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**WITH CONFIDENCE:** Deviation club dancers juniors Vincent Villar (left), Syrrus Marapao, seniors Justin Kim, Lenia Morales, Christina Flewellen and Rafaela Liz Pia practice their routines Wednesday for today's winter sports assembly—the first held in the remodeled gym.

# FIRST GYM ASSEMBLY BRINGS SPIRIT

HANNAH JEONG

Cub Reporter

Sunny Hills High School's first assembly of the year was held today in the newly remodeled gym, introducing the winter sports teams along with performances from the Conservatory of Fine Arts department.

"The main thing we wanted to do [was] highlight a variety of the different groups in Sunny Hills, [such as] sports teams,

choir, dance and cheer," the ASB adviser Mike Paris said.

During the assembly, the winter sports teams played games to entertain the audience while Dance Production, Deviation club (a hip hop dance club), cheer and choir performed.

"The biggest thing for us [was] that there [had] not been an assembly since last March, so the freshmen have never been in the gym for an assembly," Paris said.

Freshman Kristen Kim had high hopes for the assembly and expressed both her

worries and her excitement.

"I have heard in the past that they have booed freshmen, so I am not looking forward to that. But, I am looking forward to all the videos of the sports teams," Kim said.

To create a winter theme in time for the holidays, the gym was decorated with string lights, mini Christmas trees and paper snowflakes, the ASB assembly coordinator senior Kristy Choung said.

"The highlight would be the ambiance of the actual gym because our decorations

are going to be more winter-themed than it was before," Choung said.

Choung and senior Brittany Zavala, who were in charge of the ASB pep committee this school year, had to work around the restrictions that the administration set to prevent damage on the new floors and bleachers.

"We could not hang the huge class posters on the wall that we always did because the tape might chip the paint [off] the walls," Choung said.

## ASB to decorate quad instead of class contest

ALEX PARK

Cub Reporter

To allow students to focus more on their end-of-semester studies, the ASB will transform the quad with winter holiday ornaments on the last day before final exams start next week, instead of continuing the tradition of sponsoring a class decorating contest, school officials said.

"The participation had been down" because of students having to attend zero period classes and preparing for final exams, the ASB co-adviser David Fenstermaker said. "So instead of doing [a contest involving] four classes in four different areas in the quad, we're just doing it in one area."

Starting at 6:40 a.m. Dec. 18--10 minutes before the start of zero period--students can come to the quad to get coffee and some chocolate candy from the ASB students. For those arriving to school for first period, the ASB will also be there at 7:35 a.m. to provide the same goodies.

"The [goodies] will be free," the ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said. "Our school's so good since we raise all this money for charity, [and] we can [also] get them for a cheap [price]."

The one tradition that will not change, however, will be the arrival of Santa during break.

Fenstermaker said someone dressed as Santa will be riding in a golf cart around the quad hallways throughout break, passing out candy to students.

According to past *The Accolade* articles, the ASB started sponsoring a class quad decorating contest in 1997.

Representatives for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors would meet some time before the last week before winter break and come up with ideas for how to decorate the central part of campus with holiday themes.

Then they would arrive early in the morning before daybreak to perform their own version of "Deck the Halls."

Past quad decorations ranged from a snow-making machine to inflatable holiday items to stockings on a makeshift chimney and Christmas trees, Fenstermaker said.

The event was canceled abruptly a decade ago without any specific reason given.

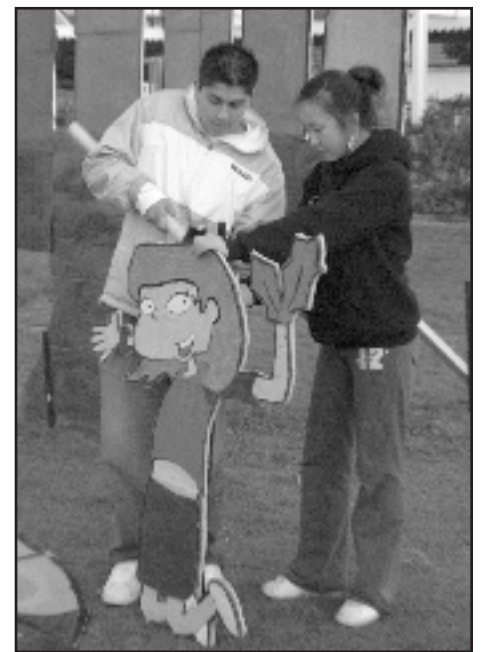
Fenstermaker said the ASB made the decision to change the contest to a regular ASB spirit day over the summer. To move it to right after the Thanksgiving break would not work, either.

"We were concerned that it wasn't close enough to the holidays," he said.

To decorate the quad, the ASB plans to come to campus in the evening on Dec. 17.

Some of the ASB members lamented over the cancellation of the contest and other offerings that went with it, such as photobooths.

"It's more about the loss in school spirit," said senior Miranda Gawlik, the ASB activities commissioner. "When people do not [come], the motivation and excitement to participate declines."



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**WINTER HOLIDAY SPIRIT:** Two students decorate the quad in 2006 before the contest between the classes was canceled the following year. On Dec. 18, the ASB has also decided to replace the class competition and instead will come to campus the night before to decorate the quad.



# Winter break timing brings complications

TYLER PAK

Cub Reporter

Because this year's winter break begins four days before Christmas Day, students are finding themselves scrambling to balance holiday events and studying for final exams.

"Christmas parties tend to occur the week before Christmas, so this winter break [places] constraints [on] personal student activity," senior Jennifer Song said.

Junior Shaan Sheth has also experienced difficulties with the 2017-18 schedule, which differs from the past in which winter break would start at least a week before Christmas Day.

"My siblings, [who] are in college, [have] breaks that are different from ours, so we cannot travel together," Sheth said. "It is a bit disappointing because break is one of the only times I can spend a lot of time with them."

Freshman Fabio Garcia also said that changes in his family's plans for their usual trip to Las Vegas have been a huge nuisance.

"It is annoying that we had to change our plans this year," Garcia said. "We usually like to celebrate Christmas at home the



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week before we go [to Vegas], but now we have to go the week of [Christmas] and celebrate there instead."

Aside from traveling, another big part of the holidays is shopping. However, the lack of time between break and Christmas will not allow many people like freshman Sydney Sereg to hit the malls.

"I will probably just end up shopping online," Sereg said.

Song is also dealing with problems that interfere with her plans to go shopping.

"I usually spend the extra week we have before Christmas buying gifts for friends and family," Song said. "[Now] I have to do that before and during finals week, which adds more stress."

Math teacher Amanda Morris sympathizes with students, saying she feels like she has to do everything in a hurry.

"It has forced me to do more of my shopping online this year," Morris said.

Some students, such as junior Oskar Leyva, said they do not think of the four days between break and Christmas Day as an inconvenience.

"As long as we get two weeks, it doesn't matter," Leyva said. "I am still able to hang out with friends, get rest and do anything else I want or need to do."

Despite the time shortage, freshman Leanne Hong still feels excited for the break.

"I can get together and spend time with [my family] sooner," Hong said.

## Student Senate Digest

The information listed below is based on the fourth Student Senate meeting of the 2017-18 school year, held Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Room 53. If students would like to offer feedback on the items, please contact staff reporter Minji Kim, who is among the 30 representatives of the Student Senate at [theaccoladeshhs@gmail.com](mailto:theaccoladeshhs@gmail.com).

- Senators were impressed with the talent show held Nov. 9 and were satisfied with the ticket price of \$5. They believed the talent show had a good balance of musical performances and unique individual talents. Junior So-hae Yang enjoyed junior Keahlani Alagao's Kendama tricks.

- The 8-3 football team made it to the first playoff round of the California Interscholastic Federation [CIF]. The ASB co-adviser Mike Paris indicated that many students did not go to the CIF game, possibly because of the far location, Garden Grove High School.

- Senators suggested that the ASB members provide incentives such as free drinks and food for future sports away CIF playoff games.

- Paris said the gym reopened with black paddings and a \$6,000 graphic of the school name, and the Lancer logo will be installed in gold later this month.

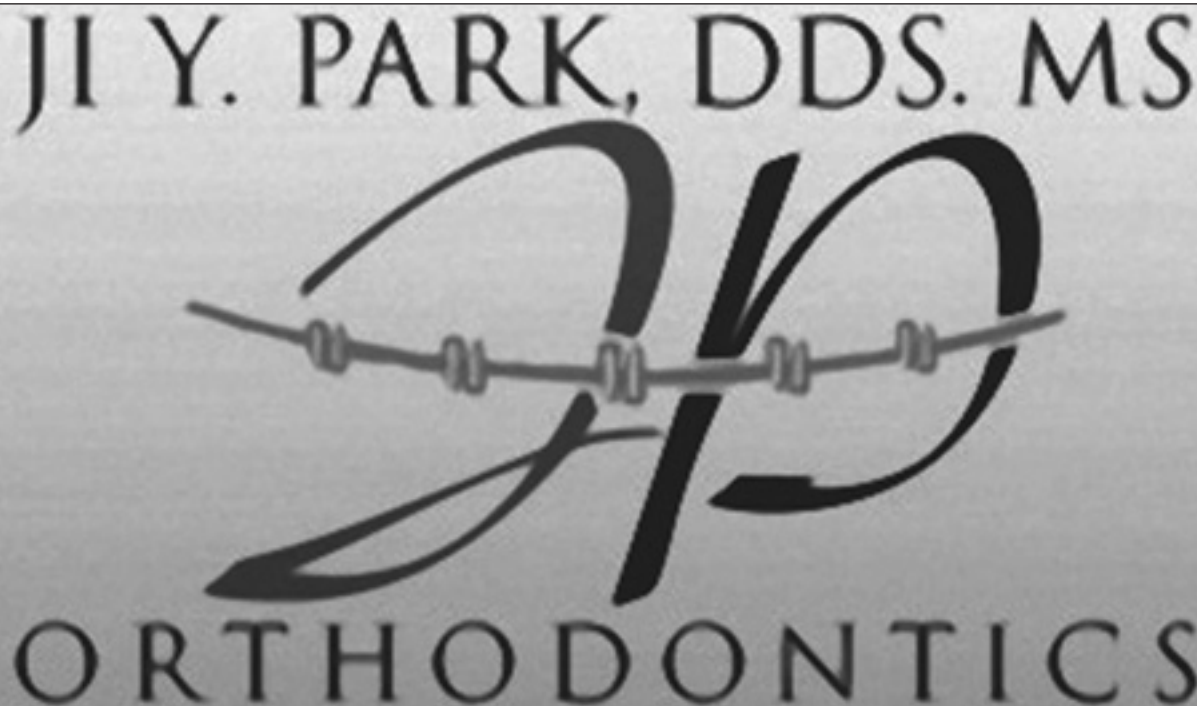
- Senators were satisfied with the publicity and price of \$10 for the Dec. 7 and 8 Dancing with the Staff performances.

- The ASB vice president Jacqueline Banal said the December spirit week will be called "Chriswanzukkah" to include other holidays such as Hanukkah.

- Senators suggested that sports teams perform a choreographed dance routine for the winter assembly, similar to that of Troy High School. However, due to the student athletes' time restraints, Paris indicates that the idea would be unlikely.

- Senators recommended that the ASB provide free hot chocolate and doughnuts for the Dec. 18 winter quad decorations.

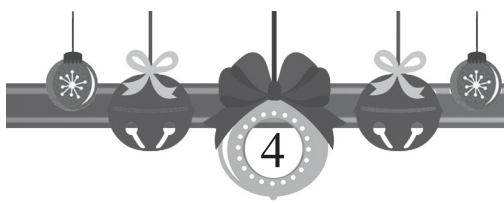
The next Student Senate meeting will be held Jan. 11 in Room 53 during fifth period.



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# DANCING WITH ★ THE STAFF ★

Dancing With the Staff in the PAC, Dec. 7 & 8, presented a mix of choreographed routines—hip-hop, pop and R&B—performed by principal Allen Whitten, nine teachers and dance instructor Leiana Volen's students. Deviation club members also took the stage.

Photos taken by Photo Editor Eunice Lew



**BALLIN':** Juniors Erin Timbol (left), Annabella Vidrio and Helen Lee greet the crowd in the background while ASB co-adviser David Fenstermaker performs his choreographed dance on the first night of Dancing With the Staff.



**TALENTED TRIO:** Sophomores Kyra Hughes (left) and Alia Scroggins (right) surround English teacher Christina Zubko as Abba's "Dancing Queen" plays in the background.





## DAY ONE WINNER:

# BRIAN KIM

“I didn’t expect to win because everyone did so amazing, but being announced the winner again was pretty cool.”

## 4X CHAMP



**NEW CHAMPION:** Senior Darshi Vadher (left), math teacher Cristian Bueno and senior Shaily Shah celebrate as Bueno receives her first championship trophy on Dec. 8.



**REIGNING CHAMP:** Dance Production assistant coach Capri Mendez (left) and agriculture teacher Brian Kim hug in celebration after Kim’s victory.

## DAY TWO WINNER:

# CRISTIAN BUENO

“It was so much fun. I’d definitely do it again, and I think it would be so nice if more teachers got involved.”

## FIRST-TIME CHAMP





# Fundraiser earns over \$1,000 for less fortunate

HANNA OLTMAN

Cub Reporter

The ASB surpassed its \$500 goal during its Minute of Hope fundraiser, collecting more than \$1,300 from students and staff as part of a new way to support the Pathways of Hope campaign.

"The donations help people in need in the city of Fullerton," Pathways of Hope coordinator Michelle Aldridge said. "I think this is a great way to give back to our neighbors."

The money drive was held Dec. 1 during second period. Students had one minute to gather as much change as they could to put in an envelope, similar to the "Miracle Minute" fundraiser held Oct. 20 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

A total of \$1,030.68 was collected, school officials said.

"I had spare change, so [I] decided it would be better if I gave that to families in need," said freshman David Chu, who was one of many students who donated money.



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**SPREADING CHARITY:** Junior Tara Desai (left) watches as student teacher Chelsea Garcia collects monetary donations during the Period 2 Dec. 1 Minute of Hope Fundraiser.

Meanwhile, between Dec. 4 and Dec. 6, the ASB coordinated many other efforts to contribute to the Pathways of Hope collection.

Students and teachers were given the opportunity to drop off

donations such as non-perishable canned foods, unopened toys or gently used books in boxes outside of Room 170.

In previous years, students who donated items to the drive would be entered in a raffle for a

chance to win various gift cards or annual passes to Knott's Berry Farm. However, no such opportunity was given this year since the ASB, Student Senate and staff members saw the raffle as ineffective.

"People felt that [the raffle] was promoting [the act of] giving for the wrong reason—to win something in return," the ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said.

No information was given as to how many items were collected, but "[the ASB wasn't] very happy with the amount [of items] they received," said junior class vice president Maya Rayyan, who participated in the collection.

Secretary and elections commissioner junior Cameron Choi said he donated also items during the collection.

"I feel the moral obligation to give to people less fortunate than myself, [so] I do this every year," Choi said. "It's just a tradition for me to donate every year as well as my fellow ASB members."

Because of the minute fundraiser's success, the ASB plans to do it next year as well.

"[This school] has always had a giving and helpful heart," Aldridge said. "I am so proud that this school steps up to help others."

## First Night kicks off New Year

SEBASTIAN CUEVAS

Cub Reporter

The 26th annual First Night Fullerton event will take place on New Year's Eve in Downtown Fullerton on Harbor Boulevard, Pomona Avenue and Wilshire Avenue.

"First Night provides the opportunity for families to enjoy an evening with a variety of food, kids' activities and entertainment," said Stephen Hale, the city's public information coordinator. "[The purpose of the event is] to provide an opportunity to enjoy an alcohol-free event [with]

fireworks and celebrate the [New] Year."

The free event includes a range of festivities such as ziplining and carnival games and will last from 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve to midnight.

In addition to the activities, tribute bands will perform cover songs from U2 and Journey.

As midnight approaches, First Night Fullerton will be setting off fireworks to mark the event's final performance of the night.

Parking spaces will be available at Plummer Auditorium and Fullerton College parking structures.

Sunny Hills students who pre-

viously attended the annual event had nothing but positive feedback to give.

Sophomore Brian Jang, who spent his time there two years ago, said spending time at this venue created a familial-type atmosphere that people of all ages can enjoy.

"I had an amazing time because it was [also] a good way to meet new people," Jang said.

For more information about First Night, contact Hale at [shale@cityoffullerton.com](mailto:shale@cityoffullerton.com) or visit Fullerton's website at [cityoffullerton.com/resident/community\\_events/first\\_night\\_in\\_fullerton.asp](http://cityoffullerton.com/resident/community_events/first_night_in_fullerton.asp).



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**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Locals gather to celebrate the New Year at last year's First Night Fullerton event.

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# HOLIDAY TREATS

The Accolade takes a look at students' favorite winter season candy with Skittles ranking No. 1



Photos and graphic compiled by Shine Lee



"Twix is my favorite candy because when you bite into the wafer, it is crunchy yet soft, and [it is also] gooey when you taste the caramel."

-Victoria Buitrago, 9



"I like Skittles because they are sweet, and I can eat all of them at once. [Also], they are more chewy than other candies. Skittles have the best flavor."

-Simon Kang, 10



"My favorite candy would have to be Skittles because I have been eating them ever since I was little."

-Daniel Chu, 11



"Jolly Ranchers are my favorite candy because of the [long-lasting] taste. Each different type of Jolly Ranchers [is] flavorful in a different way."

-Jason Lee, 12

Compiled by Isaac Choi

## Students opt for gluten-free treats as part of diet

JOY HUR

Cub Reporter

Warm baked cookies, gleaming chocolate-glazed cake and fluffy whipped cream.

These are just some examples of treats to avoid during the holiday season for those who follow a gluten-free diet.

"Not being able to eat my favorite holiday sweets without worrying is hard," senior Rose Diaz said. "I constantly check the ingredients to make sure it doesn't have wheat, milk, oats or an assortment of proteins."

Diaz is one of the many students at Sunny Hills who choose to be gluten-free because of the perks that come with it.

"Being [gluten-free] has its benefits, [since] it makes me feel healthier and more conscious of

the things I put in my body [such as] the large amounts of sugar [and] processed food that goes," she said.

Gluten, a storage protein found in many grass-related grains, acts as a glue to hold many foods made of wheat, rye or barley together; however, some people are allergic to gluten, so they cannot consume the protein. Others choose a gluten-free diet just to be healthier.

In contrast, senior Pauline Choi has been a gluten-free eater for a little less than a year and bakes gluten-free brownies for her and her family over the holidays.

"I have a sweet tooth, so it's really hard for me to stay on my diet and not eat my favorite banana cupcakes," Choi said. "[However], I bake gluten-free brownies by following a recipe I

get online over the holidays when I'm craving sweets."

Instead of using regular flour and vanilla extract, she substitutes those ingredients with special gluten-free versions such as the King Arthur Gluten-Free Flour.

"[The brownies] taste really similar to regular chocolate brownies, but it is just a little chewier in texture," Choi said.

Much like Choi, Diaz says that her friend substitutes some of the ingredients with gluten-free alternatives.

"[Enjoy Life's] pure chocolate and [Great Value Cream Cheese] don't contain gluten, so my friend substitutes them in the mixture instead of going with what the original recipe calls for," Diaz said. "Even with the alternative ingredients, the truffles turned out



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great."

Having been gluten-free for a while, Choi says that she readily anticipates the increase in assortment and availability of gluten-free treats that will appear in the future.

"I really look forward to the increase in [gluten-free desserts] that stores will [sell] as time goes on," Choi said. "I'm just going to continue being gluten-free to the best of my ability for now."



# Let it 'reyn' Spooner shirts

*Physics teacher Chris Peoples showcases his December ritual of wearing a different Christmas-themed Hawaiian shirt, which he receives annually, to have his students guess which year the shirt was made.*

**CHRISTINE CHOI**

*Staff Reporter*

"2011!"  
"2004!"  
"Is it 1997?"

Students clamor in excitement as they try to guess which year physics teacher Chris Peoples's Christmas-patterned shirt came from.

Expertly hiding the year on the fabric, clothing company Reyn Spooner brings a new design to the table every holiday season to impress its aficionado customers; the intricate design and durability of the Spooner Kloth used to make the Hawaiian shirts bring success each year.

"The first thing I do when I get my shirt is always look for the year," Peoples said. "As soon as I unwrapped it for my birthday, which was [gifted to me by my wife], I was already asking myself: 'Where is the year?'"

Though Peoples never purchased a shirt himself, he has collected all of the Christmas edition shirts since 1996 when he first received it from his wife for his birthday in November.

"Since then, it has become a tradition to get a Reyn Spooner Christmas-patterned shirt [every year]," Peoples said.



Chris Peoples



Courtesy of Reyn Spooner

**A REYN SPOONER CHRISTMAS:** *Chris Peoples wears shirts provided by Reyn Spooner for the holiday season.*

Twenty-one years later, Peoples has accumulated enough shirts to be able to wear a different shirt each school day in December. He said he wears the 2017 shirt on the 18th, the last regular day of first semester.

"I have been teaching at Sunny Hills for 21-22 years, and I have been ramping up [the] shirts," Peoples said. "Initially, I would just wear them on the Fridays before Christmas, but now I have one for each day of the week to wear."

Senior Irene Pak found his tradition unique and realized that he's not some or-

dinary instructor.

"After he showed us his shirts, he seemed a lot more welcoming, approachable and less scary than he had seemed before," Pak said. "I did not really see him as a guy with a big holiday spirit, but [it] turns out he is."

The Hawaiian shirts allow students to see a more eccentric side of Peoples, junior Kristian Chernov said.

"They're unique because the shirts are colorful and weird with little dates hidden on them," Chernov said. "Because I have

not seen a teacher do something like this before, I think that it is a pretty cool ritual that he does."

This holiday custom has grown on Peoples as he plans to wear these patterned aloha shirts every December for many years to come despite how absurd it may seem to his students.

"My students think that it's strange and weird but then again, I'm a physics teacher," he said.

# Rosenkranz wins writing with integrity award

**EUNICE LEE**

*Managing Editor*

Developer, innovator and now award winner.

Since the beginning of his teaching career, English and Theory of Knowledge teacher Scott Rosenkranz has thought of creative methods to incorporate technology into the education field.

It was to Rosenkranz's surprise that two representatives from Turnitin suggested that, after observing his summer classes, he apply to be nominated for a Global Innovations Award, which recognizes teachers who demonstrate commitment to improving education by utilizing new technology.

Upon nomination, he was chosen as a



Scott Rosenkranz

winner for the "Writing With Integrity" category in the North America region.

Rosenkranz used his educational app, Encore, and Google Tools to assess material and create student groups. Despite these two collaborative engines, he saw it fit to implement another app from Turnitin, Revision Assistant, to help students with essay writing.

"[Determining the curriculum] was largely a matter of allocating the right resources ..., which could help students access [and understand] the content given," he said. "Something as simple as a writing [exercise] could help students construct knowledge and help them with writing an essay."

Revision Assistant serves as a supplement that gives students specific feedback about their writing. It was first implemented in 2015 when he restructured his

summer curriculum to help students with essays, Rosenkranz said.

"A lot of it is the challenge of taking that sea of information and choosing the right

tools for the right purpose and framing it in a way so students do not feel overwhelmed or distracted," he said.

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# Fresh start for freshman

*9th-grader shares her thoughts on moving to Tokyo, Japan for the 2018-2019 school year because of her dad's new job as an imagineer for Disney's Beauty and the Beast ride*

**ALEXANDRA CARBAJAL**

*Cub Reporter*

Ancient Japanese castles, exciting night festivals and beautiful beds of cherry blossoms all define the features of Japan that freshman Moira Clark has always admired.



Moira Clark

Never did she imagine that this country across the Pacific Ocean would be her future home.

Clark said she will be moving to Japan with her family for her 2018-2019 sophomore school year because of her father's new job assignment.

"I was very excited when I learned that we would be living in Japan," she said.

The family intends on visiting Tokyo next April to tour her new school, the American School, where fellow transfers from the United States will be attending, Clark said.

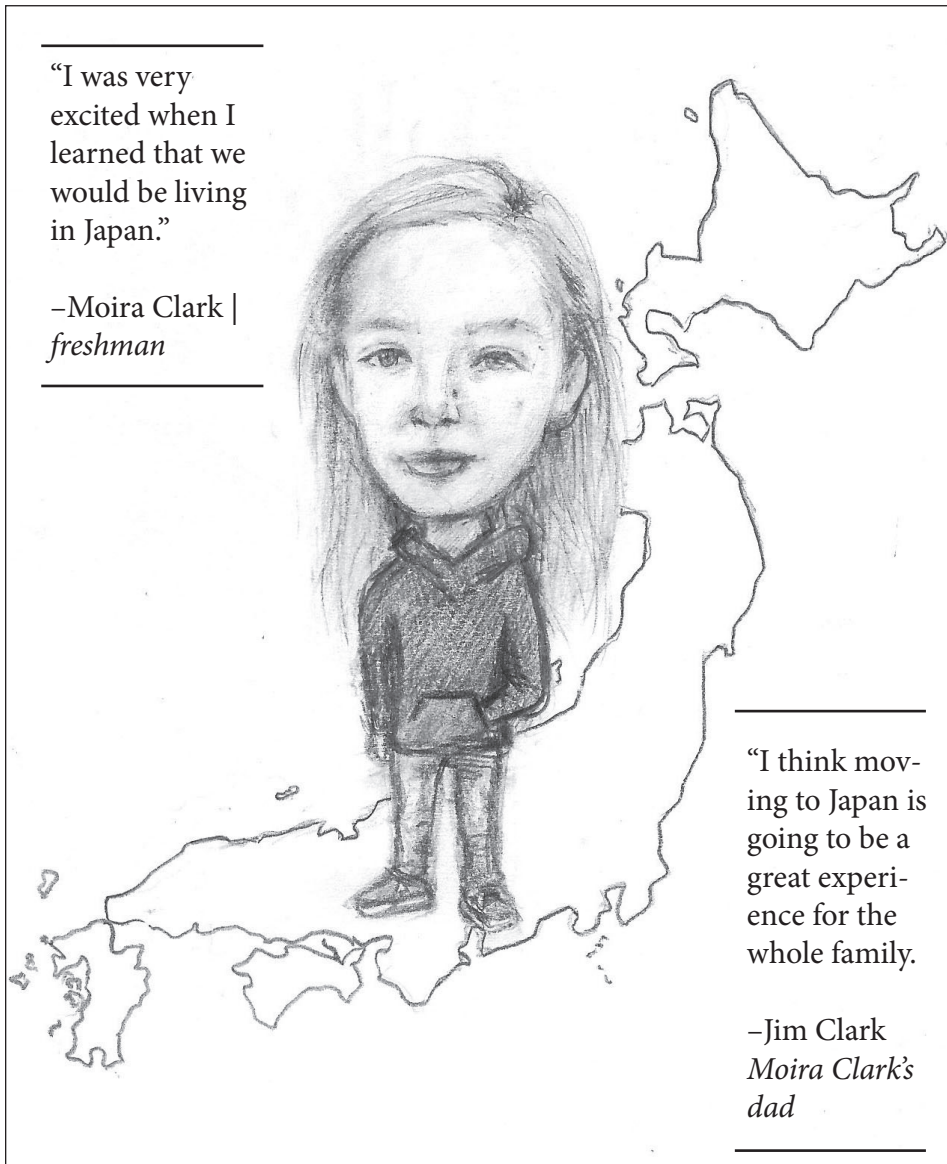
"I am a little nervous because I have never experienced being the new kid," she said.

Clark's father, Jim Clark, is a producer for Walt Disney Imagineering, a research sector of The Walt Disney Co. He is responsible for the creation, design and construction of Disney theme parks and attractions.

"I am currently involved in designing an expansion that includes two ride-through attractions, a theater show and a walk-through attraction, plus four shops and a restaurant in Japan," Jim Clark said.

"I was very excited when I learned that we would be living in Japan."

—Moira Clark |  
freshman



"I think moving to Japan is going to be a great experience for the whole family."

—Jim Clark  
Moira Clark's  
dad

He has worked at Disney for 24 years and is currently one of the main designers of the upcoming Beauty and the Beast ride for Tokyo Disneyland.

"It takes between four to seven years to design and build a major attraction [like this one] for Disney," Jim Clark said.

In the past, he has helped construct shops, restaurants, exhibits, theme park films and shows. However, this is the first time he will be involved in a major ride attraction project.

"I think moving to Japan is going to be a great experience for the whole family," Jim Clark said. "We will learn a lot from being immersed in another culture."

To become more accustomed to Japan, Moira Clark will be learning the language at her new school.

"I do not have to be fluent in Japanese to go to school there, but I am going to be taking Japanese as a class," she said.

Freshman Emilie Chai, who has known her classmate since seventh grade, is adjusting to the impending change.

"I am sad because I will not be seeing my best friend for a whole year," Chai said. "But I know she is really looking forward to it, so I am also happy for her."

During her stay in Japan, Moira Clark hopes to be exposed to new people, food and nature; she believes that this opportunity is a new chapter of her life.

"I want to [grow as a person] from my experience," she said.

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## CAMPUS PROGRAMS TAKE ON HOLIDAY SPIRIT



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Leo Club will be doing a toy drive for the Crittenton Center in Fullerton.



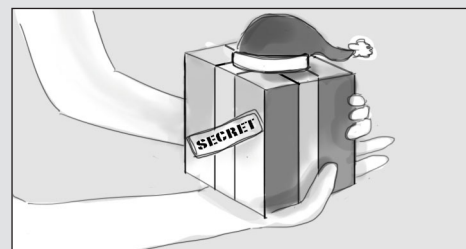
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Model United Nations will hold a gingerbread house making contest for a cabinet social Dec. 23 at the club president's home.



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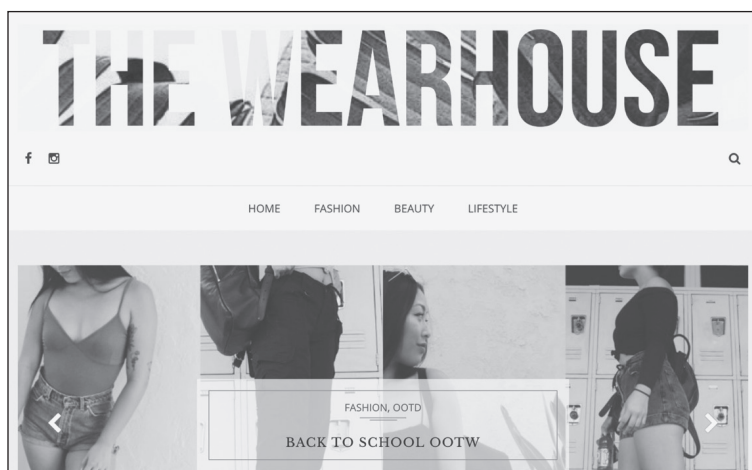
American Cancer Society will sell holiday candy grams to fundraise for cancer research and services.



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IB students will have a social on the last day of finals and will exchange "Secret Santa" gifts.





**ONLINE LOOK:** *Wearethewearhouse.com*, a sibling-run blog by freshman Gianne Veluz and her sister Danielle Veluz, features posts about fashion, beauty and lifestyle.



**FASHIONISTAS:** *Danielle Veluz and her younger sister, freshman Gianne, show off their new threads.*



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**SHE KNOWS FASHION:** *Freshman Gianne Veluz posts images like this on Instagram.*

# Freshman fashionista starts blog

**CAMRYN PAK**

*Asst. Feature Editor*

Mixing and matching clothes and accessories from Forever 21, Rothco, Vans and Roots Canada, freshman Gianne Veluz puts together an outfit that accords with all of the current trends.

As she makes a personal statement through her fashion choice, she confidently strides across the Sunny Hills campus.

Veluz is one of the co-founders of *wearethewearhouse*, an Instagram blog she started alongside her 22-year-old sister, Danielle Veluz.

"The Wearhouse is a lifestyle blog [on which] my sister and I share our style, tips and travel experiences with our readers," Gianne Veluz said.

In June 2017, the two sisters created the blog based on their ardent passions for beauty, fashion and traveling.

"We wanted an outlet to express our style in not only pho-

tos, but [also through] writing," she said. "The Wearhouse is a place [from which] we want to inspire people to be unapologetically true to themselves and to embrace their own style."

Having always been a fashion aficionado, Gianne Veluz considered fashion to be an important and daily part of her life.

"I think [that I've cared about my style] since I was like 4 or 5 because I used to always want to choose my own outfits instead of having my mom choose for me," Gianne Veluz said.

With the rise of social media, Gianne Veluz's love for fashion grew even more.

"People's personal, everyday styles are now shared worldwide [through social media], and 2017 is a time when people aren't afraid to explore new fashion territory anymore," she said.

The Wearhouse currently only has a website, an Instagram feed, a Twitter page and a Facebook page, but Gianne Veluz hopes

that they will later expand to other means of social media, such as YouTube.

So far, the website only has four posts, some of which discuss summer fashion trends and stylish outfit choices to wear for the first week of school.

"If one of us feels super passionate or compelled to write a specific piece, that person will be the writer for that post," she said.

Despite being busy with school work, the two sisters still plan to update their blog, albeit not as frequently.

"Since school started for the both of us, we've slowed down a bit to focus on our stud-



**FASHION STATEMENT:** *Freshman Gianne Veluz showcases her casual school outfit.*

ies," Gianne Veluz said. "But we plan to hopefully post a few times per month."

In fact, the sisters plan on updating their blog for the holiday season with posts regarding what to wear to winter parties and what kind of gifts to get for friends.

Freshman Jessica Ryoo, who has known Gianne Veluz since sixth grade, said the blogger never fails to fascinate her with her fashion sense.

"[Gianne] spends a lot of time figuring out new ways to spice up her style," Ryoo said. "Seeing how determined she is in taking this passion of hers and making it into something is really inspiring."

Although she is not very interested in fash-

ion or makeup, Ryoo loves reading Gianne Veluz's blog posts and watching the whole website come together.

"[It's impactful] to see how she's been wanting to do this for a while, and [now] it's actually happening," Ryoo said. "She turned something that she wanted to do into a reality."

Danielle Veluz said she always knew she would bond with her sister through their love for fashion.

"I remember when Gianne was really young she would put her own outfits together and accessorize like no one else her age cared to do or even thought of doing," she said.

The sisters hope to eventually turn their posts into an economic and philanthropic venture.

"[Some of our goals] include designing and creating jewelry with significance and donating [most of our] profits to various organizations and charities," Gi-  
anne Veluz said. "Stay tuned!"





# CHLOE LEE

Cub Reporter

**L**ight-sabers. Storm-troopers. The Force.

Star Wars fans embrace today's date with much anticipation as the eighth installment, "The Last Jedi," hits theaters today (exclusive showings were available to advance ticket holders as early as 7 p.m. Thursday at theaters like the Regal La Habra Stadium 16).

Those who flocked to "Episode VII: The Force Awakens," were left with several questions: Who are Rey's parents? Will Luke Skywalker die?

"Luke is on the edge of a cliff and turns around to see Rey with his lightsaber in her hand, then it rolls to end credits," sophomore Rodney Cho said. "The cliffhanger from 'Episode VII' is the scene that made me eager to watch the next movie, leaving me with [a lot of] questions."

Though the media are sure to show images of theatergoers cosplaying as Stormtroopers, Jedis with lightsabers and Princess Leia, some longtime fans like English teacher David Wolf do not plan to dress up when he goes to watch it two weeks after the release.

"I am not going to dress up like a Wookiee or Yoda, [but] I might re-watch 'The Force Awakens' [before watching the new movie]," Wolf



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## Who are Rey's parents? Will Luke Skywalker survive? Find out in today's new "Star Wars"

said. "As one grows a bit older, tolerating a crowd of the great unwashed begins to seem a burden, which is easily relieved by a few days' patience."

Despite Episode

VII's cliffhanger ending and some of the new characters' mysterious identities, most students hope the movie will have a more satisfying storyline than the previ-

ous episode.

"I don't like how Han Solo dies [by the hands of] his own son, since it didn't make [the movie] better," said Cho, who has watched all seven

of the series and booked tickets for today. "I also didn't like the villain Kylo Ren because he doesn't have the attitude [of] a villain."

Despite his complaints, other Star Wars enthusiasts have avoided watching the trailers to prevent themselves from being affected by spoilers.

Since the upcoming film marks the middle of the new trilogy, fans also expect "The Last Jedi" to be darker than the previous episodes.

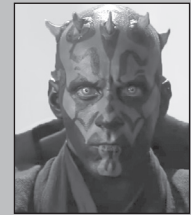
After seeing the red font on the title "Last Jedi" movie poster, sophomore James Chavez said: "The Last Jedi' doesn't exactly seem like a happy-go-lucky movie and the font on the poster just makes it seem darker."

In addition to the appealing design of the movie poster, the Computer-Generated Imagery [CGI] has attracted fans since the first movie, "A New Hope."

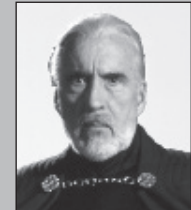
"I like that 'Star Wars' was one of the first movies to use CGI, and that attracted many people to watch it and fall in love with it," said senior Isaiah Moreno, who has already booked tickets for today at Regal Cinemas. "The CGI is still amazing, and it [still] lives up to my standards."

Today, fans will soon find out whether "The Last Jedi" will resolve all the theories that have been floating around on social media or if they'll have to return for the final saga about a galaxy, far, far away.

## NEW TO STAR WARS UNIVERSE?



Darth Maul



Count Dooku



Darth Vader

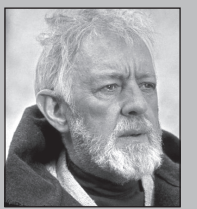
### ORIGINALS AND SEQUEL:

The original trilogy from 1977-1983 focuses on the adventures of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia as they try to save the galaxy from the evil Emperor.

The new sequels following 2015 focus on a new Force holder, Rey, and how she meets the characters from the original series to protect the galaxy from new threats.

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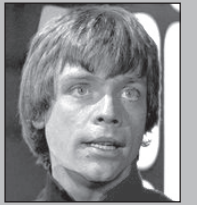
The prequel trilogy from 1999-2005 focuses on the early adventures of Obi-Wan, Yoda, and Anakin Skywalker before he becomes the famous Darth Vader, the Dark Lord.



Obi-Wan Kenobi



Yoda

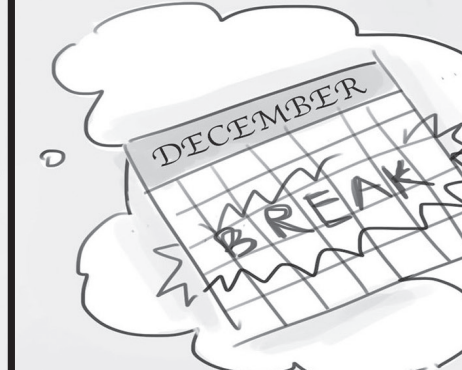


Luke Skywalker



Rey

Artist Haley Pae's comic strips "The Harsh Cycle" will return next issue.



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# 'Who' is 'TARDIS'? *Annual Christmas special of this British TV series will be historic as time traveling hero morphs into a woman*

KAYLA WOLFE

Cub Reporter

Going to family parties. Checking out neighborhood lights. Opening presents.

Besides these holiday traditions, some Sunny Hills students have added an import from the the "Doctor Who" Christmas special.

Airing for the 14th time on Christmas Day at 9 p.m., this year's sci-fi/fantasy show from BBC America once again surrounds a time-traveling protagonist who calls himself "The Doctor"; however, this year looks to be historic in the sense that he will, for the first time, regenerate into a woman. "I am really glad they are doing a female doctor," said senior Madison Wright, who has been a fan since her freshman year. "It was time for a change, and it's going to be interesting to see the doctor get in touch with the feminine side of the role."

Sophomore Ana Contreras missed last year's Christmas installment because she was on a family trip to Hawaii, but she and her older sister, junior Ariana Contreras, have made plans to ensure that they'll tune in to this year's episode titled, "Twice Upon a Time."

"I personally think that it'll be interesting to see how a The Doctor's view will be as a girl," said Contreras, who has

watched regular episodes of "Doctor Who" since sixth grade. "I'm sure that it's going to be good."

Besides the sci-fi/fantasy aspect of the series, the "Doctor

Who" airing on Dec. 25 usually revolve around one or two aspects of the holiday season, whether it's a snowy, winter environment or an encounter with Santa in outer space.

The word "twice" in the upcoming episode title refers to the appearance of a second Doctor, who is really the original protagonist in the series (David Bradley, "Harry Potter," plays the role

originally played by the deceased William Hartnell).

According to a video preview released on BBC America, the current character played by actor Peter Capaldi will somehow meet the first version of himself in some kind of a snowscape setting. The episode will also feature a storyline involving The Doctor's interaction with a British army captain.

For those who've never heard of "Doctor Who," fans say watching the Christmas episode is a gift in itself.

"It can help boost your creativity," Wright said. "There's this science aspect to it also."

Others like Contreras can't wait to catch it.

"I'm excited because there are always new adventures in this show," she said. "The fact that it's a Christmas episode makes it a million times better."



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## 'Erased' makes a live comeback

KIHOON KIM

Opinion Editor

"Erased."

It's not going to erase the galactic buzz surrounding today's release of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

But this live-action Netflix original—to be available for streaming today in Japan before it's eventually available in other markets—has caught the attention of some Sunny Hills anime fans.

Known in Japan as "Boku dake ga Inai Machi," "Erased" follows the story of Satoru Fujinuma, a man with the ability to go back in

time a few moments before a crisis after experiencing it once.

After being falsely accused of his mother's murder, Fujinuma uses his power to send himself back 18 years in the past to prevent her death and the abduction of three childhood classmates from a mystery killer.

"I can't wait to watch the [remake]; I just hope Netflix doesn't find a way to ruin it," said junior Nathan Park, who was not aware of the streaming services venture into the remake.

Park has both watched the anime and read the manga at the time of its release, but is worried Netflix may ruin the film due

to previous complications with "Death Note."

What's important about Netflix's decision for this attempt at a live adaptation is that it has decided to keep the original Japanese characters. Unlike "Death Note," which featured a non-Asian cast, Netflix's producers have decided to utilize a Japanese cast.

But this will not guarantee that the film will be a big hit, junior Jim Seo said.

"I'm excited, but at the same time very skeptical because of previous disappointments from other live actions," Seo said. "I've been watching anime since I was in elementary school and this might be the first time I'm actually excited for a live action remake; it's just that most remakes tend to not live up to the manga or anime and never seem to do them any justice."

Junior Crystal Lee does not consider herself to be a regular anime fan, but she has watched "Erased" on a whim and surprisingly enjoyed the series.

"I didn't think I would ever be excited for anything anime-related, but the new remake for 'Erased' looks really interesting. I can't wait to watch it," Lee said.



Courtesy of Arma! Japan

**RETURN TO THE PAST:** Satoro travels 18 years to the past.

## June's MonthLee:

### Asians lack representation in films

Director Adam Wingard's reimagining of the popular manga series "Death Note" became infamous for its unusual casting and mediocre storytelling. All the



JuneLee  
Entertainment Editor

characters were not Japanese like their counterparts but instead non-Asian actors. In other words, "Death Note" was a victim of whitewashing.

A 2015 University of Southern California study on diversity in entertainment found less than 5.1 percent of Asian-American actors play major characters in movies. It is because of this that directors are often under fire by fans for whitewashing their films.

It's not just "Death Note" that suffered from bad casting. The 2017 adaptation of "Ghost in the Shell" featured Scarlett Johanson as the main protagonist Motoko Kusanagi, even though the name clearly indicates Japanese heritage.

Filmmakers who are accused for bad casting often argue that they wanted to appeal to American audiences. However, this has the opposite effect. The day

Netflix released the "Death Note" trailer on Youtube, fans already disapproved having the main protagonist be played by a white actor.

In contrast, the upcoming live adaptation of the anime "Erased" has Japanese actors portraying their characters, appealing to both foreign and American audiences.

Asian Americans need more recognition in the film industry; they should fill the roles of characters with the same ethnic backgrounds. Simply replacing the characters with more recognizable, non-Asian actors for the sake of appealing to the masses makes the film socially unacceptable and commercially unprofitable.



# HOLIDAY CONCERT BITES



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LAUREN KIM

**Nov. 16 Amine** at The Novo by Microsoft in Los Angeles  
“My favorite part was probably when he came back out to do an encore of one of his most popular songs, ‘Spice Girl.’ Everyone just went completely crazy and jumped for the entire song.”  
— **Melissa Beining**, junior and winner of *The Accolade* free concert contest

**Nov. 21 Rich Chigga** at The Fonda Theatre in Los Angeles  
“The concert was a very exciting experience. Being that close to the artist while he performed his best songs was very fun and a once in a lifetime experience.”— **Kihoon Kim**, Opinion Editor

**Dec. 2 The Irreplaceables Tour: The Girls From Dance Moms** at The Fonda Theatre in Los Angeles

“The best part of the show was watching the girls dance together. I’ve watched the show since [their debut] and watching them dance in real life was definitely a cool experience for me, especially as a dancer.” — **Lauren Kim**, Staff Reporter



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KIHOOON KIM (left) and ANTHONY NOH

## *The Accolade's* season of giving

Interested in some music swag? We’ve got them all—posters and book markers for Dua Lipa and mini-posters for Grace Vanderwaal, 2016 “America’s Got Talent” winner.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Why not decorate quad earlier?

We all know the drill.

It has been about four months into the school year, and students have become accustomed to their school schedules.

Then comes Veterans Day in November.

This day not only commemorates our country's bravest heroes, but it also marks the beginning of the bombardment of breaks, late starts and holidays.

Eventually, the steady stream of vacations slows down once Thanksgiving ends.

The state of relaxation that we experienced over the past few days seems to have disappeared with the incoming finals.

In order to retain the holiday spirit that students have become used to, the quad should be decorated the week we re-

turn from Thanksgiving break.

When feeling strained or overworked, we typically feel better after spending time in a happy or blissful environment. The quad can similarly operate as this type of environment for those who are overwhelmed by their workloads.

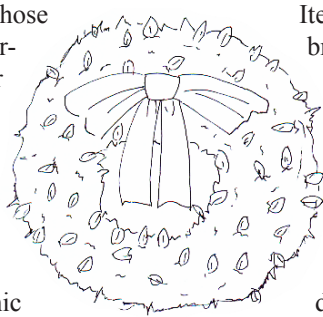
According to info.character.org, a student's physical environment can influence academic progress by almost 25 percent.

Usually, the ASB has the quad decorated during the week of finals, which acts as a boost for the Lancer morale during those critical days.

However, the quad should

be decked with these decorations earlier in the four-week period.

This allows the adornment of the area to coincide with the time that most students start making plans to study.



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Items such as brightly colored posters or ornaments strung onto some trees in the quad could help alleviate the stress of students as they feverishly review material.

Also, several stores are readily adorned for the holidays as early as the day after Halloween.

We may as well start decorating earlier since the festi-

ties have already begun.

This is in no way criticizing or downplaying the time and effort our ASB students dedicate to lifting our holiday spirits.

This is just a suggestion for our students—not just the ASB—to consider.

Putting up these decorations the week after Thanksgiving break additionally allows for ASB students to have more time to study for their final exams.

They can focus on their tests then worry about cleaning up later at the end of finals week.

Such a change makes an impact in the long run. The constant reminder of winter vacation encourages us to finish the semester off strong.

## Experiences over materialism

### *Holiday season should value events over presents*



selinaChong  
Editor-in-chief

At 5 years old, I asked for toy cars and dress-up dolls for Christmas.

At 10 years old, I asked for a Disney princess bicycle.

At 15 years old, I asked for the latest model of the iPhone.

But this year, I am asking for something most people my age would probably not include on their Christmas wish lists—a cherishable holiday experience.

Since I was a child, the Christmas season automatically meant a time I could receive any gift I wanted.

Receiving these gifts satisfied me for several years, but last holiday season, I realized the real importance of Christmas.

With distant family mem-



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bers and their busy schedules, I received all of my gifts either through the mail or indirectly through other family members, allowing me to realize that Christmas goes beyond gift boxes and packages.

I may have received all I was hoping for, but I missed out on something far more valuable—the time spent hanging ornaments on the Christmas tree, the moment dedicated to singing Christmas

songs and the night devoted to conversing with family members.

Although exchanging gifts remains to be an exciting aspect of Christmas, the true gift Christmas offers to everyone is the chance to make lasting memories with those closest to you.

Christmas should be respected not as a time people look forward to for receiving tangible items but instead as a

time when memorable experiences are made.

This year, I hope to enjoy the real joys of the Christmas season I was unable to last year.

With my distant family members present for the holidays, I am sure to receive the most valuable gift anyone could possibly ask for—an unforgettable and heartwarming Christmas experience.

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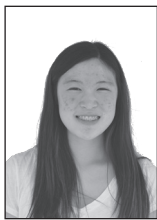
The Accolade regrets the following errors from the Nov. 9 issue:

In a feature story titled, "Socratic seminars offer chance for discussions," a photo description misspelled history teacher Robert Bradburn's first name.

In a special sections story titled, "Legends top League tourney," freshman Erik Kim's gamer profile picture mistakenly featured freshman Eric Yang instead.



# Animal Crossing returns as IOS app



tiffanyLee  
Feature Editor

The final school bell rang, and the race home began. Since kindergarten, I remember rushing home from school, pushing and shoving my brother in the tight hallway with our eyes fixed

on one thing: the door to my brother's room.

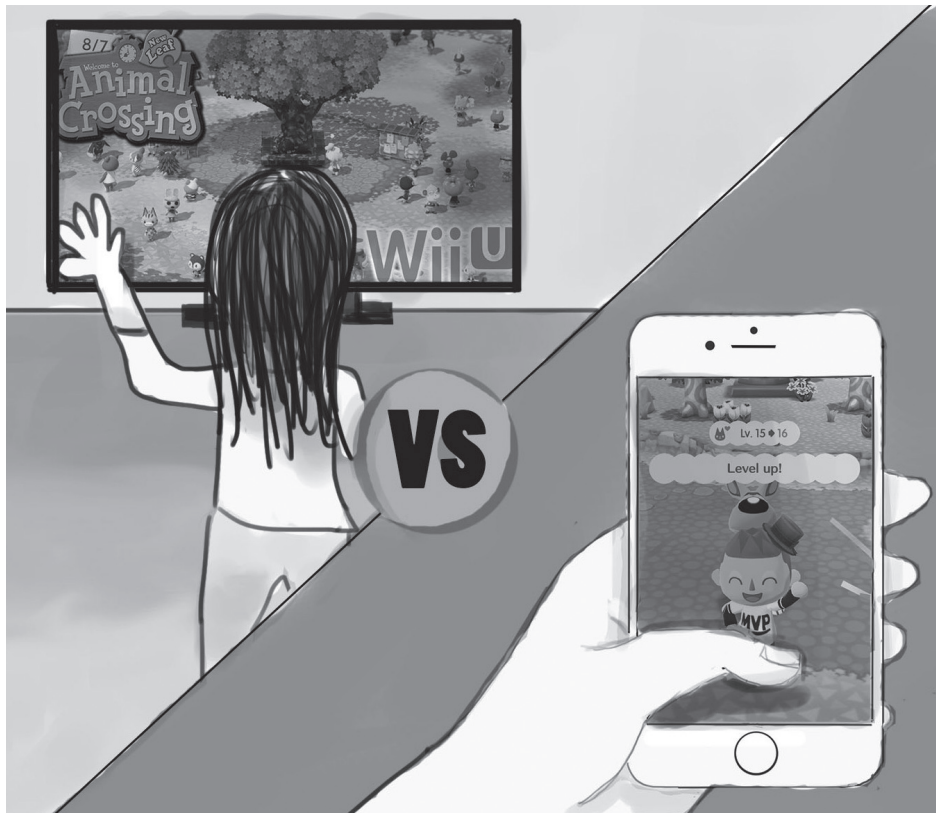
Desperately clawing for a GameCube controller, we argued about who would use the console first—my brother reached for National Football League Street and I reached for Animal Crossing: Population Growing.

This daily after-school routine from my elementary school years flashed through my mind once I opened a revamped version of this nostalgic game on my iPhone—years after getting over the Animal Crossing frenzy.

Released Nov. 21, Nintendo's Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp accumulated over 15 million downloads in only 11 days, available for both iOS and Android, according to 9TO5Mac.com.

The mobile game, along with its GameCube, Nintendo DS and Wii counterparts, is the most recent addition to Animal Crossing's 16-year series with some frustrating updates.

As I opened Pocket Camp, the game



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initially seemed similar to the original GameCube version—it began the same way, with a character named K.K. Slider discussing the player's move into a new town.

Unfortunately, some major differences between the two versions quickly became apparent.

In contrast to the mobile game, the GameCube version offers a more personal interaction between the animals and the player, allowing for a deeper characterization of the animals and an overall better playing experience.

For instance, the 2002 version permits players to enter the villagers' houses, con-

verse with them about regular topics and participate in quests that mainly focus on helping the animals deliver personal items to another animal.

However, in Pocket Camp, villagers do not own their own houses (players can only enter their trailers), animals only converse with the player about basic tutorials and quests demand basic, humdrum items such as fish.

Along with depersonalization of the game, the animals only come up with quests every few hours, ensuring that players will consistently return to their town to play more.

This feature truly bothers me as a student as it does to many others, since most do not have time to constantly check the game, considering their workload.

Not only do I prefer the gameplay on the GameCube rather than the iPhone, but I also appreciate the irreplaceable nostalgia that makes the videogame automatically more enjoyable by a margin.

Our society seems to be constantly stuck in the past, as new trends such as 90s fashion and these nostalgic games seem to always be the new "it-thing." The retro qualities of these trends seem to entrance us to partake in them in order to bring a comforting feeling of the past.

While Pocket Camp is simply a fad that will die out soon, the 2002 game will always stand as a childhood favorite.

## Put a wrap on holiday expectations



michelleBuckley  
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year when celebrations and holiday songs resurface while families

start purchasing the perfect Christmas decorations and gifts.

Because Christmas is a popular holiday that is celebrated worldwide, some enjoy decorating trees and houses and participating in gift exchanges.

According to a poll conducted by gallup.com in 2015, the average American spends around \$830 on gifts during the Christmas season.

But holiday shopping has never been a concern for me.

Until the age of 12, I always gathered together with my dad's side of the family to partake in gift exchanges.

After my great-grandmother's

passing, it did not feel right to continue Christmas Eve gatherings without her.

Since then, my family has never gathered together nor participated in gift exchanges.

During middle school, my eight classmates and I never exchanged gifts or cards and never mentioned it during the holidays.

Even though I have participated in organized "Secret Santa" activities with my peers in seventh grade, I never felt compelled to give my close friends any gifts.

Although gift giving is uncommon in my group of friends, I was still excited to participate in organized gift exchanges. Because I had not done it for a while, it created a surreal holiday feeling.

As we approach the last 10 days before Christmas, I still go to the mall for personal items and time with friends. Just the other weekend, at Gallaria Mall in Las Vegas, I noticed how

rushed and stressed some people seemed.

I'm glad I don't have to face any of those concerns. Instead, I can focus 110 percent of my time and energy on final exams.

Am I saying everyone should try it this way? No. To each his own.

However, I do have one concern I'll have to take care of soon. My older sister and her family will travel from Nevada to visit my family a few days before Christmas.

Even though I saw her a few weeks ago during Thanksgiving break, I think it is best for her to not buy me anything for Christmas. I would be disappointed if she gave me a gift and I gave her nothing in return.

So although I do not give as many presents as I used to, I still enjoy the holidays by spending time with my family, which costs nothing.

## Letters to the editor

I agree with Michelle Buckley's article about offering an American Sign Language class because it makes the people with hearing disabilities feel included.

Language classes give students a chance to explore another form of communication and also benefit those with hearing disabilities.

—Wafa Shafi, sophomore

I enjoyed the article, "Students showcase gratitude toward their teachers," and how students were able to convey their thankfulness to their teachers through cards.

I agree that building a more kind and positive attitude is priceless.

—Ryan Park, sophomore

Reading the article "Tech connects but kills old indus-

tries," has intrigued me into wondering about the positive effects of technological connection. Graphs or demographics of Amazon, a company known for relying on the internet for monetization, would be interesting to see.

—Jonathyn Yip, sophomore

The article about boy's privacy in the bathroom was interesting.

I wasn't surprised that the topic was even brought up, since many of my friends complained about the bathroom.

—Jonathan Hsing, sophomore

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# SMASH SIGNING

*Senior Eric Hahn, ranked 39 in the nation, agrees to play for UCLA tennis team*

## MAKING ALL THE RIGHT SERVES

A look at tennis player's path to become a Bruin



2010: Starts to play tennis after playing with his father



2015: Makes the SH team as a freshman



2015-2017: Qualifies each time for Kalamazoo tournament



2016: UCLA shows interest by going to his games



2017: Receives and accepts UCLA scholarship offer

## INDIRA CHANDRA

Cub Reporter

Receiving a total of 20 offers from colleges, singles player senior Eric Hahn has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for the University of California, Los Angeles [UCLA].

Hahn, who played No. 1 singles for the Lancers in his freshman and sophomore years, received the opportunity to sign with many prestigious schools such as University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University. However, he chose to commit to UCLA because of his concern with distance.

"I loved both [universities]," he said. "[But] I just could not see myself that far away from home."

The Westwood campus' scouts believe

he would be a good addition to the team after seeing his potential in tennis, UCLA men's head tennis coach Billy Martin said in [uclabruins.com](http://uclabruins.com).

"[I have] been able to watch him for many years as he has developed his game," Martin said. "He is a great athlete [with] great foot speed, [and] I think he is the type of player [who is] really going to blossom in college."

Hahn's qualification for Kalamazoo, an annual tournament held in Michigan, where winners earn a wildcard into the Men's U.S. Open draw, further confirmed to Martin his abilities.

"Not many players can qualify for it, [so it] makes me feel special," the senior said.

Hahn was accompanied by his father, Peter Hahn, when he signed on Nov. 10 his

National Letter of Intent with UCLA.

"We are extremely excited and very proud as you can imagine," Peter Hahn said.

The tennis player recalls enduring many years of training when his father brought him out to a tennis court for fun.

"It was not until he [first] played tennis at [8 years old] that I felt he would truly do well," Peter Hahn said. "Eric continued to work with physical trainers once or twice a week to help him develop strength, balance and endurance."

His son agreed, adding that all the work on the courts eventually paid off.

"As I continued to play more, I grew to love the sport, and it eventually became my passion," Eric Hahn said.



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**SMILING FOR THE CAMERA:**  
Singles player senior Eric Hahn signs a letter of intent for UCLA on Nov. 10.



# More than subpar

## Jaden Kim's awards and placements:

SCPGA Lou Bastanchury Award for  
Most Points

USGA-AJGA President's Leadership  
Award Honorable Mention

4th place @ Toyota Tour  
Industry Hills

6th place @ Toyota Tour  
College Showcase

## *Golfer senior Jaden Kim commits to Pomona College*

ANNIE CHOI  
Managing Editor

Tearing his ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) in his thumb on March 2016. Tearing back ligaments that July. Diagnosed with "suicide disease" while in recovery.

Despite these setbacks, senior Jaden Kim got back into the sport of golf and has verbally committed to Pomona College.

"I didn't work hard every day for five years just to amount to nothing," Kim said. "I told myself that I was going to keep trying until the very last possibility before I quit."

Since his father introduced him to the sport, Kim started playing at the age of 11 and has been practicing multiple hours almost every day, devoting much of his young adulthood to golf.

"If I didn't play golf I could've probably hung out more, but it helped me get where I want to be, like competing at a high level and receiving prestigious awards," he said. "It's hard to get to a good school so I've been able to use golf as a springboard to get there."

Kim was reluctant about golf at first but eventually fell in love with the competitive nature of the sport.

"With team sports, it's 'our team beat the other team,' but with golf it's 'I beat everyone else,'" he said. "Golf has a lot of strategy involved, and I like thinking."

After years of playing at top national level competitions such as IMG Academy

Junior World Championships, Kim suffered an injury to his UCL located in the thumb last year. This injury would be the starting point of a year-long period of a painful recovery.

"After I hurt my thumb, I was practicing a lot and wasn't taking enough breaks," he said. "One morning I was brushing my teeth, and I felt this pain in my back, and it wouldn't go away."

A trip to the hospital would reveal six torn ligaments in his back, fractures in his spine, bones spurs and two herniated discs.

"I was sad because I had just gotten back into it after my thumb injury, and I wanted to go back to tournaments," he said. "I was also pretty stressed because junior year is when most people get recruited [for colleges]."

Kim would also be diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia, often called the "suicide disease" because 25 percent of patients end their lives while recovering from back injuries.

Through the excruciating pain, Kim was able to become stronger and more open-minded than before.

"Some people have this disease [their entire life]," he said. "I realized that there are people other than me in this world that

are suffering much worse things."

Kim has been making a strong recovery and after signing has been regaining energy he lost right after his injury, senior Timothy Mann said.

"Pomona is one of the best schools in the country so I'm really proud of him," Mann said. "It's a small campus, so he can focus more on his studies and his golf; it's a pretty good place where he can pursue his future."

Kim's former Lancers golf coach, Tim Devaney, believes Pomona was a good choice for him and wishes Kim the best.

"He will do a very good job at Pomona," Devaney said. "His hard work and determination got him there."

Kim said his difficult years of work and pain have gotten him to a point of kindness and taught him life lessons.

"My journey helped me look at the bigger picture," he said. "It made me want to have compassion toward everyone, even if it's not going so well for me."

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contributed to the story



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# Lancer club swimmers say *aloha*

*Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team compete in Hawaii Championship meet*

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The crowds roar, cheer and egg on the swimmers as they close in on the finish line.

Except these swimmers weren't in a nice pool; they were in the middle of a Hawaiian bay.

Sunny Hills junior Maya Lee, sophomore Megan Shin and freshman Kaitlyn Yee traveled to Oahu as part of the Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team.

The squad placed third among a group of 17 that competed in the Short Course Yard 2017 Hawaii Senior Championships held at the University of Hawaii from Nov. 10-11.

"[The downpour and thunder] really motivated us because it felt like a crowd was roaring, cheering [us on]," Lee said.

The swimmers' expenses were partially covered by the team, but because of the selectiveness of the team, students paid about \$600 to cover flights, lodging, meet entries and ground transportation, she said.

"It was a select all-star team; you sign

up, then you have to qualify for the cut," Lee said. "After that, it's the top eight—top eight girls, top eight boys."

Her teammate Yee said the team also participated in open water practices: practices not in pools with lanes but in the Hawaiian ocean around buoys.

"In the pool, you can see the floor, but when you practice at the beach, you can't see the bottom, and it's really salty," she said. "You just don't know what's under."

Staying in a new environment with teams from numerous islands was another hardship the team had to overcome, especially with no parental guidance.

"Because we're in a different area, you don't know how the people are, who's fast and who's not," she said. "There's also no one to care for you; you have to take care of yourself and be responsible for your own stuff."

Though they encountered a few struggles on the trip, the swimmers were encouraged by the coaches who awarded two students at the end of each day with a little trinket and the title of "the swimmer of the day," Lee said.



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**POOL SIDE:** Sophomore Megan Shin (2nd from left front row), junior Maya Lee and freshman Kaitlyn Yee (4th and 5th from Shin) join their teammates.

"They would say 'because [this swimmer] did this or because they did this, we believe that they should be swimmer of the day,'" she said.

The whole team has been together for a

while, Lee said.

"I think we are really close [because] I kind of grew up with them," she said. "It's a really special team."

# Alex Jung ends season as top county rusher

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First in Orange County. Fifth in the state. Twenty-seventh in the nation.

Those are among the rankings senior Alex Jung piled up this past football season as a running back for the Lancers.



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*alexJung*  
RB, WR, FS

"Alex had a phenomenal season," head football coach Peter Karavedes said. "He broke several school records, including touchdowns and yards in a season."

Jung, who also plays wide receiver and free safety, received college invitations from William Penn University, Trinity International University, Concordia University and Midamerica Nazarene University.

"I do plan on pursuing football in college," he said. "But, I would like to play for the Citadel Bulldogs," a military college in South Carolina.

Before the senior racked up his successful season, Jung experienced some downfalls; he had torn his anterior cruciate

ligament, lateral collateral ligament, medial collateral ligament and meniscus—all in the June of 2016.

"It took a little bit to get back on it, as it's very hard to recover quickly," he said.

Jung felt discouraged because he couldn't play football and had to undergo four-and-a-half months of physical therapy.

"I was determined to get back on the field," he said. "But in the beginning, it was mostly depression because I felt like

I had let the team down, even though I had no control over it happening."

Inspired by the Oakland Raiders' ex-running back Bo Jackson, Jung trained vto reach his full potential.

He lifts weights and does core exercises to strengthen his upper body.

"I train four to five hours [daily]," Jung said. "On the weekends, I train for roughly about one-and-a-half to two hours."

Led by Jung, the Sunny Hills football team finished the season with an 8-3 record



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**LOOKING BACK:** Running back senior Alex Jung runs the football across the opponents at Dana Hills High School, Sept. 1, resulting in a 40-3 victory.

2015:  
Made varsity  
football team as  
a freshman

2015-2016:  
Had 1,540  
yards and 18  
touchdowns  
in his junior  
year

2017:  
Awarded Free-  
way Offensive  
Player of the  
Year

2017: Re-  
ceived the  
#1 Rushing  
Leader in Or-  
ange County  
title

2017:  
Ranked 1st in  
OC, 5th in state  
and 27th in na-  
tion

and advanced to California Interscholarship Federation playoffs for the third year, Karavedas said.

"His [statistics] this year were 2,632 yards rushing and 32 touchdowns," he said.

Jung's teammates respect his work ethics and strong mindset on and off the field. They also see him as a dependable player who can score for the team.

"He led our team and scored a bunch of touchdowns and yards," guard and defensive tackle senior Nick Sheffer said. "He's an all around good person, good player, and he was born to play football."





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**AIMING FOR THE GOAL:** Forward and midfielder sophomore Alicia Covarrubias guides the ball to try and set up a score for the Lady Lancers during Tuesday's away game against Los Alamitos.

## Lady Lancers defeat Los Al 2-1

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Facing a California Interscholastic Federation [CIF] Division I team did not phase the Sunny Hills girls soccer team Tuesday as the Lady Lancers recovered from a one-point deficit against Los Alamitos High School during the first half, finishing the game 2-1.

"When you're playing against competition at the highest level, it forces your players to bring their best qualities and play fully as a team," head coach Jeff Gordon said.

During the second half, forward captain senior Sierra Chhoeung scored the game-winning goal from a three-pass combination from teammates forward and midfield-

er sophomore Faith Hopper and forward and midfielder senior Lexi Flores, Gordon said.

"Our fitness preparation was really important, so we [did] a lot of running and were in great shape," he said. "The players believed in our game plan, and we knew we had a comeback in us."

This hard-earned victory showed Sunny Hills' dominance in the midst of elite teams in Southern California, goalie junior Monica Balos said.

"We scored our first goal about five minutes before the [first half] ended," Balos said. "It was a mistake from the [Los Alamitos] defense and was definitely the turning point when we knew we could win."

Notwithstanding the victory and the Lady Lancers' impressive performance to a 5-0 record, Burnett said some little aspects of the game could be improved.

"Personally for me, it's probably getting back on defense more a little," she said. "As a team, we can probably get more organized in the midfield."

Gordon also said the team will still try to mix and match the lineups, positions and attempt to gain the best knowledge on how his girls will play in the Freeway League and hopefully CIF matchups.

"Every game gives us great information on how to adjust and fine tune so that we're at our absolute best down the road," he said.

## JYI: Fantasy sports trends into sociable game

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Sports Editor

Though fantasy sports have been around since the 1980s, more and more high school students today have started to create their own teams.



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Sports Editor

Various sports, such as football and basketball, have been trending as students draft their favorite players from any team. These leagues reflect realistic results of a player's performance in a real-life game.

The playful competition, a new way to connect with others, add a healthy, stress-relieving activity to people's lives. Though the sports games are constantly observed, the fantasy teams allow students to actively participate virtually while they develop team-building skills.

Even though I do not play fantasy sports myself, I have many friends who actively want to build and improve their existing teams. None of my friends have bad reviews on the sport. Constantly checking on the teams, students feel excitement when they see their athletes do well.

Even when it is harmless fun, career services firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. states that \$13 billion worth of productivity is lost, according to cbsnews.com. Some teams and businesses fear they would fall from the constant marketing of fantasy leagues.

However, these issues, though seemingly pressing, are not a problem. Because there is no true evidence to these concerns, fantasy sports do not pose as threats or harm anyone.

The game is overall a hobby that brings many students together. These leagues provide a different way to connect with friends as it develops better skills for each player.

## Boys soccer tie against Brea Olinda

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With five minutes left in the game and the Sunny Hills boys soccer team down by one point, midfielder senior Amaury Maldonado assisted forward junior Diego Useda to tie the game 1-1 against Brea Olinda High School on Wednesday.

Although the team escaped defeat in a home game, head boys soccer coach Mike Schade believes his squad has much to learn when it comes to teamwork and communication.

"[The team] has to remind [themselves] not to be selfish," Schade said. "We moved the ball well, but we couldn't finish through our [game plans]."

Previously WHAT RECORD?, defender junior Jose Amaya believes his teammates



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**RUNNING FOR THE BALL:** Junior Jesus Mendoza dribbles the ball across the field in Wednesday's home game against Brea Olinda.

could have improved on several facets, such as not talking defiantly to the referees at times of frustration.

"The only aspect we could improve is our discipline on the field and our offensive mentality," Amaya said.

Wednesday's game followed the team's victory Dec. 8 against Kennedy High School, winning for a third consecutive time the Wildcat Cup—ironically held at Brea Olinda High School.





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