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Animal Rescuers

Warriors kickstart the new club by volunteering at a local pet shelter to promote animal rights awareness.

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Shedding light on animal rights, Raising Awareness to Improve Species’ Existence (RAISE) Club will volunteer at Priceless Pet Rescue Oct. 26. Located in Chino, Priceless Pet Rescue is a non-profit organization that rescues animals from high-kill shelters and abusive households. At the event, RAISE club members will assist the workers with various animal care-related tasks, including dog walking, kennel door painting and pet washing.

Created this year, the Warrior RAISE Club is a branch of the official RAISE foundation, a local non-profit organization that aims to spread awareness about violence towards animals. Throughout the year, club members volunteer at shelters such as Priceless Pet Rescue and Volunteers in Defense of Animals to place stray animals in permanent homes. In order to promote this event, the club members publicized on the RAISE website and on various social media platforms. The students hope to influence others to participate in RAISE events through frequent advertisement, President Samantha Chien said. “Our mission is to spread aware-



HAPPY HOUND:
A newly rescued dog excitedly awaits for his new owner to arrive.

ness about animal cruelty and mistreatment,” Chien said. “More people will see what we do as a club by having an event like this and will want to help. We want to get as many people involved as possible to eventually expand [our organization] throughout Fullerton.” According to the Humane Society of the United States, abuse of untamed animals is significantly unreported in comparison to domestic animal abuse. The RAISE members strive to promote awareness of animal mistreatment beyond

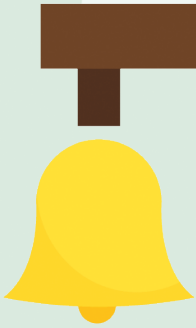
the scope of household pets, Chien said. “People might hear in the news about someone mistreating a pet by leaving a dog in the car, dumping it in the trash can or drowning puppies, but it’s much more than that,” Chien said. “If people look outside of

pets such as dogs and cats, they will find that wild animals are being poached, and other events are occurring that are not often advertised.” With the myriad of clubs on campus, the students believe that it is important to have an organization for Warriors that are interested in helping animals. RAISE Club allows participants to work towards their common goal of providing safe homes to stray animals, Chien said. “Many Warriors have pets or have had pets and may be very passionate about animal rights,” Chien said. “Now, with RAISE, these students will be able to help the animals that are being mistreated and have a place to express their passion.”

The event serves as a reminder for students to contribute their best efforts towards saving the animals, Secretary April Chun said. “We get so caught up with ourselves that we forget that animals need our help as well,” Chun said. “If there are people that are mistreating animals in this world, then we need to go out of our way to help the animals and be a hero figure for them.”



THE PURR-FECT PAL:
Junior Samantha Chien gently caresses an abandoned cat.



Warriors serve meals to residents of local Ronald McDonald Houses

Student volunteers provide Hawaiian-style meals and desserts to relatives of hospital patients.

By Diya Patel
STAFF WRITER

Advocating support for families with hospitalized relatives, the Warrior Ronald McDonald Volunteer Group club hosted a meal service at the Orange County Ronald McDonald House Sept. 13.

The club members volunteer at the Ronald McDonald Houses, homes in Orange County and Los Angeles that provide shelter for people with family members in local hospitals. The organization assists the home

through Meals of Love, a monthly event in which participants serve meals and organize themed activities such as trick-or-treating, piano

recitals and pumpkin carvings.

Event coordinators contacted sponsors Dips Cake Pops and Timo Group Inc. to help purchase supplies and contribute to donations for the home. In preparation for the event, club members decided on a Hawaiian theme and bought decorations for the home from flea markets.

At the event, the club decorated the tables to serve fresh meals and desserts from Dips Cake Pops. Volunteers and families also participated in a traditional Hawaiian hula dance lesson and competed for gift cards in games, such as musical chairs and Pictionary. Club members aimed to make a lasting impact on the families staying at the homes by donating funds to the organization, toys to the children and skin care products to the women.

According to Vice President Shirley Jia, providing comfort and support to the families helps make the Ronald McDonald events more enjoyable for volunteers. By watching children and families participate in the activities, students can feel a sense of accomplishment, Jia said.

“An important aspect of the high school career is to take part in events that give back to the community,” Jia said.

“During the events, it is really [encouraging] for club members when they see the kids they help having fun.” During the event,

parents and residents shared their personal experiences about the hardships they faced while on their loved one’s medical journeys. The stories served as encouragement for members to continue to pursue volunteer opportunities that help less fortunate families within our community, Jia said.

“These events help participants realize how lucky they truly are,” Jia said. “The stories of the families we encounter are what inspire and motivate students to continue to volunteer at such platforms, even after high school.”

According to Jia, participation in the event allowed for club members to better empathize and understand the situations of families who stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses. The purpose of these events is to motivate students to recognize and work toward alleviating pressing issues in the community, Jia said.

“The volunteering experience with the Ronald McDonald organization has given me a wider perspective of the world,” Jia said. “We hope to give students a chance to participate in volunteer events that will give them a glimpse into the struggles of parents with sick children and inspire students to help others through difficult times.”

LOVELY LUAU: *Sophomores Shirley Jia and Isabella Alpert help to prepare the Hawaiian meals for Ronald McDonald House residents.*



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LEO Club members participate at annual district house meeting

Warriors collaborate with fellow members from local high schools at District General Meeting.

By Cathy Chen
STAFF WRITER

Cultivating skills for effective cooperation and communication, the Warrior Leadership, Experience, Opportunity (LEO) Club attended the District General Meeting at the Garden Grove Lions Club House Sept. 29.

Founded in 1957, LEO Club is a nationally recognized branch of Lions Clubs International. Throughout the year, the program directors conduct social service events that encourage participants to gain leadership and communicative experience. Club members partake in various volunteer opportunities centered on helping those with

diabetes or impaired vision.

The District General Meeting is an annual event organized for the 14 LEO Clubs within District 4-L4, which oversees the Southern California regions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Over 800 LEO Club members from schools across District 4-L4 participated in the meeting, including students from Diamond Bar, La Habra, Marina, Seal Beach and Sunny Hills High Schools.

During the meeting, students had the opportunity to meet the LEO district board, who informed the members about the procedures of successful club maintenance and advised the students on efficient event planning. The district board also provided a

general overview of the LEO program in regards to its approaching events, such as the Ronald McDonald House Halloween event in October and the Rose Parade scheduled for December. Throughout the meeting, board

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President

members engaged in workshops designed for different leadership positions and participated in activities meant to enhance their managing skills. Participants also chose a workshop to attend for future involvement

as a potential board member.

According to Co-President Sydney Tsai, the district board provided information that inspired the members to gain a better understanding of their contributions towards the vast community of LEO clubs. The meeting also served as a platform for students to communicate with Leos from other high schools, Tsai said.

“[This convention] teaches our high school Leos that they are a part of a bigger organization,” Tsai said. “The members also learned more about the LEO Club and what we do. Not a lot of our Leos know about other Leos from different schools, so when they go to this meeting, there are a lot more people for them to bond with.”

Club members hoped to strengthen their management and interpersonal skills by engaging in the workshops and connecting with their peers, Tsai said.

“LEO Club [has helped us] to branch out and to meet more people,” Tsai said. “This meeting pushes Leos to step out of their comfort zones because they will be introduced to an entirely new group of people who they have to interact with. Members can develop leadership skills and use the fun activities to bond with each other.”



Rotary Foundation hosts Jog-A-Thon for Warrior clubs

The annual Jog-A-Thon opens opportunities for all Warrior clubs to raise funds.

Kathleen Zhang
STAFF WRITER

Fostering an environment of school-wide spirit, Warrior clubs will send representatives to attend the Rotary Jog-A-Thon IX at the Fullerton High School Stadium Oct. 5. The annual Fullerton Rotary Jog-A-Thon is a fundraising event in which clubs can send representatives to acquire sponsors to support the runners. The Fullerton Rotary Foundation organizes the marathon with businesses and community leaders through local and international projects. Following the completion of the Jog-A-Thon, each club will receive

a minimum of 75 percent of the funds earned in order to help finance future events and club projects. The remaining balance will return to the Fullerton Rotary Foundation to promote literacy among local youth. Portions of the investment will specifically go to Orange County (OC) United organization to help restore separated families that result from the foster care system and domestic abuse. Any additional shares from the donations will go to Fullerton’s Love of Orange County Kids, a non-profit organization that provides sustainable housing and education to end homelessness for children in OC. Apart from the fundraising plans, the Fullerton Rotary Foundation arranges live entertainment and games for the Rotary Jog-A-Thon IX

participants. Additionally, a variety of local business owners will offer food and sponsorship opportunities to the clubs. According to Assistant Principal of Student Activities Caroline Llewellyn, the Jog-A-Thon is an important introductory event that provides participants with the opportunity to earn funds for their club and to support children within the surrounding community. “[Warriors] will be excited to participate in this easy and impactful fundraiser where 100 percent of all money received will directly benefit our local youth,” Llewellyn said. “The Fullerton Rotary Foundation redesigned the Jog-A-Thon to make the event more meaningful for our students in hopes of having all clubs [use] this opportunity to fundraise and to give back and serve the youth in need.”

The amendments introduced to the Fullerton Rotary Jog-A-Thon intend to foster interaction between the students in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD), Associated Student Body (ASB) Interclub Commissioner Jacob Shiota said. “In previous years, Troy High School has had low participation rates in comparison to any school within [FJUHSD] at this event, and [both] ASB and the administration would like to see that change,” Shiota said. “In addition, [The Rotary Jogathon IX] will be a great fundraising opportunity for any on-campus group, and it will allow club members to build bonds and have fun with one another.”



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CyTech Club attends STEM Expo for local Girl Scouts

Cyber Technology Club will participate in the fourth annual Girl Scouts of Orange County STEM Expo at CSUF Nov. 17. Club members will explain basic cybersecurity concepts to over 500 Girl Scouts in the Junior and Cadette levels. Professional organizations will also attend the event to demonstrate engaging STEM activities aimed to provide the Girl Scouts with a better understanding of technology.

Warriors participate in annual College Fair

More than 150 colleges attended the annual College Fair in the North and South gyms Sept. 16. Troy Buena Park and Fullerton high schools co-hosted the event, which presented an opportunity for students to visit the booths and communicate with college representatives. Participants gathered pamphlets and handouts from the schools that they are interested in applying for in the future.

Botany Club members pot plants to fundraise for Outdoor Classroom

Members of the Botany Club gathered during lunch to pot succulents in an attempt to raise funds for the club and the Outdoor Classroom Sept. 19. The club aims to spread appreciation towards plants through the education of biological uses of native and nonnative plants, the volunteer work in the Outdoor Classroom and the distribution of desk plants.

Warriors perform at Fall Concert

Warrior Vocal Music hosted their Fall Concert at Fullerton College at the College’s Wilshire Auditorium Sept. 20. The three choirs performed a combined acapella number for the first time in the opening set.

The Purple Hydrangea Project Club hosts event

The Purple Hydrangea Project Club is holding a friendship bracelet making event Oct. 16. The club advocates for mental health awareness and stimulating positivity. The members will host the session in hopes of bringing the Warriors together and to encourage the students to find common interests with their peers.

KEEPING UP
with the OPINION
EDITORS

Make the switch from
all cigarettes, period

By Isaac Yang
OPINION EDITOR



What a surprise: vaping is unhealthy!

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sent a warning letter to Juul Labs, the dominant company in the vaping business, Sept. 9 for marketing its vaping products as a healthier alternative to traditional cigarettes without receiving federal approval to do so. Namely, the agency singled out “Make the Switch,” Juul’s advertisement campaign aimed at portraying itself as a healthier substitute for traditional cigarettes. We should commend the FDA’s efforts to tackle the e-cigarette business’ unprecedented influence over the youth.

Despite whatever they claim, e-cigarette companies are exploiting teenagers for profit. From offering scholarships for writing about how vaping can potentially be beneficial to having kid-friendly flavors such as cotton candy and gummy bear, these companies are specifically targeting the vulnerability of the youth. Such a repulsive way of making money highlights the irresponsibility of the e-cigarette businesses.

With time, the danger of vaping is coming to light with more research. The New York Times reported Sept. 6 that the number of people with severe vaping-related lung illnesses rose to 450 possible cases and the number of deaths rose to five. Clearly, e-cigarettes are not the perfect alternative to cigarettes. This marketing approach worked for the first few years e-cigarettes were on the market, but the deceptions are slowly being revealed. Juuls and other e-cigarettes may be just as harmful as traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette businesses are not concerned with improving public health but rather with profiting off of the impressionable youth.

To curb the overwhelming power of the e-cigarette companies, there needs to be more restrictive legislation setting clear boundaries on what is acceptable. The FDA made a good step forward, but we will need more to cure this country of the vaping epidemic.

All college athletes
deserve pay to play

By Kaitlyn Han
STAFF WRITER



In early September, California legislators unanimously passed the Fair Pay to Play Act, which would allow college athletes to profit off of their own name, face and likeness. Brands would also be able to endorse individual players rather than entire universities. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law Sept. 30, giving hard-working and dedicated college athletes their long-overdue compensation.

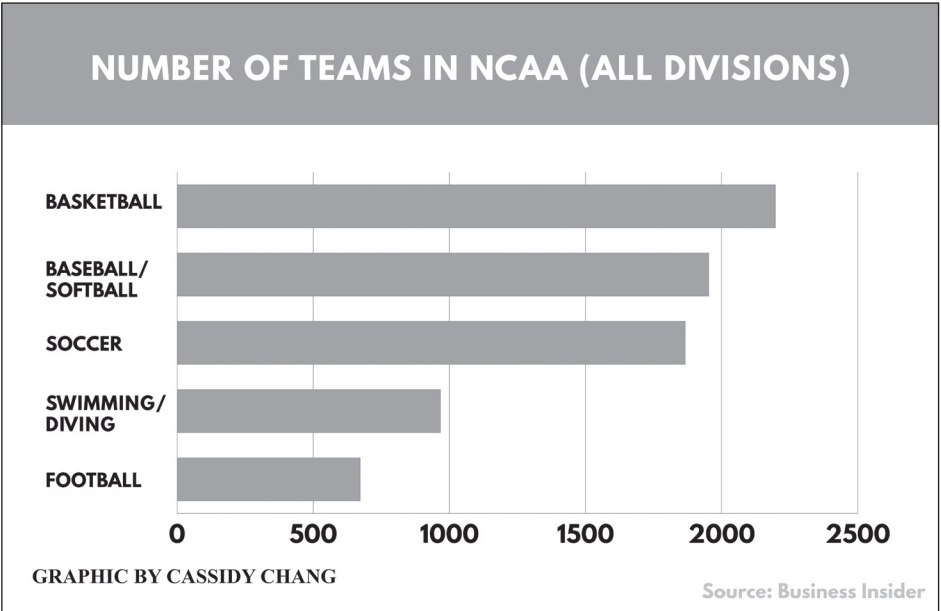
However, the bill’s most avid opponent is none other than the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This non-profit organization regulates hundreds of collegiate athletic programs and manages the college players within those programs. Yet, for an association that prides itself on providing fair treatment to its athletes, they are doing a very poor job. The NCAA has amended some of its strict and absurd policies over the years, but only after enormous backlash from college athletes and court rulings. Additionally, their policy of treating college athletes as amateurs belittles the level talent displayed by the students and legally allows the NCAA to restrict the players’ pay. Enforcing the Fair Pay to Play bill is a critical step towards diminishing the NCAA’s tyrannical rule over college athletes.

College athletes have fought for fair compensation before, only to be denied that right by the NCAA each time. Although student athletes are awarded generous scholarships, the NCAA should not use that money as leverage to restrict them from exploring other profitable opportunities as players.

In 2017, the organization revoked college football player Donald De La Haye’s sports scholarship and NCAA membership after he gained substantial revenue off of his sports-related YouTube videos. Although De La Haye violated NCAA rules



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about profiting off of one’s likeness, the policy is inherently unreasonable. The punishment was also too harsh—especially since the student was forced to start a GoFundMe campaign to cover college tuition costs. In 2014, college basketball player Ed O’Bannon fought in *O’Bannon vs. NCAA* to profit off of his own likeness. However, the NCAA still won by solidifying the ban on non-educational compensation. Regardless of the money, college athletes deserve the right to use their own name and likeness for their benefit—not just the NCAA’s.

With the Fair Pay to Play Act in place, the NCAA will have to surrender their unprecedented power over the collegiate athletic system. In a statement sent to Gov. Newsom, the NCAA warned that the act would blur the line between professional and collegiate sports, and college athletes would focus on making money rather than competing. Yet, the NCAA fails to realize how almost everything in collegiate sports seems professional, from mainstream sporting events, such as March Madness, to large fan bases. The only difference between profes-

sional and college student athletes is that the former group gets paid. Even with the Fair Pay to Play bill, college athletes will only get the opportunity to sign endorsements, which are typically not multi-million dollar deals. Preventing the dubbed amateurs from making extra money is simply unjust.

The least the NCAA can do is allow college athletes the opportunity to get compensated for their athletic prowess, considering how much money they generate for that supposedly fair non-profit organization. According to ESPN, the NCAA made \$1 billion in revenue—their highest ever—during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. According to USA Today, the average college football coach received a generous salary of \$2.4 million. Clearly, officials associated with the NCAA are being rewarded handsomely. Yet, not a single penny went to the hands of the athletes who made that large sum of money possible. The NCAA claims they will lose money over the lack of endorsements; however, only six percent of their total revenue is actually gained through marketing rights. Evidently, college athletes are not asking the NCAA to give up a large sum of money.

College athletes must win this legal battle against the NCAA. As of now, California is the only state willing to stand up to the supposedly fair non-profit. Other states should now rally against the NCAA and give college athletes the compensation they deserve.

BIG BUCKS: College basketball sensation Zion Williamson, who was recently drafted to the National Basketball Association last June, signed a shoe deal with Nike worth \$75 million over 5 years, according to *Sports Illustrated*. With the new bill, college athletes will be able to sign similar deals.

Club Rush: Out of This World by Ella Moon



Assembly Bill 5 will not help gig workers as legislators claim

By Miseok Kim
STAFF WRITER



Goodbye, gig economy. Goodbye, flexibility.

In response to gig workers' outcries for more protection, California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 5 Sept. 18. To be enforced Jan. 1, 2020, AB 5 will force various industries, primarily rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft, to legally consider their gig workers, independent contractors who work part-time, as employees. Despite lawmakers' good intentions, a bill granting gig workers the same status as employees will harm both workers and businesses in the long run because it will reduce flexibility.

For multi-million dollar corporations like Uber, recognizing thousands of their gig workers as employ-

ees will force them to cut back on their job offerings and raise prices for consumers. An expert analysis from Barclays, an acclaimed financial services company, estimated that the newly-minted employees will cost Uber an additional \$500 million per year. To recoup these increased expenditures, Uber and other affected companies have already started laying off employees, terminating operations, and raising prices. Consequently, local economies will suffer as job opportunities and cash flow are cut.

More importantly, when companies start renegeing on their trademark flexible schedules, they will adversely impact the gig workers. More than 30 percent of American workers are part of the massive gig economy, according to the 2018 study done by public opinion polling company Gallup. The ability to choose work hours attracts these workers because they can juggle multiple jobs and generate additional sources of income. But if companies start considering these workers as employees, then they will naturally dictate when the workers should work in order to minimize the amount of payroll taxes.

Consequently, workers will have to make hard choices between their side jobs and main jobs. In other words, the bill will further limit their working options.

Gig workers do need some protection from shameless exploitation of their personal time and resources by mammoth, multi-million dollar corporations, but the bill is not beneficial to the overall gig economy. Small franchise owners and religious organizations have already voiced concerns that they will not be able to afford traditional employee benefits for their truck drivers and part-time pastors. Lawmakers should exercise more logic and quickly acknowledge the need to address different scenarios in the gig economy. For example, a vineyard owner should not have to provide health insurance and paid sick leave for a driver who merely transports his grapes. The legislators should never sacrifice the gig economy's key component—flexibility—under any circumstances.

Instead, legislators should focus on ensuring that gig workers, especially those working for profit-driven corporations, get their fair compensation. Lyft drivers, for example, should still be able to have flexibility but be compensated for the amount of personal money that they use for gas and car repairs. There is simply no need to go all the way to acquiring employee statuses.

With numerous states poised to pass laws to protect gig workers, Californian legislators must set a good precedent in balancing the flexibility of the gig economy with the needs of the workers themselves.



ELLA MOON

The nation needs a practical and moral solution to waste disposal

By Amber Wang
STAFF WRITER



Shipping pollution is not the solution.

California's largest recycling business, RePlanet, closed all of its recycling redemption locations Aug. 5. For years, foreign countries—mainly China—have bought the US's unsorted recyclable waste to process it into new products. Tired of shouldering this burden, China has banned all trash imports, according to Huffpost. Without income from China, RePlanet no longer has the funding necessary for business. Many view this as an environmental crisis; however, this change provides the perfect opportunity for societal advancement towards a more permanent and effective solution to waste.

Despite our new struggles with waste, China's ban is not unreasonable; as foreign countries drown in mountains of American trash, the immoral methods by which the US disposes its waste grow more apparent. In 2018, heaps of American trash were set on fire at an illegal dumpsite in Malaysia. This occurred because American recycling exporters often sneak bales of contaminated waste into their shipments. This low-grade scrap takes excessive processing to recycle efficiently, causing this waste to often be unlawfully incinerated. According to Johnson Lai, a licensed recycler in Malaysia, American exports are so contaminated that only 30 percent of them can be recycled. Developing countries in

the east are not dumpsters; they should not be forced to suffer the repercussions of not only the US's garbage, but also its dishonesty.

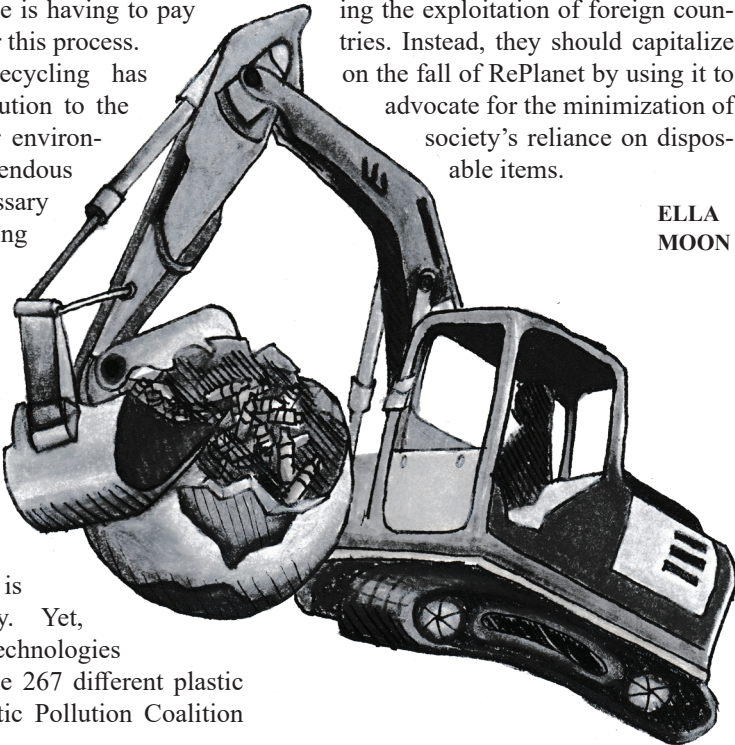
Foreign countries have always enabled recycling in America, and the effects of its ubiquity are particularly evident in Californians' trash disposal habits. According to Waste Management, a trash collector company, 25 percent of trash thrown into recycling bins is not even recyclable. Since foreign markets are no longer willing to pay for this waste, the state has to sort through and dispose of this material at significant costs. According to the Sacramento Bee, the state is having to pay \$50 to \$75 a ton for this process.

Unfortunately, recycling has never been the solution to the real menace to our environment: the tremendous amount of unnecessary plastic packaging used for single-use items. Although plastic is recyclable, recycling it is not a practical nor probable solution. According to UN Environment, 300 million tons of plastic waste is produced annually. Yet, due to the lack of technologies to accommodate the 267 different plastic polymers, the Plastic Pollution Coalition

estimated the plastic recycling rate to be a disappointing 4.4 percent in 2018.

Therefore, the best course of action is to decrease the amount of waste in the first place. This reduction can come in the form of consumers that are more environmentally conscious in their shopping habits, whether it's refusing plastic straws or denying a plastic bag when ordering takeout.

With the fall of the overseas market for recyclables, the reality of our harmful trash-producing culture is becoming more evident. People should not be fighting to extend their justification for generating garbage. Nor should they be continuing the exploitation of foreign countries. Instead, they should capitalize on the fall of RePlanet by using it to advocate for the minimization of society's reliance on disposable items.



ELLA MOON

KEEPING UP with the OPINION EDITORS

Impeachment is not a wise political move

By Amy Weng
OPINION EDITOR



Impeachment is a reach.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump Sept. 24. The inquiry was sparked by a whistleblower complaint that Trump had strong-armed Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky into investigating Trump's potential 2020 presidential rival, Joe Biden, and Biden's son in a July phone call.

Impeachment is an unwise political move by the Democrats—a mistake that may cost them the election. By announcing the inquiry, Pelosi essentially pushed the Democrats into crossing the Rubicon; for certain, the 2020 primaries and general election will be overshadowed by a lengthy, frustrating and unresolvable action that will only deepen the polarizing divides within the nation. Instead of focusing on the more pressing problems such as immigration and the economy, the 2020 race will be rampant with political scandals.

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It will be nearly impossible for the Democrats to get the required two-thirds majority of the Republican-controlled Senate to convict Trump. The impeachment may also very well motivate Trump's fanatic, loyalist voters even further in 2020. Moreover, the official White House transcript of the call also does not substantiate the Democrats' accusations that Trump made threats to withhold American defense aid to Ukraine. Unfortunately, without seeing an actually compelling smoking gun, the American public, particularly in the Midwest and the South, will not buy into the Democrats' rhetoric.

Undoubtedly, the impeachment inquiry also reflects more poorly on the Democratic candidates and House members than on Trump. In fact, the first victim in this situation will more likely be Biden, whose son's and his own questionable involvement in Ukraine will be at the forefront of his election campaign. With Biden no longer as the front-runner, the Democrats will likely nominate a more progressive candidate like Elizabeth Warren, who will face much greater difficulty in appealing to moderates and independents. The Democrats' bid for presidency will therefore be much more difficult.

Haste makes waste. Pelosi should not have rushed into a push for impeachment.

The Art of Thrift Shopping

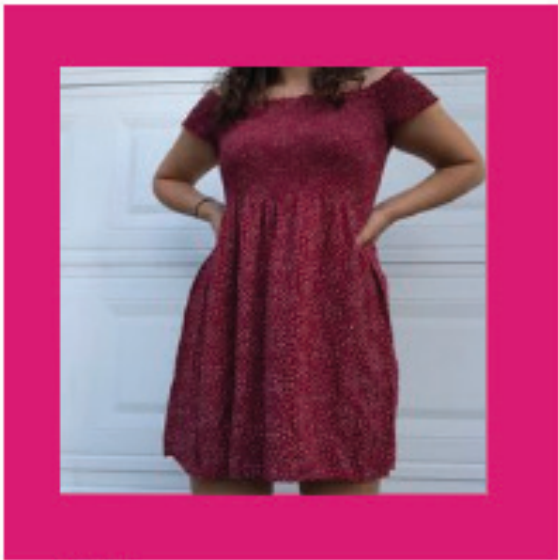
Hidden behind a gaudy ‘60’s blouse might be the homecoming dress you’ve been looking for.

Articles by Lois Lee and Joyce Lee, **STAFF WRITERS**, cartoon by Kristen Perez, **CARTOON**, and photos by Giselle Fernandez, **PHOTO**

Selling Likes



\$22



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\$25

Emerald green cargo pants, cardinal red jackets and obsidian black boots adorn the virtual walls of a retail clothing world, Depop. As a part of this creative fashion community, junior Em-mari Pureza lines her page (@anamariatafur) on Depop with distinctive, voguish clothing. Rather than shopping in fad fashion department stores and contributing to the fashion industry’s mass pollution, Pureza discovers her unique clothes from quaint, local thrift stores. When she enters thrift stores and runs her hands along the rows of booted pants and over-sized shirts, she doesn’t just see worn clothes—she sees potential. After carefully selecting some faded and over-sized clothes, Pureza transforms them into upcycled, retro wear and accessories, selling them to online clients and to her classmates. Moving past the stereotypes against thrifting, Pureza ties her deep love for fashion with her fervent passion for environmental restoration through her growing upcycling business.

Pureza’s interest in fashion began in middle school, when she began buying trendy clothes from fast fashion stores. Like most people, she never took a second glance at thrift stores. When the local Fullerton Goodwill opened, however, Pureza decided to give it a shot. With an open mind, Pureza wove her way through aisles, surrounded by racks lined with sleeves hued in amber, olive and cobalt. Her newfound openness to thrifting sparked a revolution in Pureza’s fashion style as she traded her graphic shirts and black leggings for bright, vintage skirts and cardigans that sold for a fraction of the clothing prices at department stores. She started by only wearing the clothes, but after realizing the immeasurable amounts of clothing thrown into the landfills, Pureza realized the untapped potential of the clothes, and she began her upcycling business on Depop with her friend, Anamaria Tafur. “There’s a lot of things you miss when you go for that one piece,” Pureza recalled.

“You have to be open to different styles so you can get the things that you want.” With her newfound awareness of the fashion industry’s pollution, Pureza turned her lifestyle around and began focusing on sustainability. Although most cling to the damaging industry and buy into the stereotype that thrifted clothing is all worn and faded, Pureza knows otherwise. In thrift stores, she finds cute apparel to make-over and sell, keeping their original charm while also giving them her own trendy flair. When she sells them at significantly reduced prices, it’s a little less clothing gone to waste. “Even though the clothes sold in department stores look nice, they don’t last more than a year or two,” Pureza said. “[If I tried,] I could be living a more sustainable lifestyle.” Using her upcycling business, Pureza broadens the scope of thrifting and encourages her friends and family to share in her innovative shopping experiences. Through selling her renovated, colorful clothes on Depop, Pureza’s business has

influenced the people around her to become more aware of the environmental pollution from buying fast fashion and to be more welcoming to thrifting. Thrift shopping, and all that comes with it, has become an integral part of her that she wants to share with others. “I want to live sustainably,” said Pureza. “Not only this, but I feel like I’ve found myself. I can express myself better through my clothing. It’s part of my identity... this is who I am, and people know me for it.”



In a sea full of clothes, the rhythmic clinking of hangers clashing against each other stops when senior Avery Pluma comes across a delicate, hand-woven vintage dress with beaded fringes. Although her admiration for thrift shopping began during her freshman year, Pluma began wearing thrifted clothes to school when sophomore year rolled around. With practically every possible kind of apparel—

from shimmery gold vests to silky red scarves—available, Pluma has plenty to choose from when she thrifts through racks and racks of clothing to find bold and adventurous clothes that suit her taste. Now, as a senior, Pluma's wardrobe overflows with eye-popping outfits that combine her vintage, sophisticated style with her vibrant persona. Often, she wears thrifted vintage headbands and dull-matted, lacey shirts

reminiscent of the typical 90's style. To paint a welcoming look, Pluma always incorporates warm, bright colors into her outfits, whether it's the blazing green of a lacy top or the light lavender of a floral dress. To Pluma, there is nothing more gratifying than being able to bring the old vintage trend back to life.

"I love the fact that [the clothes I find at thrift stores are] old and

worn," Pluma said. "I don't really care that they're faded; I think it adds character."

When Pluma walked into a thrift store for the first time, the bright red letters spelling "SALE" stamped all over the price tags dazzled her. When she compared the prices of the thrift store's environmental friendly jeans to those of Forever 21's sometimes flimsy, expensive shorts, Pluma knew right

away that she wouldn't be returning to the mall anytime soon. Now, with budget being the least of her concerns, Pluma picks out anything that catches her eye. With their wide spectrum of varying styles and affordable prices, thrift stores allow Pluma to experiment with unlimited types of clothing.

"It's exciting to see [everything] because they give you ideas of what you could wear," Pluma said. "I think it's so fun."

ON THE SCENE:

Warriors Emmari Pureza (left), Fiona Huang (center right) and Avery Pluma (right) smile and pose for the camera wearing 100% thrifted, stunning outfits.



Familiar with the extra-large graphic T-shirt and loose mom jeans look? Senior Fiona Huang sure is. Cozying up in her mix-and-match outfit from GoodWill, Huang never fails to perfectly pull off a fashionable yet comfortable baggy look.

Recently introduced to the perks of thrift shopping, Huang began hunting for clothes at GoodWill and Salvation Army during the summer of her senior year. Ever since, Huang chooses to shop at thrift stores rather than the mall. For her, thrift shopping is an adventure. Every time she enters

thrift stores, Huang doesn't have any idea of what to expect. While most stores lure in their customers with pre-coordinated outfits modelled on mannequins, thrift stores are like a game of chance: on some days, Huang finds practically a closet-full of unique outfits, while on other days, she goes home empty-handed. With zero expectations, Huang is always in for a surprise when she opens the store door; she takes her time perusing each rack to avoid overlooking a hidden gem. "It's like a hit or miss situation, but it's really fun," Huang said.

Because of

the seemingly unlimited amount of fashion options that thrift stores offer, Huang challenges herself to coordinate different styles of clothing together, even if it means not following common fashion standards. Much to Huang's frustration, society often stresses having the perfect body type, especially for women. When she dresses, Huang ignores such standards completely: her bold, avant-garde fashion choices reflect her charismatic confidence. Rather than forcibly slimming her waist, Huang aims for a "loose" outfit that doesn't hug to her curves tightly, creating a comfortable yet chic style. To

put together such outfits, Huang heads to thrift stores, making a bee-line for the men's section to find extra-large shirts with unique designs and fashionable pants. To finish off the look, she fastens a belt around her jeans; her final outfit complements her petite stature. "Thrifted helped me expand my wardrobe and my sense of understanding..." said Huang. "[It's] helped me become more comfortable with who I am."

SALE

STUDY BUDDIES?

High stakes and even higher expectations—for your next test, try studying with one of the methods below!

By Jade Bahng, STAFF WRITER, cartoons by Kristen Perez, CARTOON, and graphics by Cassidy Chang, GRAPHICS

Picking a Strategy

All students can understand the struggle to raise and maintain their grades throughout the school year. With heart-squeezing test anxiety and tempting social media, students turn to their friends to keep them grounded. On the eve of an important test, students can be seen working in study groups, or fortifying their understanding alone. Of course, each student prefers one method over the other, but which one—self or group studying—is more effective?

Strength in Numbers

For a modern student, studying the night before a test frequently features the chaotic nature of video calls and texts from anxious peers. Group studying embodies the epitome of teamwork, an environment in which creativity and support for one another can flourish. With a collaborative environment, students can dive into a wider pool of knowledge, allowing them to keep their grades afloat. Although it is usually unhealthy to compare one’s progress to that of others, interpersonal evaluations can give valuable insight on where students stand holistically. This foundation in turn helps them determine their optimal studying method. Gaining more knowledge is definitely an advantage of interactive learning, but the fact that students get to share their knowledge is perhaps more crucial to their understanding. Since the beginning of their academic careers, students have had the phrase “You don’t know it until you can teach it,” ingrained into their brains. By creating a balance between the gaining and sharing of information, group studying provides a valuable contribution that ensures that students have studied enough.



Flying Solo

Immersed in the soothing lofi beats emanating from their headphones, solitary students pour their hearts and souls into concentrating, the greatest advantage of self-study sessions. While group studying might be ideal for some, others benefit from studying solo. By limiting their surroundings to solitary environments, students are able to work with minimal distractions, without compromising their time for anyone else. After all, students should be able to do whatever it takes to earn the best possible grade because in the end, it comes down to individual success. Self-studying could result in students struggling with hard material, however it encourages problem solving skills and helps them retain more information. For the students who succumb to the distractions of group dynamics, self-studying may be their best chance to ace their next test.

Fashion Feature

Check out Oracle’s inside look at the most stylish kids representing campus chic.

By Hannah Adams, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE EDITOR, and photo by Giselle Fernandez, PHOTO

MADISON AVEY

10TH



Emulating the best of Brit-Pop and Goth via her closet, the outfits of sophomore Madison Avey are a mix of artistic mediums in fashion form. +Her darker palette and bold patterns may deviate from mainstream trends, but these eye-catching statements are her preferred methods of expression. Regardless if she’s feeling down or at her peak, Avey always puts her best effort into her outfit for the day. To Avey, fashion promotes self-confidence from within. In a combination of thrifted fashion, edgy music taste and flourishes of red, black and white, Avey wears who she is. Her fashion inspiration also stems from her participation in several artistic co-curriculars, which include Troy theatre, concert choir and intermediate dance. By utilizing her wardrobe as a universal medium, Avey is set to redefine individual expression in the fashion world.

FALL PLAYLIST

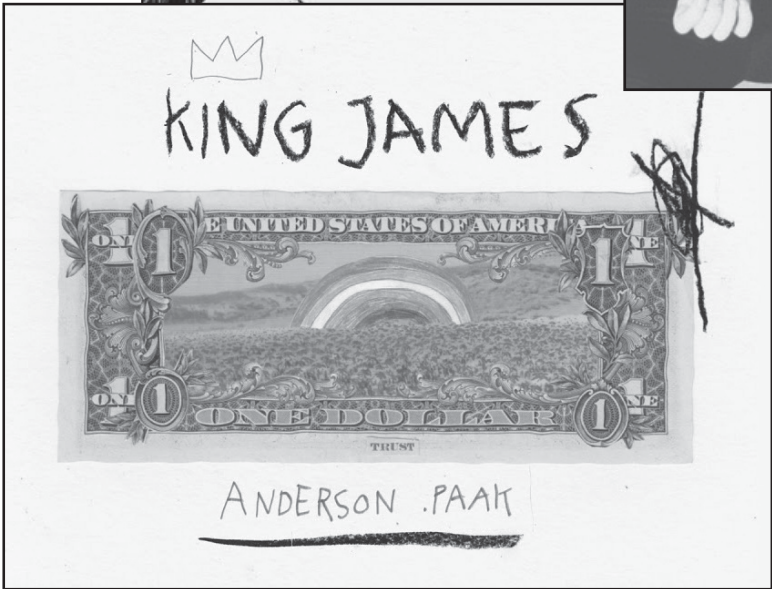
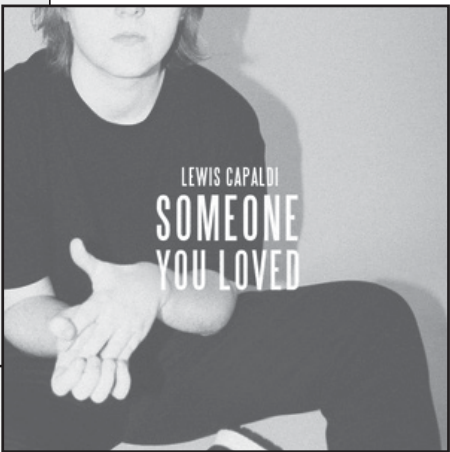
Check out the fall playlist chosen by Oracle’s own Editorial Board.

- 1. **September** by Earth, Wind & Fire
- 2. **Better in Color** by Lizzo
- 3. **Lowkey** by NIKI
- 4. **Panini** by Lil Nas X
- 5. **Feel Special** by Twice
- 6. **Give Me One Reason** by Tracy Chapman
- 7. **I.F.L.Y** by Bazzi

911/Mr. Lonely
▼ by Tyler the Creator



Someone You Loved
▼ by Lewis Capaldi



King James
▼ by Anderson Paak





Read about a rising soccer star, sophomore Akemi Zollinger, and a former soccer player and talented runner, freshman Makenna Henkhaus, on their journey of pursuing young athletic success.

By Jacqueline Liu, STAFF WRITER, photo courtesy of Akemi Zollinger

By Lucas Santos, STAFF WRITER, photo courtesy of Makenna Henkhaus

Akemi

With her eyes narrowed and teeth gritted, sophomore Akemi Zollinger races across the field to deliver an outstanding shot, sending the soccer ball hurtling into the goal. A beaming grin spreads across her face as the exhilarated shouts from the crowd gradually filter in through her steady focus.

Zollinger comes from a family of soccer players. She began soccer at the age of four by playing in the sidelines of her brother’s practices. Since then, she has continued to improve her skills, joining a variety of soccer clubs until she finally settled with Pateadores. Zollinger gradually developed a strong appreciation for the sport, contrasting from the unconcerned mindset in which she began soccer with.

“Both of my parents played [soccer] when they were young, so they got me and my brother into it,” Zollinger said. “I

had a lot of fun during [my brother’s] practices and started really loving it.”

Striving to be the best player she could be, Zollinger has been perfecting her soccer skills for most of her life. Along the way, Zollinger overcame many challenges in order to become the player she is now. Not only has she learned to manage tight schedules and grueling practices, but Zollinger has also learned to let herself become more confident out on the field.

“I have to make myself keep the ball longer,” Zollinger said. “I had to work

on standing out and developing myself as a player.”

Two years ago, Zollinger made the final decision to intensify her soccer preparation when she began doing independent training sessions outside of her regular practices. As a participant in the high intensity Development Academy (DA) league, Zollinger doesn’t play high school soccer because of the frequent practices. In addition to the hour and a half practices Monday through Thursday, Zollinger has private sessions as well as a variety of fitness and strength work to enhance her stamina and refine her technique.

Overall, Zollinger’s view on the sport has developed dramatically over the years.

As a little kid, her parents heavily encouraged her to play soccer. Now, Zollinger has grown to love soccer for herself and has incorporated it into her daily routine.

“I love soccer a lot more than I did before. Back then, it was just something I did because my parents told me to,” Zollinger said. “But recently, I had to choose if I really wanted to keep playing soccer instead of just going along with what my parents wanted. I’ve learned to accept soccer as a part of who I am.”

STRONG SHOT: With her focused eyes heavily surveying the open soccer field, sophomore Akemi Zollinger weighs her options with the rolling ball.



Makenna

The silence of anticipation casts its shadow over the racecourse as runners await the start of the race. At the blare of the horn, the runners start together in a pack, but one runner speeds to the front.

Freshman Makenna Henkhaus may just be the fastest girl that has graced the course for the Warrior Cross Country Team. After placing fourth in her race and 18th overall at the Pat Hadley Memorial Race Sept. 7, Henkhaus impressed her fellow runners and coaches as the sole girl from the Warriors to participate. Her 19:24.4 5k time is even more impressive considering that she was under the immense pressure of her first high school race.

Henkhaus found her natural talent for the sport over the summer. With no previous experience in cross country or long-distance running, she simply decided to join the team for fun. She never expected that her pursuit of a different sport would lead to a newfound passion.

As Henkhaus says, her eagerness to join the team originated from her fellow teammates and their welcoming attitudes, which is a huge factor in her enjoyment of the sport.

“Everyone on the team was welcoming and supportive,” Henkhaus said. “After a couple [of] practices, I started to enjoy the sport.”

Henkhaus loves the individual nature of the sport that allows her to clear her mind from school and escape from the rigors of daily life.

“Cross country allows me

to switch my focus from school for a bit,” Henkhaus said. “You can forget about the homework that’s piling up and focus solely on running.”

While it may seem like Henkhaus’ new athletic pursuit is the perfect story, it originated due to her own personal sacrifice. After joining the cross country team she was forced to give up another passion of hers in order to run for the Warriors.

“I quit club soccer because the commute to where we practiced was too far,” Henkhaus said. “In other words, it was going to take up too much of my time that needed to be spent on homework.”

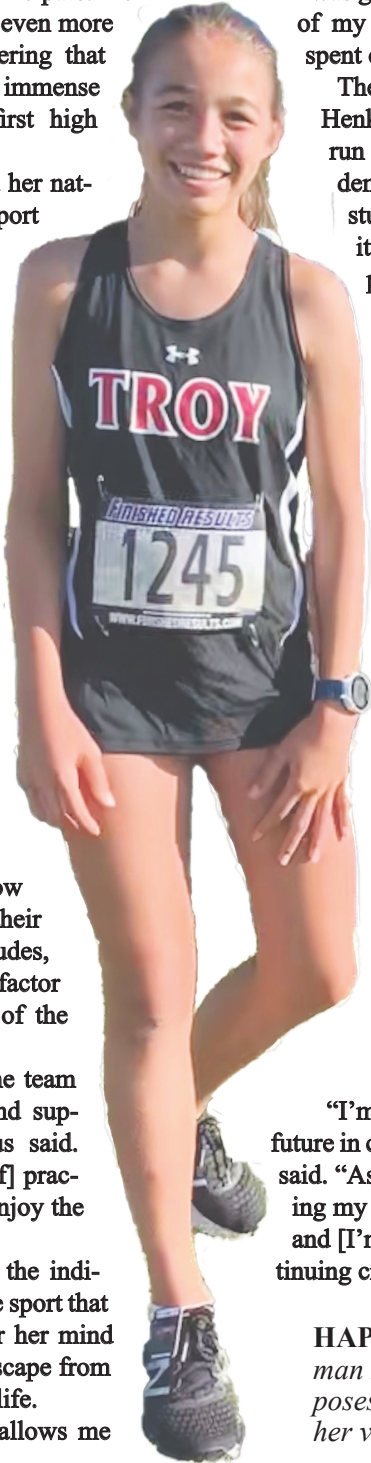
The sacrifices that Henkhaus made in order to run in high school would be demoralizing to many other students, but for Henkhaus it is the newfound opportunity that keeps her driven. Her unmatched ambition for the season includes the goal of recording a three mile time under 18:00.

“One of my main goals for this season at cross country is to break a sub-18 three mile,” Henkhaus said. “I broke 19 (18:26) at Woodbridge this year so the goal seems plausible.”

For this Warrior, the future looks bright as she has yet to see her full capabilities in long-distance running, but despite her newfound success, she remains humble yet excited as she awaits her own future.

“I’m really excited for my future in cross country,” Henkhaus said. “As of right now, [I’m] testing my own abilities in running, and [I’m] even considering continuing cross country in college.”

HAPPY SHOT: Freshman Makenna Henkhaus poses triumphantly after her victorious meet.



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

(on a Budget)

As Homecoming creeps closer, wallets everywhere are bracing for impact. Check out the article below for low-cost alternatives.

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Expectations versus Reality

Picture this: Cinderella and Prince Charming meet eyes at the ball. Sparks fly, and for one brief, wonderful and dizzying dance, everything’s perfect. Then, they part ways, find their friends and dance the rest of their night away... only to leave each other on read.

Such is the often unmentioned, somewhat disappointing truth of school dances. Whether it be for an over-the-top dance proposal or for the dance itself, the amount of time and effort that high schoolers spend preparing for dances often outweighs the time they actually spend together with their dates.

Take heed, Warriors: dances, while memorable and fun, take a ton of effort. That being said, dances aren’t all bad! In fact, almost everyone argues that they’re an essential part of the high school experience. However, those who choose to go must be prepared for high costs—and not just for clothing.

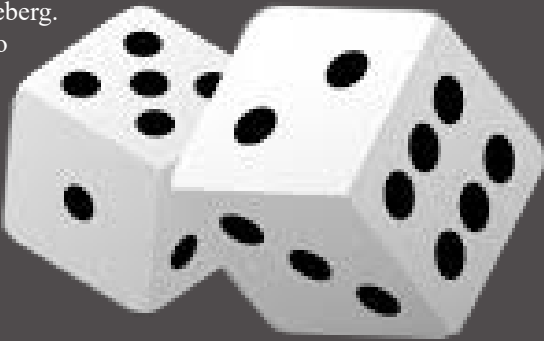
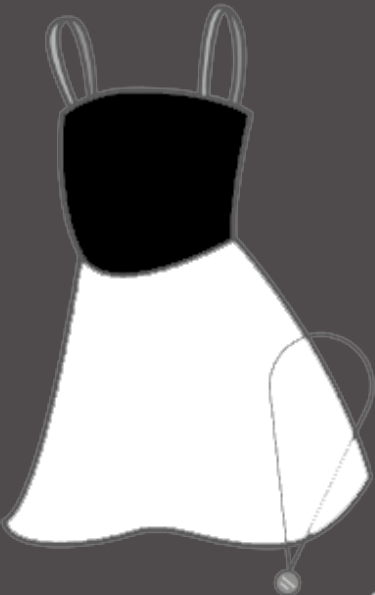
If taking the traditional route and going with a date, be prepared to bribe an artistically-talented friend to create a masterpiece solely for public rejection (or celebration). Bonus points if a ukulele, or some other musical element, is incorporated. A bouquet of roses, or another floral favorite, would make anyone swoon. Caution: any money spent here is only the tip of the iceberg.

Moving onto outfits: to cut down costs, search a thrift store (à la page six)

or use a coupon, like the Windsor ad strategically placed on page 12. Shopping online is a hit-or-miss, pictures as sometimes be deceiving. Note shipping times! If said outfit arrives the day before Homecoming, there’s not much time left if it’s a “miss.” Or just avoid the pricey hassle altogether by—wait for it—re-wearing clothes!

Though nobody admits it, it’s a commonly-accepted truth that most guys wear the same suit every year to formal events. The same can not be said for everyone. Let it be known that there is no shame in re-wearing an outfit—there’s just saved dollars and saved time.

All of this being said, have fun! Be lavish for one night. High school, while a time to prepare for college, is also a time to make (hopefully good) memories. Just make sure to give your wallet some tender love and care when it’s all over.



HOMECOMING COUTURE: *Go big or go home; dance attire is all about standing out with your friends... or date!*

HARDCOVERS IN HOLLYWOOD

Avid readers can attest to the fact that books are a beloved form of entertainment. But what happens when filmmakers take these treasured tales and modify them for the big screen?

Compiled by Jillian Warren, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE EDITOR, and article by Amy Kim, STAFF WRITER

The phrase “based on the best-selling novel” tacked onto any movie trailer flings open the floodgates to a timeless debate—is an adaptation obligated to adhere to its original book? Many would instinctively reply with an adamant yes. Though the directors of these films rely on novel readers to propel their creations to the top of the box office, outraged accusations of inaccuracy from book fanatics seem to fly through the air after nearly every adaptation. Instead of twisting innovation into impertinence, it’s about time these allegations were renounced, granting directors the right to creative liberty in bringing their cinematic visions to life.

As exemplified by the 2019 screen rendition of the Pulitzer-Prize winning novel “The Goldfinch,” an accurate storyline doesn’t always translate to fulfillment of the novel’s spirit. The film’s director was successful in cramming over 700 pages of this tale into a two hour movie—yet that proved to be a fatal flaw. Elements of the plot are all overwhelmingly present; unfortunately, the soul of the story isn’t. Only the most indispensable plotlines

should’ve been driven to the foreground in order to highlight the agonizing trauma of the protagonist. Instead, it feels as if the director is disproportionately concerned about rushing the audience along to the next storyline, leaving no time for viewers to catch a single breath.

“The Goldfinch” is only one of many examples that amplify the disparities between books and movies. Equating these two mediums would be as fallacious as comparing apples to oranges. Novels are simply not intended to be relished in an unduly plot-dense two hours. In lieu of practical conciseness, books benefit from round-the-clock internal monologue and third-person narration, allowing the story to easily attain emotional maturity. This advantage is what allows written works to delve extensively into the character’s inner thrills and turmoils.

Meanwhile, movies can compensate for the disadvantages that come with translating a written work onto the big screen by amping up the film’s commercialization and marketability. The unforgettable 1996 presentation of Shakespeare’s timeless tragedy, “Romeo and Juliet,” doesn’t quite capture the excru-

ciating bittersweetness present in the original book. Nevertheless, it cemented its success by capitalizing on the mass cultural interest in gang rivalry during the 90’s. Director Baz Luhrman’s unique artistic flair revamped this idolized, centuries-old story by making it relevant to a wider audience. There’s a glaring discrepancy between the sentiments evoked by the differing mediums, but the film still found success by developing its own artistic identity, one that’s separate from the book.

It’s natural for ardent readers to abhor a film adaptation that doesn’t remain faithful to even the fundamental aspects of a novel. However, skeptics could benefit from the realization that there’s no requirement for their personal interpretation of a story to perfectly mirror one that’s promoted by the movie. Instead, the experience would be made enjoyable for both the movie critics and the victims of their impassioned complaints if they threw away their mental checklist of unrealistic expectations. Step foot into the theater to just appreciate the craft, not to emerge victorious in the never-ending publication versus picture debate.

FOR THE RECORD

With so much music coming out throughout the year, it’s easy for some amazing albums to fall through the cracks. Make sure you’re not missing out on these remarkable records released in the past few weeks.

By Jillian Warren, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE EDITOR



“the masquerade” ▲
mxmtoon

The debut album from ukulele-toting, singer-songwriter mxmtoon is likely to leave one reminiscing on their fondest high school memories. Her lyrical charm is what gives the album its quirky yet emotive essence, with lines that feel as though they stem straight from a set of diary entries. Weaving in cheerful acoustics amidst calming lo-fi beats, “the masquerade” presents itself as an intimate collection of songs that perfectly express the teenage experience.

Phum Viphurit’s latest EP, “Bangkok Balter Club,” treats listeners to a final taste of summer as the season comes to a close. Among the four tasteful tracks featured is “Lover Boy,” Viphurit’s viral hit of 2018. Adding to his ensemble, Viphurit’s feathery vocals float over twangy guitar riffs in “Softly Spoken” and dynamic piano in “Pluto.” Wistful lyrics accompany laid-back melodies, crafting a sound that stays true to his feel-good indie-rock roots.

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