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THE KEY TO ESCAPE

With a series of club-related questions that served as clues, the virtual escape rooms provided the perfect opportunity for club members to connect with their peers.

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Unlocking new leadership skills through interactive games, Key Club members participated in a virtual escape room event at the monthly Division Council Meeting Sept. 26.

Centered around one theme for each meeting, Division 30 North held a virtual escape room for September. Divided into four Zoom breakout rooms, each team included students from different schools to promote new conversations. Based on a forest theme, the game allowed students to navigate through a series of Google Forms which represented the escape rooms.

Over the course of the online game, participants worked together to answer questions about the values of Key Club. The division leadership team edited their pictures into the questions to introduce the board. In an effort to create a more complex activity, board members enhanced the interactive aspect of the rooms with Google



assets integrated through hyperlinks. As one of the largest student-led nonprofit organizations, Key Club is a branch of the Kiwanis family with over 276,000 members. Represented in Region 3 under the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, the Warrior Key Club is a part of Division 30 North with 13 other clubs from local high schools.

Coordinated through online monthly meetings, Key Clubs at each school collaborate to plan events that represent the organization as a whole.

After an introduction of Key Club's background and goals, the division used the escape room activity as a chance for students to retain the information through application, President Emery Park said.

"As [members of the club] get to meet a lot of new people, we like to call each other our second family," Park said. "Following the introductory presentation, the virtual escape rooms tied everything together and allowed people to bond virtually."

Linked from one plot to the other, the questions compiled to form a story in which players wake up in the middle of a forest and need to return home in the city.



Due to the limitations of an online setting, the use of a variety of programs helped the board build a vivid storyline for the game, sophomore Kalyn Nguyen said.

"We used clues and solutions that had to be found through the internet as well as social media platforms," Nguyen said. "Despite the imperfections of virtual games, we all had fun and enjoyed our time together as the errors can be something to laugh at too."

According to Park, all meetings and club events incorporate team-building activities as well as collaborative games in order for members to connect with different students. Under COVID-19 restrictions, the district board worked to make activities equally as engaging as they were in-person, Park said.

"The virtual escape rooms were an exciting activity that caught the attention of both new and returning members, resulting in great attendance," Park said. "Though [participants] were not in an actual escape room, the event brought students together to communicate virtually and solve the problems."

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VIRTUAL CONCERT

By Mai Omoto
STAFF WRITER

Conducting alongside the pandemic's regulations, the Warrior Instrumental Music Program will host the first virtual fall concert Oct. 30.

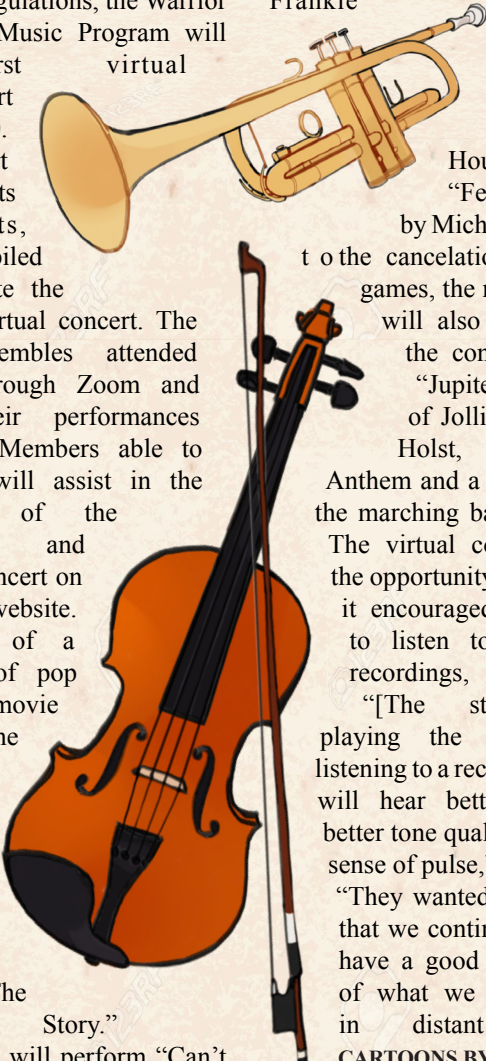
In an effort to share its achievements, students compiled clips to create the year's first virtual concert. The musical ensembles attended rehearsals through Zoom and recorded their performances individually. Members able to edit videos will assist in the arrangement of the submissions and release the concert on the school website.

Composed of a compilation of pop songs and movie themes, the symphony orchestra's collection includes "James Bond Theme" and "The NeverEnding Story." The jazz band will perform "Can't

Take My Eyes Off You" by Frankie Valli, "Saving All my Love for You" by Whitney Houston and "Feeling Good" by Michael Bubl .

Due to the cancelation of football games, the marching band will also participate in the concert and play "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity" by Gustav Holst, the National Anthem and a pep tune from the marching band repertoire. The virtual concert offered the opportunity for growth as it encouraged the students to listen to professional recordings, Castillo said. "[The students] are playing the music while listening to a recording, so they will hear better intonation, better tone quality and a great sense of pulse," Castillo said. "They wanted to make sure that we continue strong and have a good representation of what we can do, even in distant learning."

CARTOONS BY PEARL YOON



Troy Sunshine Club honors youth cancer awareness month

Founded this year, the Warrior Sunshine Club has raised over \$4,245 in aid of pediatric cancer research with St. Jude Research Hospital.

The participation in an event that involved more individuals allowed the club to expand to the larger community, Co-president Nathan

By Isabelle Liang
STAFF WRITER

Brightening cancer patients' lives through volunteer work, Sunshine Club participated in a virtual spirit week and walk in support of pediatric cancer Sept. 30.

Created as a branch of the Bryson Sunshine Foundation, Sunshine Club engaged in two major promotional events to bring attention to the effects of cancer within families. In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness month, the club took part in a virtual spirit week to educate their local communities on the subject of pediatric cancer. Introduced at the end of September, the club also commits themselves to a tutoring program for patients and raises fundraisers in collaboration with other branches.

Engaged in a month-long event, Sunshine Club partook in the St. Jude Walk of Awareness to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. Conducted as a virtual fundraiser, the individuals were entered into a raffle through a video of themselves and used social media platforms to convey their involvement. Through donations, additional entries given counted by increments of \$5 and all of the proceeds contributed to the St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

With a total of \$4,245 raised, Sunshine Club was one of many teams that assisted St. Jude in their nation-wide movement to find a cure for pediatric



Zhang said. "[The

events] expanded the club's outreach to the local communities of Fullerton, Diamond Bar and other nearby cities," Zhang said. "It was a wonderful occasion and chance to see [our] branch grow."

Modified from in-person volunteering, Sunshine Club provided students an alternative approach to serve the community and connect with members. Committed to its goal, the club seeks to maximize the impact on patients, Zhang said.

"We want to expand our impact and extend our reach to as many patients as possible," said Zhang. "We are doing anything and everything to bring joy to the patients' lives."

Established late September, Sunshine

club will continue to collaborate with the Bryson Sunshine Foundation to be more actively involved in volunteer work. The Spirit Week and Walk of Awareness allowed the club to communicate with the warrior community and set the tone for the rest of the year, Zhang said. "[The events] have really brought us into the light and allowed us to expand the influence of Sunshine Club to our campus," Zhang said. "The [beginning of the year] set up the foundation for the club, to propel us into the future with a strong message of service and joy."

USA HOSTS INTERACTIVE SOCIAL

By Mai Omoto
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to cultivate interactions between members, Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Club hosted an Among Us social event Oct. 1.

Founded this year, VSA Club encouraged all members to participate in the Among Us event in order to become acquainted with the new members. Promoted through Instagram, all club members met over Zoom during lunch to join the social.

With various fundraisers and volunteer opportunities, the club aims to educate members on Vietnamese customs and donate toward causes in Vietnam. The members will explore multiple aspects of the culture through the discussion of literature and volunteer work at Vietnamese cultural events.

Open to all Warriors on campus, VSA members offered an opportu-

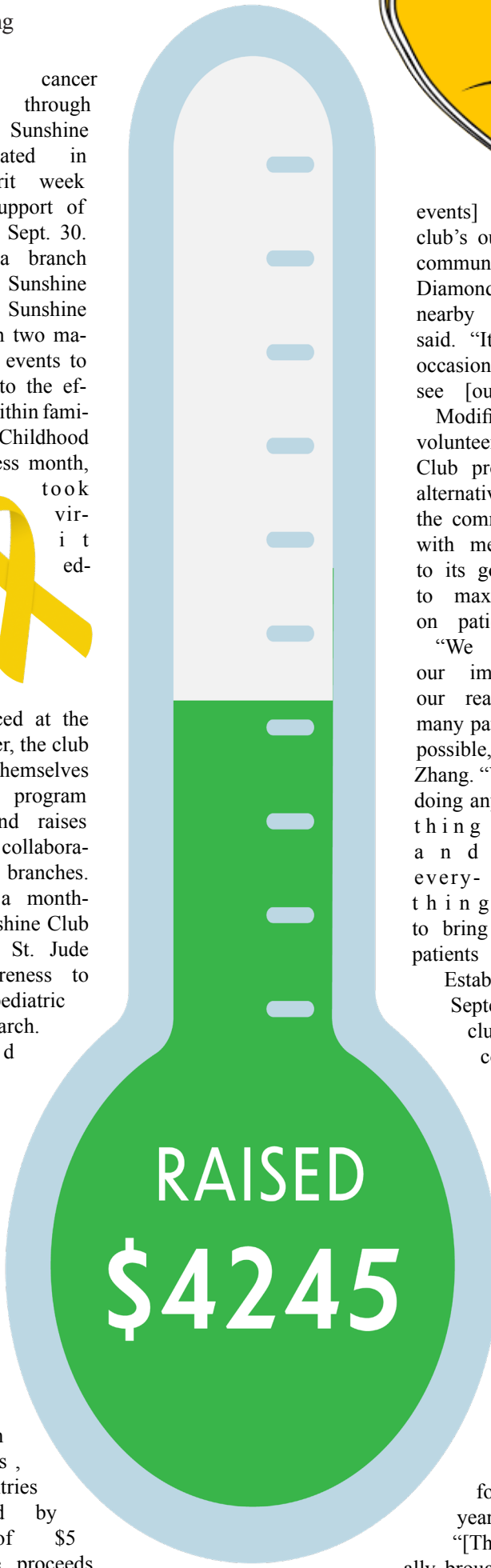
nity for students to interact with one another and form friendships, Vice President Lyndsey Bui said.

"By playing a game together, club members were able to get to know each other and grow a connection over a game they all love to play," Bui said.

"We hope that this event showed other Warriors how important it is for us to have a strong bond."

Throughout the year, members hope to abridge the Asian community with the student body with the various events, Bui said. "By the end of the school year, VSA hopes to break down Vietnamese and Asian-American stereotypes as well as show the beauty of Vietnam and its culture," Bui said. "We hope to create a safe space at school for those who are passionate about Vietnamese culture, to socialize with their peers who share a common connection."

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Warrior FBLA chapter hosts Alumni Takeover event

Inspired Warriors contacted the speakers over Instagram in order to maintain contact following the advice panel.

By Diya Patel
STAFF WRITER

Forming connections between club members and Warrior alumni, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted their alumni takeover event Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

Open to all members, the organization invited three former members of FBLA to answer questions for new participants. Featured on separate days, the alumni speakers included Justin Zhao of New York University Sept. 30, Sarah Yoon of Duke University Oct. 1, and Anthony Bui of Stanford University Oct. 2. In an effort to educate students on business-related professions, FBLA attends various academic and leadership tournaments. Hosted through the questions function

on Instagram stories, board members encouraged students to ask questions on topics such as competitions, the college application process and the different opportunities universities offer. The club allowed each speaker to “take over” the Instagram account and respond to students’ questions through posts on the stories.

In preparation for the event, President Nanette Zhang collaborated with Public Relations Officer Kayla Ngyuen to communicate with the alumni. Through advertisements on social media, the club prompted new mem-

bers to use the opportunity as a method to gain a better understanding of the club. With 20 questions submitted for each alumni, the event

helped new members gauge their role in club activities and future competitions.

With aims to educate members on the influence of FBLA, the speakers discussed how their experience in FBLA shaped their focus in college. The alumni explained how to apply study tips and knowledge from FBLA competitions to their college application process.

According to alumni Sarah Yoon, her prior position as FBLA’s Vice President of Activities fostered skills such as budgeting and event planning.

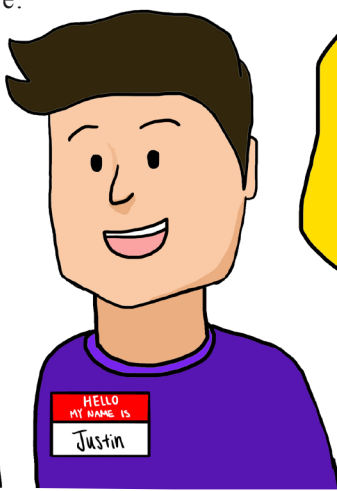
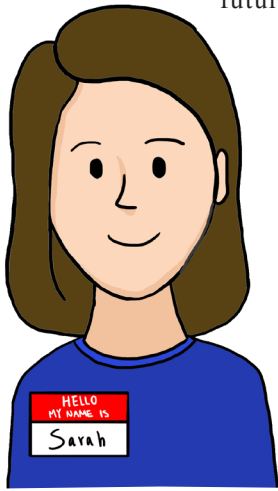
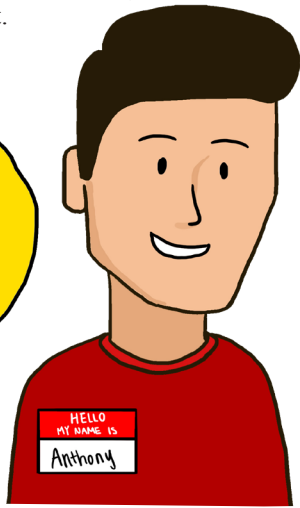
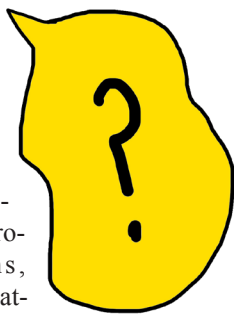
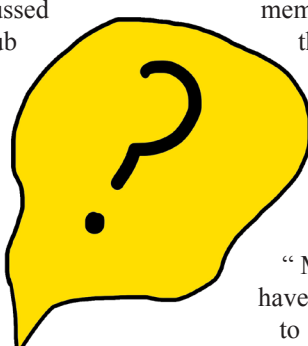
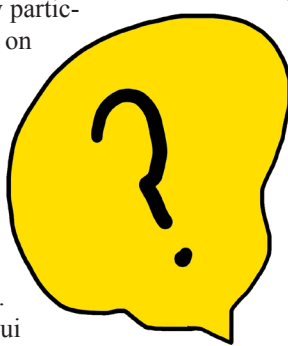
Throughout the event, the speakers discussed how the club influenced their interests in college and taught the importance of using knowledge from FBLA in the future.

“In college, I am in a club that organizes events where we invite speakers to the campus,” Yoon said. “Networking in FBLA helped me break out of my shell and learn to talk to and socialize with people.”

Motivated by the event, many students contacted the alumni through direct messages and remained in contact with the speakers through their personal Instagram accounts. The takeover allowed Warriors to develop personal connections with the speakers, Zhang said.

“The takeover was a good opportunity because it connected

members to the alumni through the shared link of FBLA,” Zhang said. “Members have reached out to me saying that they are in contact with the alumni and have been asking them about personal experiences regarding FBLA.”



CARTOON BY ELLA MOON

TROY TODAY Campus reopening scheduled Nov. 2

Due to the upcoming transition to hybrid schedule, Associated Student Body (ASB) will post a COVID-19 safety guidelines video via Instagram during the last week of October. In order to promote social distancing, ASB’s video will summarize regulations for students in Cohorts A/B, such as mandatory face coverings and temperature screenings before campus entry. The video will also cover health and safety guidelines for sports and club activities on campus.

Tejal Patel recognized with Points of Light award

In recognition of her efforts to promote healthy habits for kids, Senior Tejal Patel was honored with the Points of Light Sept. 18. Dedicated to learning about health issues faced by underprivileged community members, Patel organized weekly programs where volunteers conducted activities with children from the Boys and Girls Club. In order to unify the community, Patel traveled to different schools to spread her message that encourages healthy habits.

Warrior virtual Roundtable Debate

Encouraging talk about political ideas, California High School Democrats Club and Warrior Conservatives Club held their first virtual debate Sept. 30. The discussion topics included the vacant Supreme Court seat, abortion with the Roe v. Wade case and concerns on the potential effects of Amy Coney Barrett on this case. Created to be a safe space for political expression, the clubs encourage members to voice their views on potentially controversial issues.

The Girls’ Zoom program offers mentorship

Fostering interests in different careers, The Girls’ Zoom program will provide female students with the opportunity to shadow female professionals. Founded by Warrior alumni Kaetlyn Lee, the program connects each participant with a female mentor based on the students’ specific interests. Through monthly meetings, the program provides individuals with the opportunity to gauge job opportunities through the lens of working women.

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Covid-Friendly HALLOWEEN



The world is in a spooky place right now, but that doesn't mean we should give up our Halloween spirit! Here are some safe Halloween activities to enjoy alone, with family, or with a friend.

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As the full moon rises, family and friends who dare to spend Halloween night out on the road are in for a wild ride. With the pandemic closing off traditional haunted mansions, drive-through adventures are gaining popularity as hair-raising alternatives. Venture down the foggy road of San Dimas to the L.A. Haunted Hayride or to the creepy "graveyard" of O.C. Fair's Urban Legends Haunt. At L.A. Haunted Hayride, hideous monsters and cynical clowns may lurk around your vehicle, waiting for the perfect jump-scare moment. Meanwhile, Urban Legends Haunt is more family friendly, featuring a selection of musical performances such as Bloody Mary's dubstep choreography. Although these drive-throughs are merely substitutes for traditional haunted mansions, they can surely take your mind off the worries of the pandemic for at least one night.

CAR-O-WEEN

Though it's unfortunate that trick-or-treating is no longer safe this year, our favorite eateries are mixing up a cauldron of Halloween specials to cheer us up. A Warrior's go-to meal—Chipotle—is back with their annual buy one get one Booritos! Thanks to its mobile app, Chipotle can deliver right to your doorstep so you can enjoy a relaxing yet thrilling night in front of the TV. After a tasty entrée, sink your fangs into Krispy Kreme's Halloween-themed donut characters: Wolfie, Frank and Drake. Enjoy some chilling ice cream to wick away the sweat drops after a long night of watching Netflix horror movies. Coldstone's seasonal Treat or Treat flavor, colored jet black to hide its candy chunks, is a must-have. For those who crave the classic coziness of fall, opt for the silky texture of Baskin-Robbins' flavor of the month: Pumpkin Cheesecake. From the entrée to dessert, you can never go wrong with meals on a deal.

"BONE" - APPÉTIT

Although the boring bedsheet ghost costume would have received boos during our childhood years, the costume has made an amazing comeback thanks to TikTok. Set to the tune of Jack Stauber's "Oh Klahoma," ghost costume photoshoots that make even the most mundane parking lots look like scenes from a Halloween movie are hit sensations among teens. Plain white sheets, retro sunglasses and a pair of Converse are all you need to bring Casper to life. Editing apps such as VSCO, Afterlight and Snapseed can be used to recreate the grainy texture of vintage film pictures that characterizes the Ghost Photoshoot Challenge. A quarantined Halloween doesn't necessarily mean that it's a boring one; with these activities, anyone can brew the perfect potion for an equally—if not more—exciting COVID-friendly Halloween.

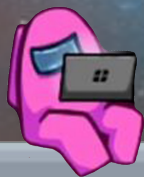
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CALLING ALL CREWMATES

“Among Us” has found a home in smartphones and computers all over the world. Read further to explore how this online social deduction game embodies the chaos and confusion of 2020.

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Blue ferociously slams the red button on the emergency meeting table, impatiently waiting as the rest of the crew huddles around. Cries of accusation are vocalized in a cacophony of crew members’ attempts to deduce who the imposter is, yet the false assumption that Red has vented only heightens tensions as the words “Red was not the imposter” drift across the screen.

This shocking scenario has become all too familiar within Innersloth’s online game “Among Us.” With a premise comparable to classic social deduction games like Mafia, this role-reveal game has just begun to take the App Store charts by storm. 10 crew members are packed into a spaceship, where they must complete a series of menial tasks before one member of the crew, the imposter, brutally slaughters them. The imposter can sabotage vital systems on the ship and traverse through air vents while they seek out their next victim. As players spot the lifeless bodies of their fellow crew members, they call haphazard meetings to discuss who the imposter may be over an assortment of raucous screams and testimonies.

While the premise of “Among Us” seems simple at first glance, the game is eerily symbolic of the cyclical nature that has defined the year 2020. Players wander in defenseless isolation as the imposter carelessly depletes the spaceship’s oxygen and melts the main reactor, which too closely parallels our own despair as we helplessly watch crisis after crisis wreak havoc on the real world. Shocking celebrity deaths, wild murder hornets and, of course, the deadly pandemic are only some of the bumps that the world has encountered on the tumultuous rollercoaster that is 2020. Though a murderous crew member might not be hunting us down, the feeling of being trapped in a crumbling world has pervaded our daily lives, where we are all expected to simply carry on. Not to mention, the endless lies and manipulations told by the imposter easily permits misinformation to spread throughout the game. The use of deceptive statements may seem amusing within a video game, but the conse-

quences are catastrophic when the manipulation is about a fatal virus.

On top of all the chaos on the spaceship, crew members are often obligated to sacrifice the comfort of safety to rescue fellow players that have been left stranded while attempting to repair a sabotaged system. Yet, as the incessant destruction of systems by the imposter becomes overwhelming, it becomes easier for players to abandon their duties and assume that others will pick up the slack. This concept of teamwork remains relevant in today’s society, as the coronavirus is a constant reminder that we’re only as strong as our weakest link. Wearing a mask and social distancing are crucial for public health during a pandemic, but when people constantly neglect their responsibilities to avoid sacrificing their comfort, the disastrous spread of the virus remains inevitable. Perhaps the game should serve as a reminder of the importance of playing one’s part amid the plethora of crises that never cease to unfold in the real world.

Although “Among Us” and the atrocities of this year may align too closely, rest assured that the gameplay doesn’t fail to conjure up extraordinary excitement in all players. Contrary to other popular video games that require players to be technically skilled, this mind game prioritizes one’s ability to cunningly exploit the personalities of others. A player’s expertise in methodically crafting and manipulating arguments is the deciding factor between life and death. Accusations, heated drama and twisting another crew member’s statements against them are all ways that “Among Us” allows players to tap into their inner detective. This freedom to be creative in one’s deception, while simultaneously running from a ruthless killer, is what alleviates the mundanity of completing the simple tasks interwoven throughout the game.

“Among Us” has undoubtedly constructed a universe not too far off from the trials and tribulations of 2020. Yet, the excitement to be uncovered through the accusations and screams of crew members is something that even the imposter can’t kill in their journey to victory.



WHAT DOES YOUR CREWMATE COLOR SAY ABOUT YOU?



Brown always manages to accuse the right person, but nobody ever listens to them.



Red is the master of chaos, never failing to sow utter discord among the Crewmates.



Purple’s ruthless investigation as lead detective keeps the imposter on their toes.



Despite never knowing who the imposter is, Light Green always boldly accuses people.



Yellow stays silent to avoid suspicion, but their plan usually backfires on them.



Despite (usually) being innocent, Green is always the first Crewmate to be accused.



White, please start doing your tasks. Your crewmates are annoyed and desperate.



Turquoise never fails to get caught mid-murder by fellow players. Work on your stealth!



Pink doesn’t care about being voted out. They’re here for a fun time, not a long time.



Orange just chooses to go with the flow, always voting with the majority opinion.



Like it or not, Blue is indisputably skilled at getting away with being the imposter.



Black calls unnecessary meetings all the time, but that’s what keeps the game moving!

CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO | 2020 POLITICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Electoral College

By Andrew Sung
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The Constitution opens with “We the People,” not “We the States.” Under the electoral college, Americans do not directly vote for the presidential candidate; rather, they vote for designated state party electors. During the 18th century, the founding fathers enshrined the electoral college in the Constitution due to their distrust of the common people’s political judgment, since access to education was limited to the elite. However, with national access to public education and instant availability of information through mass media, today’s eligible voters are far more informed and no longer require indirect voting to protect the nation’s best interest. Instead, modern presidents should be elected by the popular vote, which will ensure that individual citizens directly influence the election’s outcome and better uphold democracy.

First, the electoral college assigns unequal influence to votes from different states and causes unfair representation of American citizens’ overall choice for president. The electoral college guarantees every state at least three electoral votes regardless of population size. As a result, Wyoming, with a population of 600,000, will cast three electoral votes, or about one per every 190,000 residents, while California, home to 40 million people, will cast fifty-five votes, or one per 715,000 people. In other words, Wyoming’s electoral votes each has triple the voting power compared to California’s. Consequently, a presidential candidate could win by an overwhelming majority in states with metropolitan cities but lose the election because of small-margin losses in states with sparsely populated communities. Such disparity challenges the legitimacy of the election, and thus our democracy.

Furthermore, the electoral college does not accurately reflect the proportions of the popular votes within states. With the exception of Nebraska and Maine, most states use the winner-take-all system to distribute electoral votes. Although the Constitution does not require the usage of this distribution method, states have been using it to grant their favored political party’s candidate all of the state’s electoral votes. Due to this flawed system, President Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016 despite losing the national popular vote by 2.8 million. In swing states such as Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan, where he won by mere margins

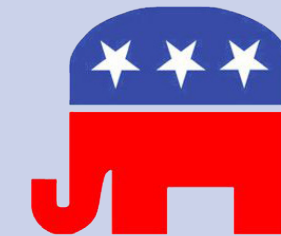
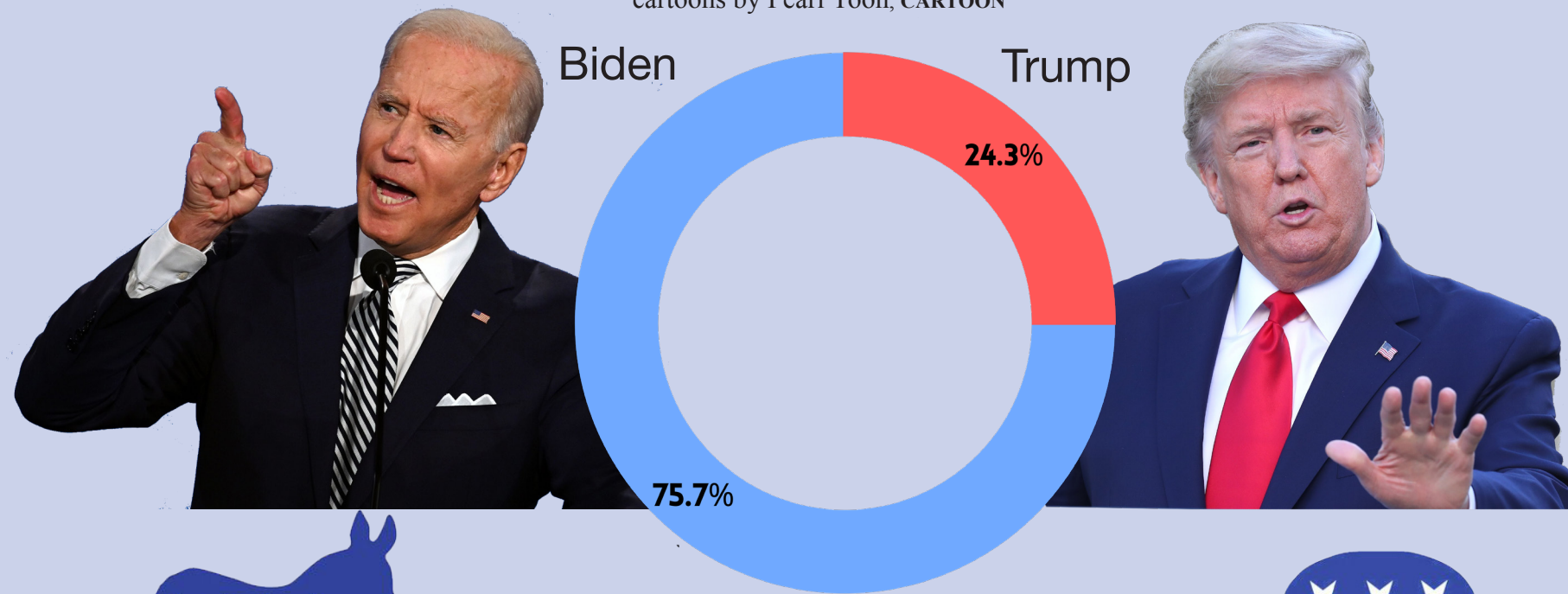
of two percent or less, Trump took all of the states’ electoral votes, while Clinton did not get a single vote. Such an unfair system that allows disproportionate representation should be abolished. Finally, the electoral college creates further political polarization and discourages too many Americans from voting. According to the New York Post, voter turnout rates in swing states are usually high: Florida, 65.1 percent; Ohio, 64.5 percent; and New Hampshire, 70.3 percent. On the other hand, voter turnout rates in safe states is 52.4 percent in New York, 53.8 percent in California and 52.1 percent in Oklahoma. The stark difference in voter turnout rates demonstrates that the electoral college attributes greater political significance to the swing states than the safe states. The outcome of the election in historically “blue” or “red” states is usually difficult to change, so voters in such states are less compelled to vote. Because of the varying rates of voter turnout, presidential candidates focus on appealing to specific sections of America rather than the nation. Replacing the electoral college with the popular vote would encourage citizens to exercise their sacred rights because they know that their votes would be directly counted in deciding the winning candidate.

As it stands currently, the electoral college, with its representational imbalance and discouragement of voter turnout in some states, fails to fairly represent the American people. To uphold true democracy, we must abolish the electoral college in favor of a popular voting system.

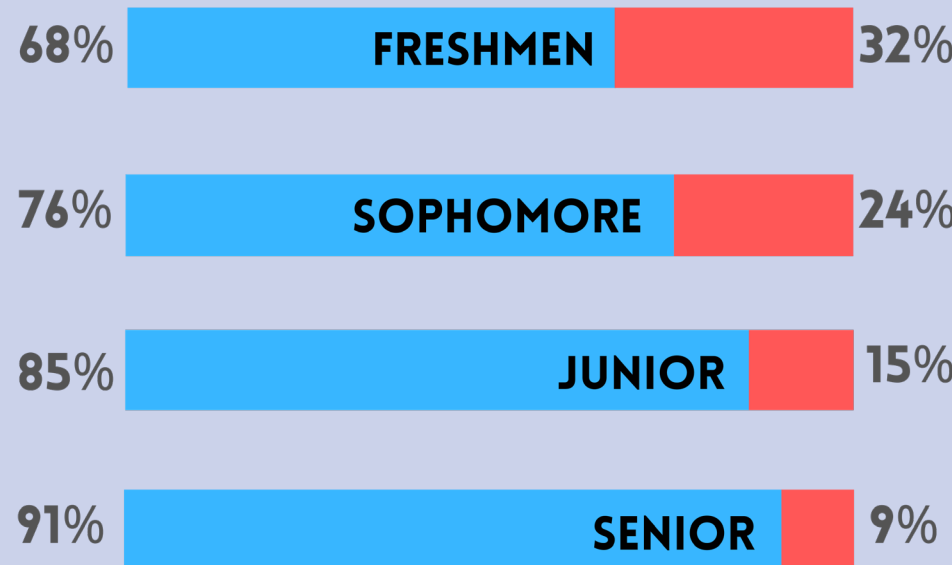


With the 2020 presidential election day fast approaching Nov. 3, read all about the political highlights for this year and see what your fellow students have to say about the presidential candidates and the first presidential debate.

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WHAT IF all of the Warriors could vote?



Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court is about to become a supreme failure. Following the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Sept. 18, President Donald Trump nominated Republican Amy Coney Barrett to replace the vacant seat. The Republican Party already holds the majority of Senate seats (53 to the 45 held by Democrats), which suggests that Barrett’s confirmation to the Supreme Court will most likely occur, cementing the United States under dangerously partisan conservative ruling. To counter this troubling majority, Democrats have suggested raising the number of justices from the traditional limit of nine and ensuring that those seats are filled more fairly, also known as “packing the court.” In order to balance the court and control the damage that would come with an excessive conservative majority, packing the court is crucial.

Assuming Barrett is confirmed, the Supreme Court would have a rare six to three conservative majority, undermining the nonpartisan purpose of the court altogether. When Barrett takes Ginsburg’s place, the

court will require two Republican justices to vote in favor of liberal decisions in order for liberal decisions to be passed. Considering that Supreme Court justices serve for life and influence laws for decades to come, an excessive majority for any party in the highest court of the country threatens the liberties of American citizens—both Democrats and Republicans. With the imminent power imbalance, packing the courts is the clear choice, and one that must come quickly.

Changing the number of Supreme Court Justices is not unconstitutional and has actually occurred several times in American history. In fact, the nine-seat standard isn’t outlined anywhere in the constitution. Furthermore, the notion that adding seats is radical or far-left is ludicrous considering eight official changes in the number of justices have been passed throughout history. For example, Lincoln and the Republican Congress packed the court during the civil war, creating a tenth seat. The entire point of packing the court would be to protect America from the partisanship already present in the Supreme Court, which only stands to increase beyond a potential compromise if Barrett is confirmed.

The implementation of court packing has been deliberated and refined for years, and there are several reasonable solutions that can effectively solve the Supreme Court’s current situation. For example, Democrat Pete Buttigieg proposed a court composed of 15 Supreme Court Justices: five Republicans, five Democrats, and five apolitical justices elected unanimously by the other 10. In the event of major disagreement on which non-party candidates should be appointed, the Supreme Court would be put on hold and not take on cases, forcing Justices to reconsider their choices. This change would encourage thoughtfulness and cooperation between otherwise politically opposed parties. Moreover, party-affiliated justices would continue serving traditional life terms, while apolitical justices would serve a single one-year term. This approach would solve some issues with life terms, including the lack of fresh perspectives in court, by regularly confirming new justices and allowing for more mainstream, current opinions to influence decisions. Proponents of court packing should be open to other packed-court layouts, with the end goal of implementing a change that effectively keeps the equilibrium between the power of conservative and liberal justices.

Overall, a nine-seat court leaves America open to a disastrously lopsided power balance. The solution, however, is to promptly pack the courts. Not only is court packing less radical than conservative politicians make it out to be, it may be America’s last hope at protecting liberty and safety.

The first presidential debate was **EMBARASSING**

Biden: **C** Trump: **F**

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1. Coronavirus
2. Racial inequality

The first presidential debate was **CHILDISH**

Biden: **C** Trump: **D**

Key Political Topics:
1. Coronavirus
2. Climate Change

The first presidential debate was **INFORMAL**

Biden: **B** Trump: **D**

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1. Racial inequality
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Warriors speak out

The first presidential debate was **INTERESTING**

Biden: **F** Trump: **D**

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1. Coronavirus
2. Economy

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Biden: **C** Trump: **B**

Key Political Topics:
1. Economy
2. Coronavirus

The first presidential debate was **INFORMATIVE**

Biden: **C** Trump: **A**

Key Political Topics:
1. Amy Barrett
2. Racial inequality

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Why America should vote for Joe Biden by Sophomore A

Joe Biden has rational solutions for many problems caused by President Donald Trump. Trump has admitted to withholding essential information about the coronavirus from the public and opposed masks in favor of convenience. Biden will listen to scientists and make informed public health decisions. Biden helped Obama deal with multiple public health crises and his experience will be important for fixing this mess. With his stubborn denial of science, Trump caused irreversible environmental harm by withdrawing from the Paris Accord and reversing many environmental regulations. Biden has a plan to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and promote renewable energy. On the issue of healthcare, Trump tried to repeal the Affordable Care Act which will take away coverage from millions of Americans. Moreover, Trump has said for four years that he will replace it with a better version but has not even presented viable proposals. Trump's solution for recent violent protests was to send in federal agents who violated due process rights and increased tension. Biden recognizes that implicit bias exists and has recommended solutions to reduce the role implicit bias plays in criminal justice. Every eligible voter should vote for Biden instead of Trump who has no solutions.

Trump is a moral failure by Freshman A

A strong leader is supposed to protect his people from the bloodthirsty claws of racism and bigotry. However, President Donald Trump has created a mockery of our country in his failure to assist minority groups in achieving racial equality. During the presidential debate, Trump was asked multiple times by moderator Chris Wallace if he condemned violence from far-right wing groups and white supremacists. Trump clearly sided with white supremacists when he said, "Proud Boys, stand back and stand by! But I'll tell you what, somebody's got to do something about Antifa and the left." Not only is this statement full of misinformation, but it is also extremely hateful and racist. The Proud Boys are a far-right, Neo-fascist, all male group. Antifa is an ideology (NOT an organization, as Trump thinks) which protests against far-right beliefs and fascism. With all taken into consideration, one begs the question: Is Trump fit to fulfill the needs of his people for a racially tolerant country? The people of the United States need to think before allowing this man to take four more years of power.



The California state government needs to take more action against the wildfires

By Vivian Lee
STAFFWRITER



California's wildfire season is not over.

The August Complex fire, caused by lightning strikes Aug. 16, became the largest fire in California state's history Sept. 9 with at least one million acres burned. As of Oct. 15, there have been over 8,500

fires, more than 4.1 million acres burned and 31 fire-related deaths. Besides the physical damages to land and infrastructure, the ferocious wildfires also caused poor air quality, which led to an astonishing increase of people with asthma and strokes in Northern California by 43 percent as recorded by Stanford University Aug. 26. The destructive wildfires have caused immense financial and physical damage to California, and therefore the state government should make more of an effort to implement new strategies and expand budgets to combat the wildfires.

The severe damages incurred by the yearly wildfires may potentially worsen when strong winds arrive. The Santa Ana and Diablo winds, which are well known for being extremely warm and dry, are expected in the West Coast in November, which is also when California's fire season usually peaks. This coincidental over-

lap threatens the possibility of the winds kindling the wildfires and making this record-breaking year even more dangerous not only for those living in rural areas but also in urban neighborhoods. Thus, it is necessary for the California government to immediately become more active in protecting communities and to start investing more in preventive measures.

Adequate funding is crucial to fix California's wildfire problem. Governor

"The state government should make more of an effort to implement new strategies and expand budgets to combat the wildfires."

Gavin Newsom announced in January a budget of \$100 million to help homeowners make their houses more fire-resistant. Under this plan, more homes would be prepared for the upcoming

surge of wildfires later in the year and the amount of overall economic and property losses would be reduced. However, in May, budget cuts put the program on hold along with the \$1 billion in state funding for climate-related projects in the next five years. Although budget cuts due to COVID-19 cannot be helped, once the demand for coronavirus relief decreases, wildfire prevention should become a priority. In order to effectively alleviate the ongoing fire situation, the state government needs to implement a larger budget in order to put programs like these into motion.

Until California manages to get the funding necessary for bigger wildfire related projects, the government should aim

for short-term solutions, such as controlled burning. This technique can decrease the intensity of bigger wildfires by reducing the accumulation of flammable fuels, such as dry leaves, grasses and logs. Recently, the annual number of acres burned through intentional burning has drastically decreased to 13,000 acres from an average of 30,000

acres per year. However, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire, as many as 20 million acres should be burned in order to stabilize the number of fires. Although controlled burning is expensive, it is not as costly as long-term projects like building fire-resistant houses, therefore making it a viable solution. Other short-term solutions, including the enrollment of bigger and more efficient firefighter crews and the expansion of emergency response capacity, could better



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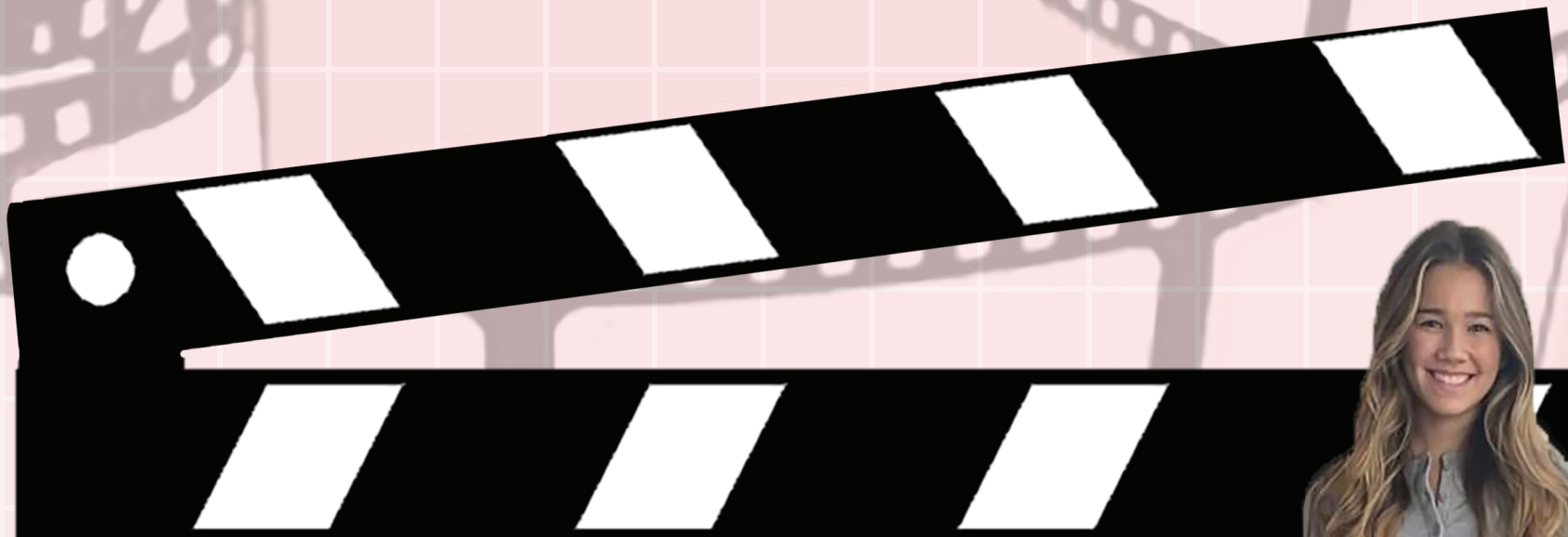
limit the scale of large wildfires and minimize the damage done to communities.

California needs to push for a larger budget for wildfire prevention. If more funding is provided, the state would have sufficient resources to start long-term solution projects while maintaining the already implemented short-term solutions. If California state government genuinely considers its residents' safety as its top priority, it will enforce these changes soon.

Inside the Role

3-2-1 Action! Meet freshman Brooklyn Rae Silzer, a high school student and an Emmy-nominated actress. In every project, she strives to emulate her passion through her roles—check out her story below!

Compiled by Hannah Adams, **FEATURE EDITOR**, article by Coco Gong, **STAFF WRITER**, and images courtesy of Google and Brooklyn Rae Silzer



Under the twinkling lights of the film production site, actors and actresses unite their voices in a symphony of script lines to create a vivid world of fantasy. Among them, freshman Brooklyn Rae Silzer smiles as she dances into the arms of her fictional family. Within seconds, Silzer’s bubbly liveliness links her to the bright energy of her character. As the cast members move fluidly through each scene, Silzer reaches through her own emotions to find her role, and the imaginary story becomes her reality. Through a window of her own personality, Silzer projects herself into countless characters while retaining her own unique identity.

Silzer gives a piece of herself in every role that she plays, and each character takes on a distinctive aspect of her. In “General Hospital,” her fictional family, played by Jason Thompson and Finola Hughes, taught her to physically and emotionally become the little girl she portrays. In her feature debut, “The Storyteller,” Silzer takes on the position as Abby, a little girl with a magical,

mysterious history. As Abby matures and brings healing to her family, Silzer grows alongside her. Silzer’s life as Abby taught her that her brilliance on stage can be emulated not just through colorful cheerfulness or optimism, but through defenselessness as well.

“They taught me a lot about acting: to really be myself. I would just act as the character, but they told me I really have to be the character, and connect and use real emotions to connect my own memories.”

Silzer strived to touch every part she plays with a spark of enchantment, but sometimes this magic loses its sparkle: For a period of time, Silzer found herself demotivated under the weight of innumerable auditions, unfortunate rejections, and the pressure of being flawless. Briefly, she left her career, but her pure enthusiasm of being on stage revived her passion and guided her through perseverance. From that point on, everything Silzer did was to show that she loves what she does.

“I thought I needed to be perfect,

Silzer said. “Once I realized I didn’t need to be perfect, and that I’m great as I am, my perspective totally changed, and I started to love dancing and acting a lot more.”

Silzer’s acceptance led her to further enchant her roles with her own personality and personal life as she takes herself inside the role. In happy scenes, other cast members’ faces morph into the profiles of her own friends as they grin and laugh with each other. In sad scenes, her old, past memories flood out of her and into the sorrow of the character she portrays. Silzer anticipates extending her acting into a wider expanse of fun roles, such as a mean girl. In the future, Silzer hopes to fully embellish her passion as the main character of a movie.

“I just want to show people that I love what I do, and I really enjoy doing it,” Silzer said. That’s my main way of expressing my emotions.”



AS SEEN ON TV: On *General Hospital*, Silzer plays Emma Scorpio-Drake alongside Nicholas Betchel, who plays Spencer Cassadine.

The Scoop



OFF-STAGE FRIENDS: Outside of *General Hospital*, Betchel and Silzer are good friends—this is them at the Emmy Awards back in 2016.

LAKERS VICTORIOUS IN 2020 NBA FINALS

After 10 long years, the Los Angeles Lakers are once again the NBA Champions; read how our student body reacted following the massive win that marked the Lakers' 17th title and the first since 2010.

Compiled by Lucas Santos, SPORTS EDITOR, article by Jacqueline Liu, STAFF WRITER

After a winding path packed with unprecedented obstacles, the Lakers triumphed Sunday Oct. 11 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals, winning their 17th title. The Lakers beat the Miami Heat 106-93, four games to two in their playoff run with LeBron James.

From angering the Chinese government in their preseason trip against the Nets to Kobe Bryant's unimaginable death on Jan. 26 to the indefinite suspension of the season due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Lakers were surely tested this season. Yet, the Lakers persevered through all the calamities that came their way in their efforts to claim their first championship since 2010, which was also the last title that Bryant ever won.

Although social distancing protocols forced play into a bubble, the loyal supporters cheered for their favorite team at home from their television screens. Lakers fans were undoubtedly going through a whirlwind of emotions as they stayed alongside their team through all the ups and downs of this season. Not only did supporters root for a victory on the Lakers decade anniversary of last winning a chip, but many hoped to honor Bryant's memory in the months after his passing.

The Lakers championship win is certainly the hard won fruit of their labor through these difficult months. The strength and perseverance exhibited through the winding playoffs paid off as the Lakers claimed this victory from the Heat.

"I was so happy. I was jumping off the walls. My family and I were cheering and hands up in the air. Laker NATION!!!"

"I'm a Heat fan but I still have to respect what the Lakers did this year. I actually felt happy for them even though they beat my team. It was for Kobe and Gigi in the end."

"I knew it was done and dusted after we won the 3rd quarter in a huge blowout! I'm just so happy that they finally got another title after so long."

"I was really happy and excited. It's been a long 10 years since they last won a and I think they had an amazing season. I was so glad they won it this year to honor Kobe and his Laker legacy after his tragic death."

"It was great seeing the achievement because of the hardships the franchise had to go through this past decade."

"I felt very happy as LeBron and AD were able to lead our city a championship for the first time in a decade, but it was also sad when I started to remember the Kobe's really sad passing this year in January."

"It was too easy for the Lakers. They didn't even have a challenge. I knew from Game 1 that we had this in the bag after I saw that they were playing the Heat instead of a stronger team."

"I think that the NBA bubble was great. Like I'm amazed how they ran the whole league in the Bubble and kept the players safe. I am not gonna lie but this finals definitely redefines the LeBron as GOAT debate for me. He was just so dominant and consistent. RIP Mamba they really did it for him."

Two-sport phenom Madison Bedward makes her mark on Warrior Athletics

Just a freshman, Madison Bedward already is greatly involved at Troy with Cheer; dive into her endeavors and explore her career in gymnastics.

By William Song
STAFF WRITER

Tumbling through the air and leading cheers, freshman Madison Bedward has made big waves in Warrior athletics. Bedward is a talented athlete who excels in not one, but two sports. In addition to having eight years of gymnastics under her belt, Bedward is a tumbler on the Warrior varsity cheerleading team.

Bedward started gymnastics at a young age as she showed signs of talent and wanted to stay fit and healthy. Although she recently stopped gymnastics to be more involved and focused on school, she has amassed several notable achievements.

Bedward not only competed in numerous competitions across the country, but has also won first place in a state competition. She has competed in California, Arizona and Nevada. Additionally, she is a level eight gymnast and was involved with the Junior Olympic Program. It takes about a year

to move up a level and most gymnasts reach level ten by the end of high school, but Bedward is already an accomplished level eight at the young age of 14.

Through gymnastics, Bedward learned how to be confident and how to be a supportive teammate. She also was able to learn skills with bars, vaults and beams. While cheer and gymnastics are very different, these lessons along with the skills

Bedward developed over the years helped her tremendously with cheer.

"I have learned to be animated, and I know how to tumble, so that helped me," Bedward said. "Also, being in good shape helped."

Bedward has always had an interest in cheer, but joined this year in order to attempt something new and represent her school.

To Bedward, cheer is a fun way to exercise and interact with friends, while also being involved and supportive at Troy. Cheer also allows her to express herself, while being in a good, friendly and encouraging environment. Among all the aspects of cheer, Bedward finds memorizing the cheers to be the hardest.



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TUMBLING TO SUCCESS: Bedward performs an elegant floor routine at a gymnastics competition as she attempts to earn a high score.

"The hardest part of cheer is trying to remember the cheers, and trying to learn them," Bedward said. "But it is very easy to have fun and express yourself because you are in such a good environment."

Just like all other sports, the pandemic makes practicing cheer difficult. Practice must be held with social distancing guidelines and cheerleaders are not able to fully display their talents and skills. Despite this, Bedward and the rest of the cheer team remain pas-

sionate and practice three days a week for two and a half hours each day in preparation for spring competitions.

As it is her first year, Bedward looks forward to competing and is excited to experience school at Troy.

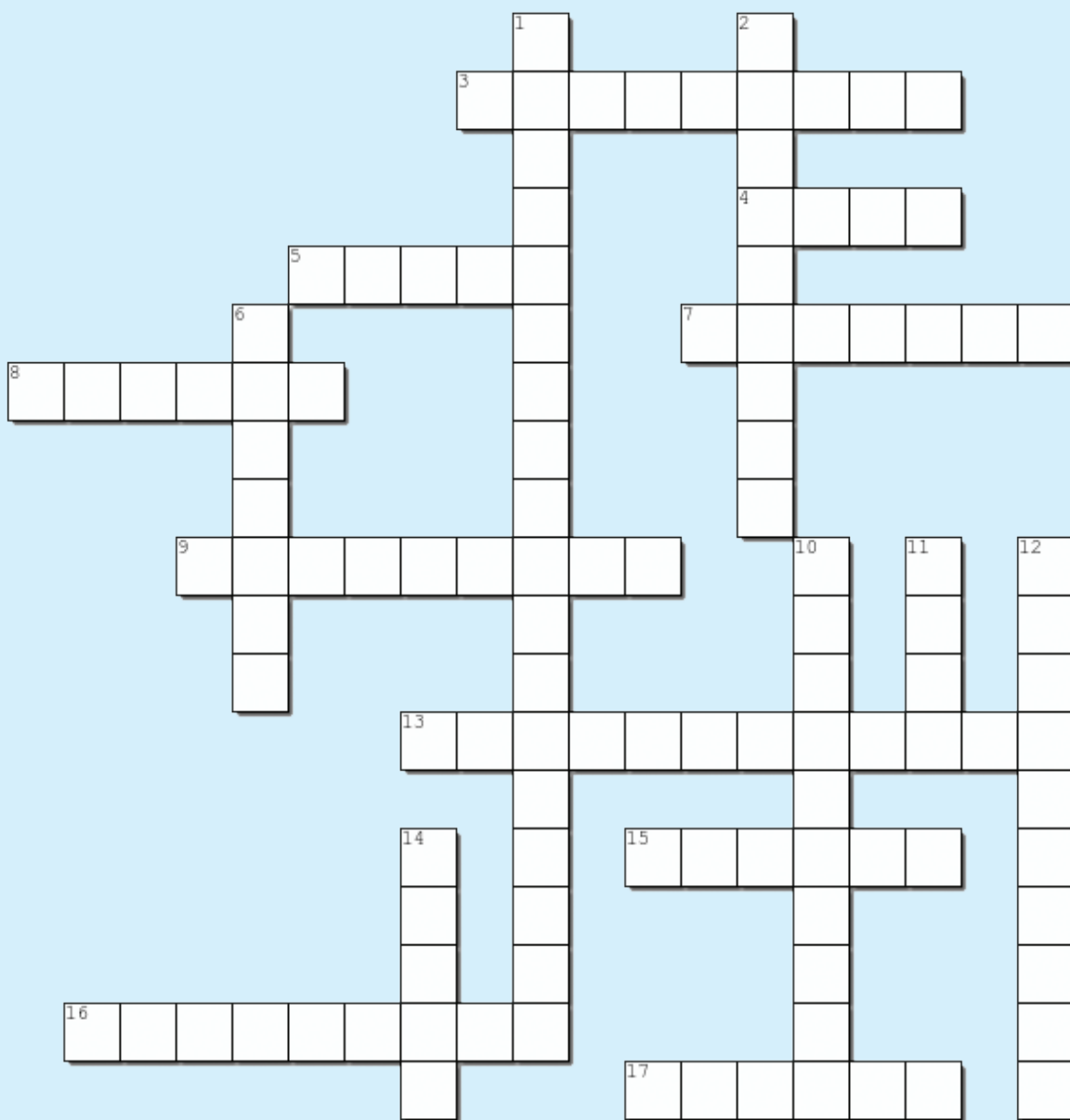
"This season I really want to have fun and improve my facial expressions. I also want to learn how to stunt hopefully," Bedward said. "I look forward to meeting new friends and meeting my teachers in person."



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Across

3. The name of the actor who plays Ant-Man in the Marvel series
4. The largest human organ
5. The most populated country in the world
7. The sale of ____ was prohibited during the Prohibition
8. The most abundant element on Earth
9. The name of the wizard sport in the Harry Potter series
13. The artist who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
15. The capital of Canada
16. The main ingredient in hummus
17. The biggest country in the world

Down

1. The winning team of the Super Bowl in 2020
2. The world's oldest competitive sport
6. The closest planet to the sun
10. The second president of the United States
11. The first name of the author of "Pride and Prejudice"
12. A fear of heights
14. Number of continents in the world

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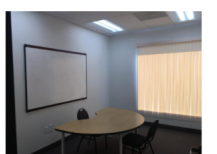
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