  
STAFF WRITER

Ending the semester in holiday spirit, the Warrior orchestra held a winter concert in the North Gym Nov. 30.

Throughout the past month, the orchestra practiced almost two hours a day, three days a week to prepare for their annual holiday performance. The concert program featured an assortment of Christmas music to celebrate the upcoming winter holidays. Classic carols including “Silent Night” and “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas” were only two of the many songs in the lineup. Students and families attended the concert to listen to the celebratory tunes and support the Troy music program.

Unlike previous events hosted by the Warrior Instrumental Music Department, the performance did not feature the concert band and jazz band together with the symphony and string orchestra. Instead, the bands performed in their own concert on Nov. 30. According to Warrior violinist Ah-Yeon Kwon, the separate con-

certs gave the orchestra a chance to stand out from the other music programs on campus.

“Our band program gets a lot of school-wide attention because of its role in pep rallies and football games, but orchestra isn’t really well known. A lot of people are not even aware it exists,” Kwon said. “I think our music director, Mr. Castillo, wanted to put the spotlight specifically on orchestra

this time.”

The decision to separate the concert was also made to shorten its duration for performers and the audience, concertmaster Jiwoo Choi said.

“A lot of students were concerned that the [concert] would be too long, especially since it’s in the middle of the weeks before finals,” Choi said. “Our music director Mr. Castillo decided to split

us into two groups but have us play more pieces, so the concert would be a little shorter and still feature a variety of music.”

According to Warrior Music Director Joseph Castillo, scheduling difficulties the week after Thanksgiving break obstructed the orchestra’s ability to find time to perfect their performance. Nevertheless, Castillo remained optimistic that the concert would

run smoothly.

“I always thought the [concert] was going to be great,” Castillo said. “We had a lot of fun preparing music for it, and everyone [sounded] better than they did in the last performance and the beginning of the school year. Because of how [the orchestra] has been performing throughout the semester, I’m positive it was a great experience.”



LAUREN KIM

**MAKING MELODIES:** Juniors rehearse for the “Home for the Holidays” concert.

# Mock Trial competes at first invitational



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**JURY DUTY:** Junior delivers her opening statements as a prosecuting attorney in preparation for the upcoming competition.

From Nov. 15 to Dec. 1, the new Warrior mock trial team participated in a series of local qualifier tournaments.

By David Hou  
STAFF WRITER

Exercising their knowledge of attorney and courtroom protocols, Warrior Mock Trial team members attended their first Orange County High School Mock Trial competition at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana Nov. 15, 17, 29 and Dec. 1.

Mock Trial, sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County, is a civic education program that features a series of mock courtroom trials. The competition aims to develop student understanding and appreciation of the judicial system and help participants improve analytical and communication skills. Participants compete in various levels of the competition, from local rounds to the National Mock Trial Competition.

In mock courtroom trials, teams are split into prosecution and defense groups, which participate in separate competitive events against an opposing team’s prosecution or defense. Guided by a high school coach or volun-

teer attorney, teams learn about, craft, present and defend an entire case to local judges who volunteer to evaluate teams. Competitors initially participate in a series of local preliminary and playoff events held from late November to December. From the county level, the top team advances to the state Mock Trial competition in Sacramento in March. Top state competitors progress to the National Mock Trial event in Washington, D.C.

This fall, all teams were assigned the same case: a mock trial involving allegations of human

and spent extra hours [training]. Mock trial gives you an opportunity to experience what it’s like to be in a courtroom environment.”

Because this is the first year the Warrior chapter is participating in Mock Trial competitions, members were not able to prepare for the competition during the summer and were also initially unfamiliar with competition guidelines. According to Secretary Marie Chaghouri, members compensated for these setbacks by studying extensively, practicing frequently in groups and consulting their volunteer attorneys for help.

“We’ve worked really hard [to overcome our challenges],” Chaghouri said. “We try to help each other out. If I have a strength in something, I help someone else [improve in that area].”

Members hope that their continuous preparation will eventually help them qualify for the state competition. According to Chaghouri, although final results will not be announced until late December after more future events, team members remain optimistic and take pride in their work.

“We hope to [do well], but we don’t expect to [rank among the top],” Chaghouri said. “We just want to gain experience and gauge [how to improve] next year.”

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Daniella Lee  
Vice President

trafficking. To prepare for their case, team members worked with volunteer attorneys Randy Clement and Carlos Oliva to tailor their arguments to their trial and ensure that their cases are coherent and concise. According to Vice President Daniella Lee, Warriors also held weekly mock trials to prepare for the intensity of the courtroom competition.

“Our coaches prepared us really well, and everyone [is] very committed,” Lee said. “Members [also prepared] on their own time



# Perfect Bind promotes children’s creativity

The club provides an outlet allowing children to foster their creativity and originality.

By Ariana Chow  
STAFF WRITER

Encouraging young students to embrace their individuality, Perfect Bind, a Warrior nonprofit organization, is working to produce and publish short stories with local youths by Christmas.

Perfect Bind members meet with elementary school and kindergarten students every Wednesday and Friday afternoon and work with them to develop their imaginations and voices in their writing. Rather than changing the students’ styles and stories, volunteers help them get their thoughts onto paper and provide suggestions to improve each individual’s writing. Their efforts and the students’ ideas culminate in short stories, which the club plans to send to Blurb, an online self-publishing forum. The finished mini-books will then be given to the students as holiday gifts and symbols of their accomplishments.

Initiated by a group of dedicated seniors, Perfect Bind promotes the idea that originality in art is worth nurturing. According to Secretary Kevin Sun, the club has seen considerable success in



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**BOUND TOGETHER:** Senior Warrior mentors a young writer, working to create an original piece of literature while establishing lasting friendships.

its efforts to cultivate a passion for writing in young students, that matches that of club members.

“I think the students really like [what Perfect Bind does], and they have responded positively,” Sun said. “The first person I tu-

tored would [tell me] at the end of every session that she did not want to leave, she wanted to keep writing. I was amazed [by] how much we influenced them and how quickly they came to like a subject that we had just started presenting to them.”

By helping younger children generate their own ideas and short stories, Perfect Bind members are also rewarded by a sense of pride and accomplishment for their impact on the children, club advisor Michael Hinman said.

“I think [Perfect Bind] gives

[students] a tremendous sense of responsibility and accountability to the students they are working with,” Hinman said. “I think it allows them to express creativity they may not have time to express with their rigorous schedules. It also gives them a different perspective on how [the time given to] younger kids to foster [creativity] within them is often less than needed.”

According to founder and President Julia Kan, who discovered her inspiration for the club through her own volunteering experiences, the club board hopes that Perfect Bind can encourage fellowship between the volunteers and younger students. By engaging in club activities, members have had the opportunity to develop relationships with the students while also helping them express their ideas, Kan said.

“It makes me very happy to see the club members working with the kids,” Kan said. “There is one [member] that is pretty shy and mellow, and he [worked] with a kid that was also shy and mellow. They suited each other very well, [even though] they did not talk much. This [member] gets very excited whenever we talk about his kid’s stories. This is a big imagination project for them, and it is nice to help these children.”

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# Senioritis: the healthiest way to finish high school

As the final weeks of the fall semester draw to a close, a disturbing epidemic has emerged among many of our senior students: senioritis. Oddly enough, seniors seem to be falling ill by the day, and there seems to be no cure in sight. The disease can best be identified by a set of highly peculiar and inexplicable symptoms.

Notably, affected students fail to attend their classes for days at a time. When their concerned peers finally discover them, they are often in a near vegetative state: unresponsive to almost all stimuli except caffeine and junk food. Unfortunately, these seniors fare no better at home; in fact, the symptoms seem to intensify exponentially. In particular, their study habits have taken an unexpected turn as several of our senior Warriors attempt to learn through osmosis. These students place their heads on their textbooks with eyes closed, waiting for the information to seep into their empty minds.

One of the most disconcerting aspects of the disease is its correlation with decreased academic performance. For example, the homework assignments of infected seniors have, inexplicably, been dis-

appearing without a trace. None is more confused than the afflicted students themselves. Upon questioning, the baffled seniors typically respond with a confused, "I dunno" or a befuddled exclamation of, "There was homework?" Curiously enough, teachers have not shown much sympathy for these very compelling explanations. In one case, however, I heard that, miraculously, an infected student who asked to use the restroom returned with the essay he had forgotten to bring to class. Unfortunately, restroom miracles are not always possible, so points in the gradebook typically vanish along with the homework of the infected.

By the time college applications are submitted and second semester is underway, the disease usually reaches its worst stage. The infection begins to take over the bodies of seniors, and on certain days, the entire senior class goes missing. Rumors of parties and trips to amusement parks typically make the rounds, but considering the impaired nature of the students and their earnest excuses upon return, such claims must be untrue. Additionally, afflicted seniors often commit bizarre acts while under the influence of the disease. One school reported to have discovered seniors placing live fish in the toilets on their campus. Another urban legend

tells of students who rolled a houseboat into their school quad. When interviewed, the students responded with, "It's just a prank, bro!" Mysterious, to say the least.

While these antics may be amusing, they distract students from school and lower the grades of students with senioritis. These academic deficiencies lead to another notable complication and side effect: rescinded college offers. Like the monster under the bed that all seniors fear, colleges lie in wait ready to rescind acceptances and crush the dreams of those affected with senioritis.

Altogether, senioritis is a deadly disease. No senior can afford to contract it. I highly recommend that seniors take preventative measures: keep up on the homework, study and try to show up to class (as hard as that may be).

But if there is one benefit to senioritis, it is the fact that after four hard years of work, infected seniors can take a little time to relax and have fun—a concept that is sometimes difficult for Troy students to grasp. The key, as with everything, is a little moderation. So stay safe seniors because senioritis is very real—and the first wave of infection is near.

# Pipeline threatens Native American culture and lives

By Julianne Kim  
OPINION EDITOR

There is an old Dakota Sioux prophecy regarding a black snake—an enormous one—that will scar the inhabitants' ancestral lands. When it goes underground it will destroy the native people, and many Sioux today are pointing to the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL), a 1,200 mile oil conduit, as that legendary snake.

Construction of the pipeline began once a contract was signed by Energy Transfer Partners Sept. 22. When completed, the DAPL is set to transport nearly 470,000 barrels of oil daily from North Dakota to Illinois. However, the pipeline's route runs through the Standing Rock reservation and under the Missouri River, the Sioux's primary water source, polluting sacred Native American land in the process.

Recently, private security forces, the police and the National Guard have attempted to quell the demonstrations of the protestors. Nonetheless, the movement is spreading beyond the reservation's boundaries as a dozen activists were arrested in San Francisco in early November. Online followers of the protest, including our own Warriors, have been checking in on Facebook at the DAPL protest site to show their support for the cause. Currently, the United States Army Corps of

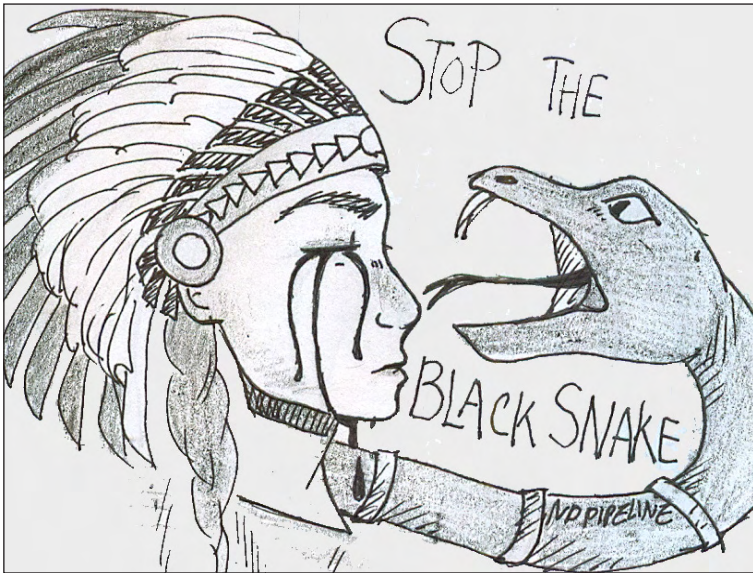
Engineers is threatening protesters with arrest if they fail to leave their camp area.

Looking at the government's long-standing rocky relationship with First Americans, it is clear that America's lack of respect is the problem. Not only have 141 pipeline protesters been wrongfully arrested, but they were also restrained using excessive force. Despite the energy benefits that the DAPL will provide, the government's response to the pipeline protests is unacceptable because it disregards the environment and infringes upon Native American rights.

Instead of prioritizing their economic prospects, American companies should consider the pipeline's cultural and environmental impacts. Currently, the DAPL is destroying native burial grounds and prayer sites, both of which are intrinsic to the Sioux's deep historical connection to their land. In addition, the pipeline construction is creating environmental hazards that are equally detrimental to the Sioux. The Missouri river is vital to the survival of the Sioux people, proven by their age-old saying "mni wiconi" or "water is life." If the pipeline were to leak, thousands of natives would be jeopardized by the contamination of their water and resources.

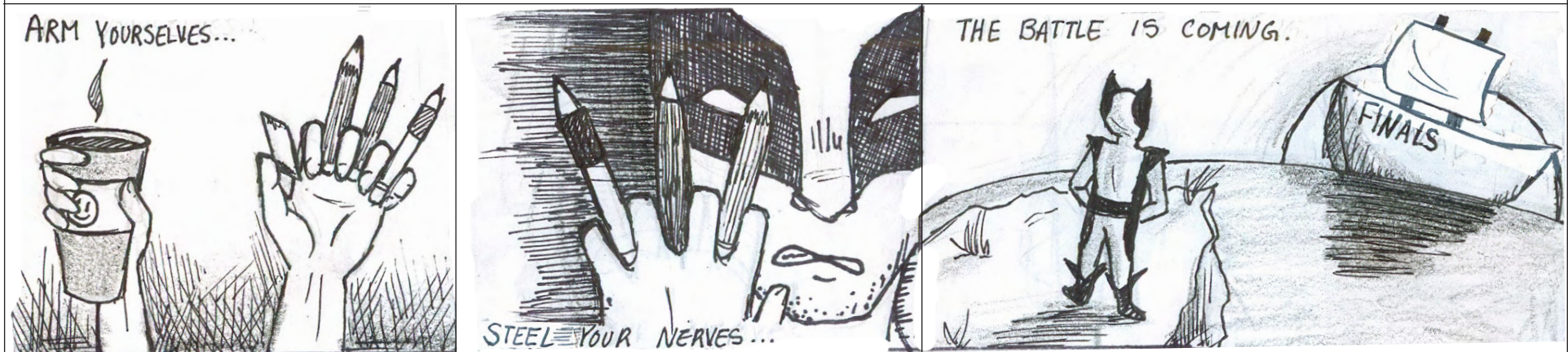
Moreover, pollution of the Missouri River by the DAPL heavily affects the surrounding environment as a whole. However, proponents of the pipeline argue that

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## Troy Universe: Clawing Our Way to Finals Week by Lucy Lee





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current transport of oil by truck or railroad causes more environmental damage than the DAPL ever will. However, data from ThinkProgress reports that while train and truck accidents happen more often, pipeline breaks spill more oil overall and cause more collateral damage by contaminating groundwater and natural ecosystems. As “water protectors,” protestors of the DAPL are fighting not just for tribal rights but also for *American* resources and wilderness. All in all, our government has once again prioritized its own advantages before environmental dangers and the lives

of Native Americans. Historically, the American government has exploited tribal lands and otherwise destroyed native culture simply to carry out its own political or economic exploitations. If the U.S. government ever wants to ease its tension with Native Americans, federal officials must begin to value the property and culture of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Though the national disrespect for Native Americans remains a rampant issue, the pipeline protests ultimately highlight the deep injustices our country has inflicted upon Native American culture.

# Uber and Lyft serve as vehicles for race and sex discrimination

By Julianne Kim & Faith-Carmen Le  
OPINION EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

Created to make transportation more accessible, ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft provide rides for millions of Americans daily and are becoming increasingly popular among students without their own cars. However, recent studies jointly published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Washington revealed a pattern of race and gender discrimination within Uber and Lyft. Surprisingly, race and gender affected wait times, ride lengths, fares and cancellation rates in nearly 1,500 rides, showing that prejudice pervades even the smallest facets of society. Ride-hailing companies should be cognizant of this discrimination and take precaution to avoid such prejudices.

Ridesharing discrimination has adverse effects both on the income of the drivers and on the transportation needs of passengers. According to the joint study, waiting times for passengers were reported to be 16 to 28 percent longer for minorities than their white counterparts. Additionally, rides for black males were cancelled 11.4 percent of the time, a higher percentage compared to rides for white men, whose rides were cancelled only 4.5 percent of the time. This contrast demonstrates the underlying bias many drivers have against certain races.

Moreover, when Lyft drivers receive ride requests, they can see their passengers’ profiles, which reveal a rating, legal name and possibly a picture, making it easier for drivers to pick and choose their customers. Realizing the potential for discrimination, Uber shows passenger profiles only after

drivers accept a request and penalizes drivers if they cancel too many rides. Unfortunately, Uber drivers found a loop behind the system by simply driving away from the traveler until the research assistant automatically cancels the trip. Similarly, passengers often cancel their rides after viewing the driver’s profile. To combat such discrimination, Uber and Lyft could replace legal names and photo profiles with unique passcodes so both passengers and drivers do not cancel rides or delay pickup times based on name or appearance.

The study also showed that female customers were treated differently from male customers. Women were more likely to experience “chatty” drivers who take detours to socialize and recorded a five percent longer travel route compared to that of men. Because of these extended rides, women are delayed from reaching their destinations and pay more than the initially projected price. As a result, passengers should be allowed to choose their own routes. By doing so, passengers can ensure that their driver is not taking unnecessary and costly detours. Additionally, Uber and Lyft users should actively rate drivers so that future customers may be aware of all driver behaviors.

Nevertheless, prejudice within Uber and Lyft serves as a wake up call for Americans who believe that racial and sexist discrimination is not a personal concern. Despite anti-racism and anti-sexism movements, discrimination is still ingrained within society. Rather than setting biases against people based on skin color and gender, we should look beyond the surface when assisting in transportation and deal with the systemic racism found in our local community.

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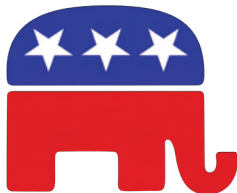
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# mark my words

Warriors speak out on social issues

Following the unprecedented victory of President-Elect Donald Trump, many American citizens have strong feelings and opinions on Trump’s upcoming presidency. Anti-Trump protests have been held throughout the past few weeks,

even one on our own campus. Here, Warriors reflect on Trump’s success and the recent student protest.



“Protests will do nothing.

I do not personally support Trump, but I understand that democracy works [the way] it does.

If we don't accept our own voting system, why do we bother participating in it?”

Supporting Democracy, junior



“The election’s over, and it was America that voted for Trump, not just the ‘racists and bigots in the South,’ but AMERICA as a whole.”

Accepting Responsibility, junior



“I will not stand for these racist, xenophobic, misogynistic, and Islamophobic,

values that Trump espouses and ran on during this campaign.”

Unforgiving, senior



“Saying that he isn't your president only splits our country. It's time to instead stand together and make something happen as a nation.”

Stronger Together, senior





## Newport Boat Parade

Hordes of yachts displaying blinking lights, pine trees and inflatables definitely make for a unique Christmas attraction. The Newport Boat Parade takes place every year to bring about the holiday spirit with dazzling boats and breathtaking fireworks. Each ship has a theme, from classic winter wonderlands made by sparkling snowflakes to Santa’s sleigh complete with reindeer lights. Many are decorated even more elaborately with the most extravagant boasting a larger than life dragon constructed entirely by lights. Several boats also take passengers out to sea, so take advantage of this opportunity to catch a closer glimpse of the brilliant parade instead of just squinting from the edge of the pier. In addition, various boutiques and restaurants around the area stay open late, so you can grab a bite or do some window shopping before the main festivities start. Needless to say, if you want a refreshing yet still magical experience to spice up your holiday this year, the Newport Boat Parade will be just right for you.

If you’re looking to celebrate the holiday season, the Pavilion at The Music Center and the Los Angeles County Arts Center are great places to go. There are many ensembles and dance companies from various cultural backgrounds and holiday themes. Make reservations; it’s first come, first served. It’s to be your thing—artists like the Korean Company (Korean dance and music) can’t find the time to make it up to you. So take the chance to revel in the

## Brea Christmas Lights

Every year, I always find videos on Facebook of beautifully decorated houses that seem to come straight from a scene of “Christmas with the Kranks.” As it turns out, one of these winter wonderlands is just around the corner. Only a 10 minute drive from Troy is a sparkling neighborhood set on Primrose Avenue and Birch Street that welcomes hundreds of visitors each year. With every house decked out in lights and inflatables like there’s no tomorrow, the neighborhood will surely have you wandering for hours. One popular road most people take is “Santa’s Route,” which showcases hundreds of charming decorations from giant Santa hats to glowing reindeer figurines. Furthermore, some residents join in on the fun by dressing up as characters from Christmas or Bible stories and interacting with visitors. As an added plus, many of the houses sell hot chocolate, so you can always get a drink and chat a bit if you’re feeling a little frostbitten. Whether you’re looking for Santa’s workshop or a life-sized gingerbread house, you’ll find a bit of holiday magic on every corner of this neighborhood.

# HOLIDAY

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Celebrate the beginning of the

Articles by Ariana Chow, Christopher Lee & Katie Nguyen, s

## Roger's Gardens

You would think that when you go to Roger's Gardens, you would be there for the customers, right? For Roger's Gardens, the attraction opens its doors to the public. Roger's Gardens is a place where you can find treats. Roger's Gardens has a holiday class for all ages where you can learn about the history of the toy. Outside, the garden is filled with breathtaking lights, all created by Roger's Gardens. Roger's Gardens expands its offerings to include line ornaments, sweet treats, and vibrant handmade ornaments. Roger's Gardens also has a decorating game. As you make your way through the garden, you can plant or a decorative wreath. Roger's Gardens is a place where you can have a green thumb.



# Queen Mary's Chill

The combination of icy glaciers and luxury cruise-liners may not appear to be an auspicious idea, but don't let an old love story deter you! Check out the Queen Mary as it hosts its annual CHILL Nov. 23 through Jan 8.

Once renowned as both a posh ocean liner and later a World War II warship, the Queen Mary boasts a fabulous history of entertainment and grandeur. Now, she has retired as an attraction in Long Beach, but you can be sure she's still out there to dazzle. The elaborate decorations at each event truly make for an inviting atmosphere. And this year, the CHILL raises the bar with the world of Lewis Carroll's beloved "Alice in Wonderland" in a 14,000 square foot exhibit featuring massive lanterns and radio-frequency identification technology—it's almost Mad Hatter-level outrageous. You can witness stunning light and ice displays, glide on a 6,000 square foot ice rink and meander through Santa's own village with the legendary Queen Mary in the background.

Basically, it's absolutely bonkers, but I'll tell you a secret: all the best people are. So, loosen up and just CHILL at the Queen Mary.



# LA Holiday Celebration

To spread the holiday spirit with our vast SoCal community, try heading up to Los Angeles's Dorothy Chandler Music Center to join almost 5000 people in watching the LA County Holiday Celebration. Every year since 1959, the commission has produced a special holiday concert on December 24, free-of-charge. Choirs, music ensembles from all across Los Angeles and beyond gather to perform an exciting three hour show. The variety of musical traditions represented by these performers illustrate the diversity of the city of angels. There are no ticket fees, so make sure you don't get there too late. And it's not all just caroling, if that doesn't happen. The California Footwarmers (ragtime, early swing), Cuba L.A. (Cuban soul) and Kim Eung Hwa Dance Troupe (Korean traditional) all present a completely novel method of celebrating the Christmas spirit. And don't worry if you live outside the city: you can join in with half a million SoCal households and tune in to the television broadcasts. Enjoy your winter break and enjoy the LA County Holiday Celebration.



# HOTSPOTS

Check out the holiday season by reading our reviews of these winter wonderlands.

STAFF WRITERS, and cartoon by Hanmin Ko, CARTOON EDITOR

# Winter's Gardens

When winter rolls around, nurseries wouldn't be raking in many dollars. At Winter's Gardens, it's quite the contrary. Every holiday season, the store transforms into a winter wonderland filled with a plethora of holiday decorations. It hosts many events such as the nutcracker workshop, a popular one where you can learn from a professional craftsman about the history of the nutcracker. The gardens are decorated with towering trees, delicate flowers and twinkling lights, creating a gleaming paradise for any plant lover. To add to this, the store is transformed into an expansive boutique with hundreds of crystal chandeliers and garden decor. Ranging from meticulously crafted pots and planters, the store has anything and everything to spice up your garden. When you make your way out of the shop, be sure to pick up a poinsettia or a small evergreen to add some holiday spirit to your home, even if you don't have a yard.





In this much-anticipated expansion of the Potterverse, two undeveloped storylines may leave audiences wishing for a more magical movie.

By Christopher Lee, **STAFF WRITER**

Ever since “The Sorcerer’s Stone” first landed on kids’ bookshelves and delighted them with stories about children for children, the Harry Potter franchise matured with every new year for Hermione, Ron and Harry. Throughout a decade of novels, J.K. Rowling made a clear narrative shift from the derring-dos of a trio of rascals towards grittier, increasingly darker

themes. And that delicate balance between innocence and maturity is why Harry Potter became what it is today.

This equilibrium was abandoned altogether in the latest foray into the magical franchise, “Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them.” The film leaves behind the childhood adventure and teen angst and exclusively handles adult characters in an adult world. Now this should be a good thing; the series’ long-time fans have grown up, so they’d probably rather explore what else the Potterverse has to offer beyond Harry’s shadow. However, torn by this obligation to expand, director David Yates simply can’t decide between creating two separate films.

On one hand, Newt Scamander explores a dreamlike, magical world, slapstick-

ing his way into recovering various creatures that escaped his “it’s bigger on the inside” suitcase into prohibition-era New York City. On the other, there’s a looming threat of race-war between wizards and no-majs (muggles), along with anti-witch radicals led by a horrible mother who beats her affection-starved children. If the director had chosen either of the two storylines and stuck with it, the film would have been far more balanced because, for better or worse, each plot is solid in its own right.

That said, credit is due where credit is due. “Fantastic Beasts” manages to reset the Potterverse, bringing

back the anything-can-happen fantasy element and the sense of scope that initially made the Harry Potter stories so compelling. And frankly, “Fantastic Beasts” is intended to be the first film in a collection of five, so the many failings in this movie may be merely at the expense of a larger, more epic narrative.

Regardless, the film can satisfy longtime fans simply because it is a Potter movie. But the truth is that it's impossible to take this tonally strewn-about movie seriously, so beware: "Fantastic Beasts" isn't so magical if you were never a Potter-



**MAGIC MOMENT:** *Porpentina Goldstein and Newt Scamander walk unnoticed by no-majs as they make their way to the magical congress in New York.*



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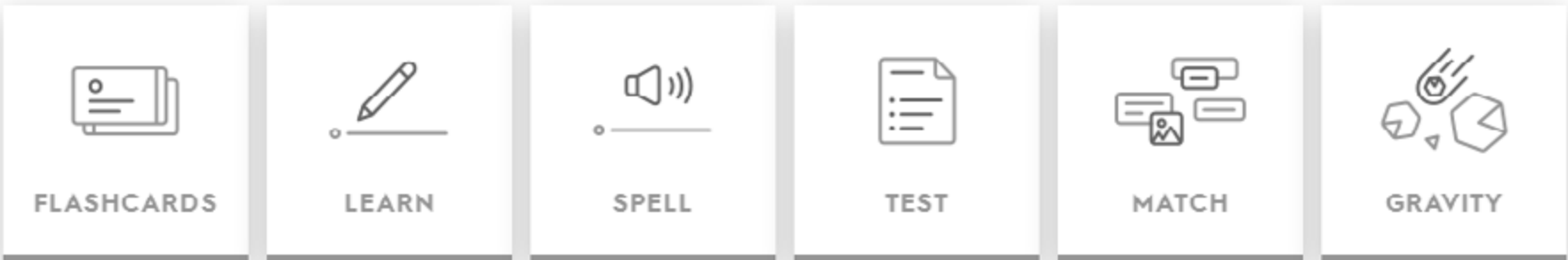




# “The Quizlet God”

At Troy, students don’t say “thank God” when they ace their history test. They say, “thank Jatin.” Senior Jatin Momaya is well known throughout the campus for his huge collection of detailed and easily-accessible Quizlet online flashcards, which have saved Warriors’ grades in practically every subject. Meet the man behind the Quizlets, aptly nicknamed “The Quizlet God.”

By Jenny Ji, STAFF WRITER  
Photo by Ida Kazerani, PHOTO



## jatinkm

**DEFINE PSEUDONYM:** *Jatin Momaya has earned a widespread reputation with his divine nickname, but he is still most well known by his Quizlet username: “jatinkm.”*



**OH MY JATIN:** *So many Warriors swear by Jatin Momaya’s variety of quality Quizlets that he has risen to school-wide fame as a grade savior.*

Term: Senior Jatin Momaya. Definition: An altruistic student who has saved countless classmates from a failing grade by making over 20,305 virtual flashcards on a website called Quizlet.

Sick and tired of keeping track of stacks of paper flash cards, Momaya, under the username “jatinkm,” began creating online flashcards on Quizlet for himself during his sophomore year. When desperate students stumbled across this gold mine of Quizlets of both never-before-seen quality and quantity, Momaya was catapulted into fame and promptly dubbed “The Quizlet God.”

In person, it is hard to imagine that Momaya is 15 years old, two or three years younger than his classmates. Skipping first grade when he moved from India to Chicago and then skipping third grade when he moved to Houston, Momaya is quite literally ahead of the game. All the jumps across the country led Momaya right here to Fullerton. Call it destiny or a coincidence; Warriors seem especially in need of study help to keep up with busy schedules.

“I love the people at Troy because they’re all like me,” Momaya said. “We’re all try-hards who are always studying. I feel that I would choose Troy again if I was given a second choice. Academics-wise, it’s very taxing and challenging, but I feel like the challenges now will help me in the future and in college.”

Though his name is legendary across the campus, few people actually know the man behind the Quizlets. That is changing as more and more people meet Momaya, unmasking the identity of their mysterious grade savior and realizing that he is not unlike themselves.

“I feel that interacting with more people has helped me become a more outgoing person through high school,” Momaya reflected. “I would say that being known as ‘The Quizlet God’ allows more people to know me. But I also wish that people talked to me more and got to know me more for who I am.”

With this many fans, it is no surprise that Momaya was crowned Homecoming Prince and voted Senior of the Year. But behind these dazzling titles, Momaya is just a guy who cannot pass up a chance to hang out with his friends. By the same token, his friends would never hesitate to help him out by making some Quizlets for him on busy days.

“It’s all just fun,” Momaya chuckled as he repeated his friends jokes. “They always say, ‘Oh, you should make a Quizlet on how to ask a girl to homecoming.’”

Gaining the favor of the student body is one thing, but winning the approval of the staff is a completely different matter. When teacher Scott Blake recommended one of Momaya’s Quizlets to his entire class, he proved that this powerful tool is not limited to the students.

“Teachers have started to know about [the Quizlets], and more teachers might use it and employ it as a resource,” Momaya said. “So hopefully it will get bigger.”

With 259 Quizlet sets ranging across 15 subjects, it would not be an overstatement to say that Momaya has dedicated his high school career to helping others improve. Many students make Quizlets and study guides, but theirs are private and sometimes unreliable. In a competitive school like our own, the miracle is not that a student has spare time to make these flashcards; rather, it is that he is happy to share with others.

“I choose to go to Troy because of the people here,” Momaya said. “I want them to benefit from the Quizlets as much as I did, and I am really happy because it not only helps me but others as well.”

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Jatin Momaya  
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5

6

7

8

across

down

3. A spinning top with Hebrew letters

4. Ice crystals that fall from the winter sky

6. Hangs on a Christmas mantle

8. Where elves make toys

1. Santa leaves them under a Christmas tree

2. Candelabrum used in Jewish worship

4. Frosty the \_\_\_\_\_

5. Red-nosed reindeer

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# Boys basketball cedes to Saddleback

Basketball opens its preseason with a loss in the Coaches for a Cause Showcase Nov. 26.

By Joshua Kim  
STAFF WRITER

Even with the speed of a smaller, younger lineup to outrun opponents, the Warrior boys basketball team (0-0-0, 0-1-0) capitulated to Saddleback Valley Christian High School (SVC) 55-91 Nov. 26.

Recovering from a lost jump-ball, sophomore Joshua Yoo quickly forced a turnover and sunk a deep jump shot to score the first points of the match. After some initial possession exchanges, the team capitalized on its momentum early in the game to pick up points on fast breaks. As the Warriors looked to gain an edge with their quick, guard-oriented lineup, leading scorer junior Alec Sinek began to light up the court with his consistent scoring. However, the team's speed was offset by the bulkier SVC players' size, and they easily seized offensive rebounds, securing second chance points off of missed shots. The Warriors could not gain ground in the final minutes of the second quarter, cementing a double-digit deficit 21-44.

In the second half, the Warriors actively pushed back, trading baskets with their opponents. Senior Nicholas Rubia attempted to limit the dominating SVC center's impact by grabbing rebounds and posting points, but the team struggled to secure defensive rebounds, which prevented them from mounting a comeback. Unselfishly distributing the ball and converting on some shifty isolation plays, co-captain Jared Reyes tried to stem the onslaught and close the scoring gap. However, the Warriors could not slip past SVC's airtight half-court press as the game came to a close, turning over the ball several times

and leading to a final score of 55-91.

This loss showed that the team is still bonding and learning its offense, as it has a newer and less experienced lineup, junior Jared Reyes said.

“One advantage that this team possesses is our speed; we will be able to press and [outrun opponents],” Reyes said. “[However, the team] is developing chemistry, knowing what to do, learning its place and getting to know each other. We have a whole new offense; this season will be very different from the last because we’re very young, and not everyone is as experienced as last [year’s team].”

The newest recruits are acclimating to the competitive atmosphere and shouldering core positions once assigned to seasoned seniors by offsetting their inexperience with individual talent, Head Coach Aaron Mason said.

"We had a lot of seniors with varsity experience last year," Mason said. "This year, we'll depend on seniors, juniors and sophomores to contribute. We have an interesting blend of quieter, analytical players and passionate, outspoken players. We're trying to learn and borrow from the strengths of the other."

As the Warriors continue to face tougher teams, their ability to quickly learn and adapt to the opposition will dictate the success of the season, Sinek said.

"As we keep playing more games we will definitely gain all the experience we need," Sinek said. "Compared to other teams, we are a bit undersized, so we have to make up for it in our speed and intensity. We really need to focus on our endurance and consistency. It's really a learning experience for us, as we are constantly tweaking our plays and plans to go against different teams. Even with the hard loss to SVC, I'm really excited to see us be more successful later on in the season."



JEANETTE DE LA TORRE-DURAN

**STRAIGHT TO THE BASKET:** *Driving past an SVC defender, junior Warrior prepares to score a critical layup.*



# Soccer clinches preseason scrimmage victory over the La Mirada Matadors

The Warrior boys soccer team won its first match of the year.

By Vincent Kang  
STAFF WRITER

Showcasing its budding team synergy, the Warrior boys soccer team (0-0-0, 1-0-0) trampled the La Mirada Matadors in its first scrimmage 2-1 Nov. 21.

From the opening whistle, the Warrior offense immediately pressured the Matadors, creating several scoring opportunities that the opposition barely managed to repel. Sophomore Eduardo Ramirez served as the focal point for the team’s offense, facilitating the midfield and distributing the ball to the wings. Joined by junior Isaiah Claudio, the pair wreaked havoc on the right side of the field, dribbling past defenders several times with their technical abilities. Junior Jose Panuco and sophomore Xavier Garcia also formed a solid partnership, consistently pushing the Matador offense outside and preventing any early scoring opportunities. Panuco also showcased his prowess in set pieces, assisting Ramirez on a free kick to tally the first goal of the match. The Warriors conceded possession as the

game wore on, but the rigidity of their defense allowed the team to maintain a 1-0 advantage until halftime.

The second half kicked off with the offense actively pouncing on every opportunity to score. However, as the Matadors began to adjust to the team’s playing style, the Warriors shifted their focus to defense. Juniors Maximilian Saucedo and Anthony Maldonado kept the backline together, firmly withstanding the opposition’s

relentless attacks until Claudio scored a timely last-minute goal to extend the lead 2-0. A consolation goal for the Matadors did little to diffuse the celebratory atmosphere as the Warriors claimed a 2-1 victory.

The win showcased the developing chemistry among the athletes, Head Coach Lester Maldonado said.

“There is a lot of chemistry that needs to be built,” Maldonado said. “We haven’t played a lot of

games together, so [the players] are getting used to playing with each other and adjusting to different positions from their club teams. [Building chemistry] is a work in progress.”

One major focus during the preseason has been helping the newcomers adjust to match the Warrior playing style, Maldonado said.

“We have guys that have experience and a lot of raw talent,” Maldonado said. “Last year, we

graduated a lot of seniors, so this year, we have a young class, a young team. It’s just a matter of bringing [the players] together.”

Along with the addition of fresh rookies, new technical staff members have brought a new dynamic to the team, significantly improving physical and mental strength, Claudio said.

“They’ve brought a new perspective to the game,” Claudio said. “They help us think about the game in a different way [and] think about our bodies and keep ourselves in shape. They even bring new drills out to increase our fitness and get us better technically.”

Last season the Warriors and the Matadors tied in their scrimmage, but the win showed the impact of the new assistant coaches on the team’s play style. With their first victory over a rival team, the Warriors aim to balance their consistency with in-game flexibility in the hopes of outperforming future opponents, Claudio said.

“We try not to play towards [the opponent’s] game,” Claudio said. “We try to play our game and not get influenced by them. But, we definitely want to learn how the other team is playing and adjust ourselves against the opponent.”



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#13



#14



#21



#12

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#23



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#1

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GAMES CALENDAR

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WATERPOLO

NON-LEAGUE

12/1  
VISTA MURIETA  
AT VISTA MURIETA  
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/8, 12/9, 12/10  
[TBA]  
AT [TBA]  
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WRESTLING

TOURNAMENT

12/2  
[TBA]  
AT [TBA]  
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM



BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

12/5  
PALISADES  
AT TROY  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



SOCCER

NON-LEAGUE

12/2  
EL MODENA  
AT TROY  
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/5  
BREA OLINDA  
AT BREA OLINDA  
5:40 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/6  
LA MIRADA  
AT BREA OLINDA  
7:00 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/8, 12/9  
[TBA]  
AT BREA OLINDA  
3:00 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/17  
CANYON/ANAHEIM  
AT VALLEY  
9:25 AM

TOURNAMENT

12/19, 12/20  
[TBA]  
AT VALLEY  
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NON-LEAGUE

12/23  
LUTHERAN/ORANGE  
AT TROY  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

NON-LEAGUE

12/30  
ANAHEIM  
AT TROY  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



SOCCER

NON-LEAGUE

12/6  
AYALA  
AT TROY  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

TOURNAMENT

12/8  
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AT LOS ALAMITOS  
5:00 PM

TOURNAMENT

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NON-LEAGUE

12/1  
EL DORADO  
AT EL DORADO  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

NON-LEAGUE

12/3  
CANYON/ANAHEIM  
AT TROY  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

NON-LEAGUE

12/20  
ROSARY ACADEMY  
AT TROY  
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NON-LEAGUE

12/21  
DIAMOND BAR  
AT TROY  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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