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DREAMERS AMONG US



By Jenny Ji, **FEATURE EDITOR**
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Hidden within the stacks of citizenship applications were thousands of hopes and dreams for a better future. A Troy Tech intern at an immigration law firm, senior Kate* never once suspected that she would uncover her own status as an undocumented immigrant there. A key piece of her identity had been hidden from her for 15 years.

While other seniors fret about college applications, Kate faces an additional, more pressing dilemma. Previously, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program granted a relief period for undocumented students who entered the country at a young age. However, President Trump recently announced the program's end, leaving her and over

800,000 other Dreamers facing an uncertain future.

While sorting through DACA applications, Kate's internship mentor asked her if she was aware of her own immigration status. Kate went home with a budding feeling of doubt and confronted the issue with her mother. They were both in tears by the time her mother finished explaining their family's story: they had been visiting America on a travel visa when they were scammed out of a large sum of money, preventing them from returning home. Kate's two older brothers were both DACA recipients, but they never told her. They wanted to protect her from feeling ostracized.

"After finding out I was undocumented, I remember just crying nonstop,"

Kate said. "I was overwhelmed with disappointment. I don't know why, but I felt that I did something wrong. I thought that I didn't belong. But as time progressed I realized that it wasn't really my fault, and I can't blame my parents, either. I'm trying to be as optimistic as I can."

Even so, optimism has its limits; hearing her own friends joke about DACA recipients threatened to tear down the confidence she had built for herself. But instead of remaining silent, she looked them square in the eye and shared that she was an undocumented immigrant.

"If I just stay quiet, it's not really affecting anyone else," Kate explained. "Now I'm kind of thankful for my situation because I am able to voice

my opinion and speak for others as well. To people [who discriminate], I want to tell them to educate themselves and to learn more before saying anything because it really affects us."

Call it fate. Kate's internship not only opened a window into her future, but more importantly a portal to her past. As personal as her situation is, Kate knows that she is not and will not be alone. She wants to ensure that other DACA students know that there is always someone willing to stand up for them.

"After my internship, I realized that DACA is an opportunity for innocent people to start a future here," Kate said. "My position [makes] me want to pursue law more than ever. I want to be an immigration lawyer."

**name changed to protect anonymity*
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Co.Act launches “A Thousand Cranes” fundraising project for children in Fiji

Club members will fold and ship one thousand origami paper cranes and send funds to children in Fiji to promote education.

By Alina Choi
STAFF WRITER

Providing comfort to children in third world countries, Cooperation Act (Co.Act) has initiated a project to create and distribute origami cranes as well as send donations to students in Fiji at the end of the year.

Started by a Warrior alumnus in 2014, Co.Act is an international nonprofit organization that strives to bring educational opportunities and emotional support to children in poverty. Co.Act’s new project, “A Thousand Cranes,” involves members folding and stringing together 1,000 paper cranes with notes of encouragement attached for the Fijian children.

According to Co-President Soo Jee Park, the project is part of the organization’s series of “Motto” service projects, which club members brainstorm and execute to highlight their motto “From ME to YOU.” Conducted on a bimonthly basis, projects such as “A Thousand Cranes” function as acts of charity for children both locally and abroad. As one of their “Motto” projects last year,

Co.Act created 20 educational videos for Rwandan children that were published on official government websites.

Members chose origami cranes for the current project because they are symbols of hope in several different Asian cultures, Co-President Jasmine Sheen said. According to Japanese legend, anyone who folds a thousand cranes will have their greatest wish come true.

“[This is] a really good message to send to [children in Fiji],” Sheen said. “By using something [children] recognize rather than something [obscure], it [will] be [nearer] to their hearts.”

According to Fundraising Director and Co.Act board member Trisha Le, the opportunity to help children in countries around the globe is a very meaningful experience.

“We’re giving [children] something to look at [while reminding them] how people across the world are there for them not only financially, but emotionally [as well].” Le said. “[We are sending the message] that there’s hope, and that things will get better.”

Accompanying the cranes are funds that were raised from a recent summer art exhibit at the Buena Park City Hall, where members from both regional and Korean chapters showcased and



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TAKING CO.ACT-ION: Senior Jasmine Sheen discusses the fundraising opportunities and member responsibilities with Co.Act members at a club meeting.

put up original artwork for sale by auction. From this event, Co.Act raised over \$800, which will be sent to Fiji along with the shipment of paper cranes at the end of the year.

This year’s Fijian projects expand on the group’s efforts last year, where they sent boxes of books to increase educational op-

portunities in the impoverished country. One member even donated several personal works of art to the Nasikawa Vision College in Fiji.

According to Co.Act National Board Vice President of Communications Nimrita Gill, the organization’s projects in Fiji represent a long-term effort on the club

members’ part to broaden their scope of service in various poverty and disaster-stricken countries.

“It’s not just one area that needs help,” Gill said, “We can’t ignore what’s happening in [lesser known] places like Fiji. That’s how our club strives to be a little different—we look at [a] grander scope [beyond the local level].”

Warrior Speech and Debate teams ranked in semifinals at Jack Howe invitational



IDA KAZERANI

SPEAK OUT: Junior Abigail Kim presents her arguments in the second round of a Public Forum debate during the Jack Howe Invitational at California State University, Long Beach.

The Warrior team’s success at the invitational represent a significant improvement from prior years.

By Katie Nguyen
STAFF WRITER

The Warrior Speech and Debate team started their year strong at the Jack Howe Memorial Invitational at California State University, Long Beach Sept. 30 to Oct. 1.

At the event, members had the opportunity to participate in a variety of debate formats, such as Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum and Parliamentary debate. These styles of debate foster quick thinking and diplomacy skills, junior Phoebe Lam said.

According to Vice President of Tournaments Allen Pau, the Warrior Speech and Debate team advanced much further in competition than they had in previous years. Warriors advanced to the Octos Round in Lincoln Douglas Debate and to Round 6 in Parliamentary Forum Debate. In Speech, sophomore Erin Kim placed in the semifinals of Open Oratorical Interpretation and sophomore Sejin Kim placed second in Open Impromptu.

In previous years, the Speech and Debate team competed in the Jack Howe invitational to acquaint members with the competitive atmosphere of debate tournaments, Pau said.

“Last year, we didn’t go to many big tournaments,” Pau said. “This [was] one of the first tournaments that a lot our members [went] to. Win or lose, [they all have] something to learn, especially since the judging pool [was] not made of parents, but of

chance to grow in the new school year. A major difference in the club structure is that board members were chosen by undergoing a series of interviews rather than through elections.

Through this selection process, board members will be more qualified to teach and help new members gain a better understanding of competitions and other debate events, Chen said. The board will work with members to improve their presentation skills and help

members learn how to think under pressure, preparing them for upcoming tournaments.

Lam is looking forward to improving her speech skills in the upcoming school year.

“Speech and Debate can help people get out there and network [with] other people in the future,” Lam said.

Following their achievements at the Jack Howe Memorial Invitational, the team looks forward to further successes in tournaments starting with the Claremont Wolfpack Invitational in October.

“For the most part, [the Jack Howe Tournament was] a learning experience and an eye opener to the competition at bigger tournaments,” Pau said. “But the team as a whole, I think [we did] very well.”

“[The invitational] was a learning experience and just an eye opener to [what] we get at bigger tournaments.”

Allen Pau

Vice President of Tournaments

actual experienced judges [who provided] real feedback.”

While senior members attended the tournament for its rigor, new members used it as an opportunity to observe and learn from more experienced debaters, Publicity Manager Nathan Chen said.

“The people you interact with are definitely high level,” Chen said. “At tournaments, there’s downtime where you can meet these people.”

Speech and Debate team members are looking forward to the

Students prepare for PSAT

Warriors' performance on the 2016 exam is among the best in Southern California.

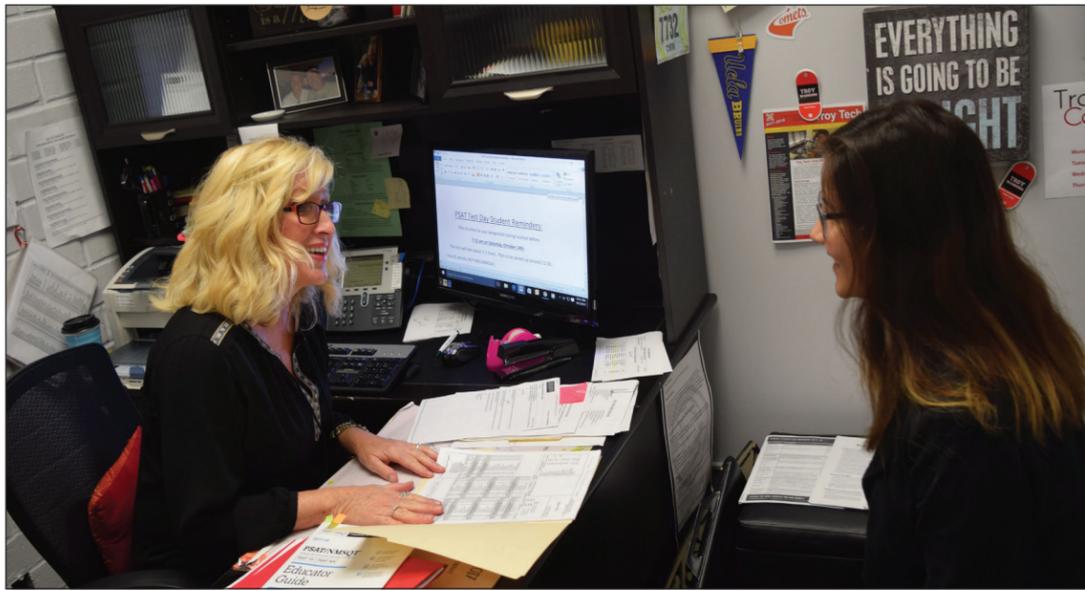
By Tiffany Kim and David Hou
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As testing season commences, Warriors not engaged in the flurry of college applications are busy preparing for assessment: the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), which will be given Oct. 14.

The PSAT is a nationally held standardized exam designed to mirror the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Administered by College Board, the same organization that creates Advanced Placement exams, the exam is co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It is a three and a half hour assessment open to freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Of the 1.6 million students who take the exam, the top 50,000 scorers who are juniors, representing the top three percent of scorers, are eligible for recognition from the NMSC's Scholarship Program. The top third of this high-scoring group qualify as Semifinalists and can apply for National Merit finalist scholarships by submitting transcripts and an essay response.

From last year's exam, 137 Warriors received recognition



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TRIED, TESTED AND TRUE: Counselor Cindy Osborne helps senior and Semifinalist Vanessa Mechem with questions about National Merit scholarships in her office.

from the NMSC, representing one in every five current seniors. 43 of these students, who represent the top one percent of PSAT test takers nationwide, are National Merit semifinalists and are currently finalizing their applications to continue to finalist status.

The number of Warrior semifinalists exceeds that of the entire city of Los Angeles and is the largest group in Orange County. According to counselor Cindy Osborne, Warrior counselors were impressed by the high number of recognized students.

"I think it's fantastic," Osborne

said. "We have intelligent students, so I don't find it terribly surprising given the school that Troy is."

According to Semifinalist Vanessa Mechem, although extensive preparation is necessary to score well on the PSAT, aspiring Warriors should not fret excessively over the exam.

"Do some practice tests," Mechem said. "Get a good night's sleep and be comfortable the day you come in. Try to relax."

This year, because the school has run out of space for additional exams, Warrior administration

has been directing students who were unable to sign up for the PSAT to nearby schools that may have open spots left for outside test takers.

Considering the extremely high demand for the exam on the Warrior campus, counselors eagerly anticipate the achievements of this year's cohort on the PSAT and future standardized testing, Osborne said.

"My goal is always that [the PSAT] runs smoothly, that students do well on their exams and that it helps them in preparation for the actual SAT," Osborne said.

LATEST UPDATES

Warriors assist with hurricane relief

Warriors pitched in during the week-long fundraiser to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The freshman class, which raised over \$800—more money than any other class—celebrated its achievements with an ice cream party.

Students participate in LA Cyber Day

In the Sept. 30 event at Roybal High School in Los Angeles, students in both "open" and National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) teams engaged in an intense activity involving cybersecurity. Many Warrior teams scored in the top of their divisions.

Financial Aid Night to be hosted in November

At 6:30 on Nov. 2, the vice president of admission and financial aid at Pitzer College will host the event in the Lecture Hall. Parents will be able to learn about state and federal grants, the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and merit aid.

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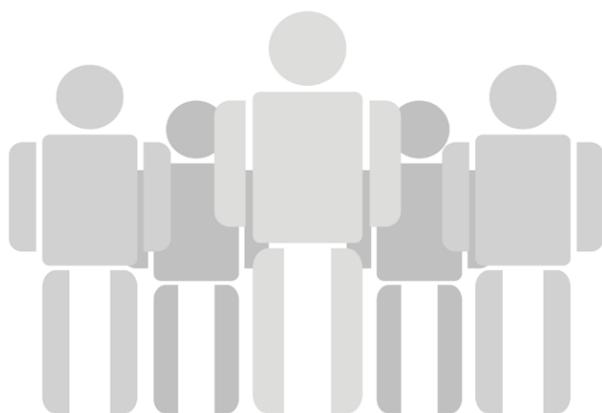
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Vaccinations are the best safety net from diseases

By Amy Weng
STAFF WRITER

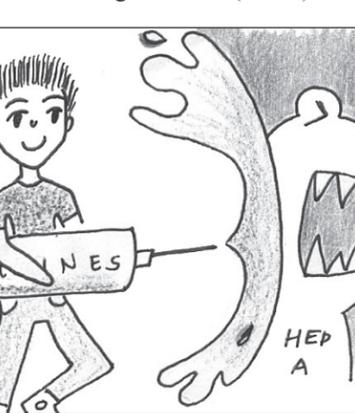


As outbreaks of diseases that were thought to be contained appear sporadically, the discussion of vaccines is brought to the forefront once again. In San Diego, a Hepatitis A outbreak has killed 16 people and infected more than 450 as of Sept. 23. In response, San Diego's mayor and public health officials urged at-risk individuals to get vaccinated, sparking backlash from anti-vaccination activists, or anti-vaxxers.

The anti-vaccination movement stems from alarmist claims about the dangers of vaccination. Notably, skeptics believe that the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine causes autism, basing their claims on a 1980 medical paper by Andrew Wakefield, a doctor who was barred from medical practice for dishonesty and a dozen counts of abusing developmentally challenged children. Despite Wakefield's unreliable sampling of 12 children, his paper catalyzed such a drastic plummeting of immunization rates that measles, once eradicated in the U.S., was revived.

Clearly, these anti-vaxxers should review the history of vaccinations and acknowledge their undeniably verifiable benefits (see graphic below). The World Health Organization (WHO) re-

ports that the number of measles infections decreased by 79 percent globally from 2000 to 2015 due to the vaccine. Additionally, the eradication of smallpox in 1980 was largely thanks to vaccination programs with high inoculation rates.



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It is important to recognize that vaccinations are most effective when everyone, the herd, participates. Vaccines protect not only individuals from diseases but also the general public from disseminating them. However, anti-vaxxers, who continue to

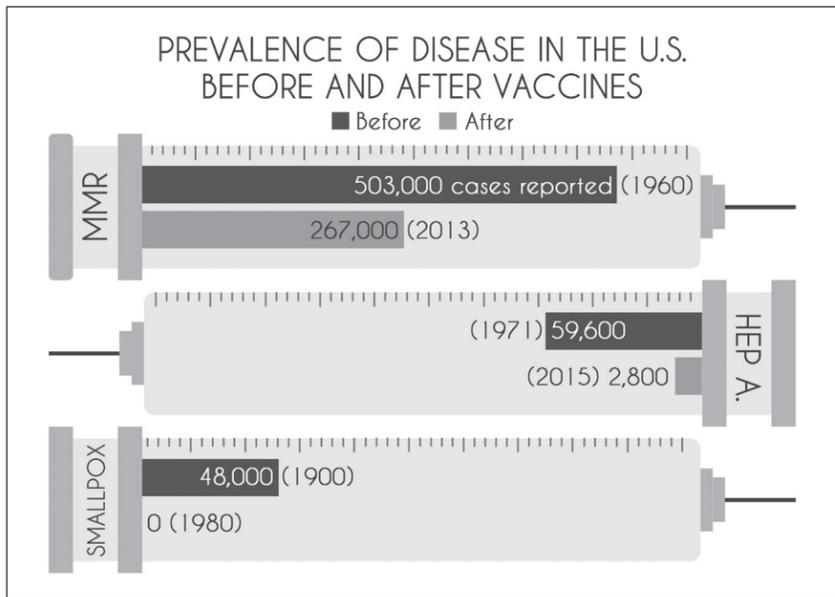
worry about potential side effects backed by little conclusive evidence. They hear others saying, "My child wasn't sick until he was vaccinated," thereby mistaking an illusory correlation for unprovable causation. This fallacious thinking frequently acts as a smokescreen for ignorance.

Faced with a mound of pseudo-scientific nonsense, parents may become confused about vaccinations. However, these parents should not allow baseless, sensational claims to cloud their judgment. They should instead look at the overwhelming results demonstrating the efficacy of vaccines. Parents need to realize that the health of their children—and others' children—should not be dismissed. Rather, it is their social responsibility to keep their children's vaccinations updated.

As it stands, vaccines are the most effective method of disease prevention that has ever been provided by the medical community. So, give immunity your best shot!

question the value of vaccines, perpetuate a dangerous ripple effect in public health. Even though vaccinations are mandatory for students entering the U.S. public school system, the government's loose enforcement and generous exemptions allow for the continued presence of unimmunized children in classrooms beside their immunized peers, reducing the efficacy of herd immunity.

Nowadays, the movement is sustained by pseudo-science propaganda which fosters distrust of the medical community. Many doubt the safety of the high number of vaccines children receive and



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STAFF EDITORIAL

To the Dreamer students among us: You are safe here.

Imagine being unable to study abroad. Imagine being unable to get a driver's license because you have no Social Security number. Imagine being threatened with deportation from your own home.

To the Dreamer population, these fears are not imaginary but very real.

By overturning Obama's executive order, President Trump ripped off the bandaid that protected the young immigrants in our country. His decision ultimately placed DACA participants in the gray area of legal purgatory.

People who should be worried about their grades and jobs are now most terrified of our government. Under the Obama administration, hard-working, undocumented immigrants were encouraged to step out of the shadows and trade transparency for governmental support. Today, this transparency has backfired, enabling our government to refuse to protect these innocent immigrants and instead deprive them of the only life

they have ever known.

Most Dreamers never had a choice to come to America. Thus, we must remember that they are not strangers, but they are our neighbors, our friends and our fellow Warriors.

To the Warriors under DACA: our district specifically protects you from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under Resolution #54. Fullerton Joint Union High School District has taken measures to create a "safe and supportive learning environment for all students," including undocumented ones.

Furthermore, in the case in which a "requested outsider entry to District campuses could affect the immediate educational environment," such as from facility access by agencies such as ICE, approval by the Superintendent or designee must be provided "prior to permitting campus access."

So, Warrior Dreamers, pursue your highest dreams, live your fullest life. You are safe here.

The Wizarding World of Troy: What is Your Pathway? by Lucy Lee



KEEPING UP with the OPINION EDITORS

Reacting to the NFL Anthem protests

When former San Francisco 49er backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick knelt during the National Anthem in 2016, he sparked a nationwide debate that has now grown into a widespread movement. What many don't realize is that he wasn't protesting the anthem itself, but rather America's failure to uphold the values it represents.

On Sept. 22, President Trump weighed in on Kaepernick's protest, spouting that NFL owners should fire those who show disregard for the flag. He openly referred to those who "disrespect the flag" vulgarly. Interestingly enough, the president labels white men wearing Nazi paraphernalia and waving KKK symbols as "very fine people" exercising their rights but goes on to criticize black football players peacefully kneeling during an anthem as "sons of [expletive]." Several high-profile athletes, including Kobe Bryant, Stephen Curry, Richard Sherman and Bradley Beal, have also denounced Trump's insult.

"What many don't realize is that he wasn't protesting the anthem itself, but rather America's failure to uphold the values it represents."

Today, Kaepernick is not alone in his battle to protest African American discrimination. On Sept. 24, many other NFL staff and players, —over 200 of them—also knelt as Kaepernick had done. This movement has even crossed over to other sports. Bruce Maxwell, who was born and raised in the military as the son of an Army veteran, became the first Major League Baseball player to take a knee during the National Anthem Sept. 23.

It appears that Kaepernick's protests have achieved their intended purpose: to recognize and publicize the prevalence of police brutality and discrimination against African Americans. We as Americans should not dismiss today's racial injustices lightly, particularly if they come from our nation's leader. Complacency only perpetuates problems.

PROTESTING PATRIOTS: *New England Patriots players kneel during the National Anthem.*



COURTESY OF CBS BOSTON

Sean Spicer did not deserve an Emmy appearance

By Faith-Carmen Le
STAFF WRITER



Was this really the largest audience to witness an Emmys?

Undeniably, Sean Spicer stunned the crowd when he rolled his podium onstage at the Emmys Sept. 17 to mimic his most quoted controversial statement, "This was the largest audience ever to witness an inauguration, period, both in person and around the globe." As White House Press



Secretary, Spicer served as an essential connection between the executive branch and citizens. However, he oftentimes acted unprofessionally and delivered dishonest messages to the nation during press conferences. Commentators on sources such as CNN and Time Magazine assert that the Academy should not have approved of such an appearance. Indeed, Spicer's moment of public self-deprecation at the Emmys was offensive, and many felt as

"Politicians should not mock themselves through entertainment because in laughing at their mistakes, they also trivialize the damage they may have caused."

though his past mistakes had been overlooked. By welcoming him at the Emmys, the Academy implicitly excused his past actions.

Our government ought to protect our rights and value honesty; however, Spicer misrepresented these values while serving as White House Press Secretary. He regularly twisted the media in favor of Trump and deceived the public on multiple occasions. For example, he not only exaggerated the crowd size at Trump's inauguration, but also accused the press of spouting "fake news" because Trump was unhappy with the coverage of the event. In retro-

spect, this event set a poor precedent for the rest of his career as White House Press Secretary.

Admittedly, Spicer was comical, even hilarious at times. His comments were so ridiculous, one could not help but laugh at his words and actions. However, his statements were never intended to be comical because he was honestly trying to fulfill his job as a representative of the White House. Regardless of how humorous Spicer's commentary and actions may have been, he should not have been given a platform to normalize his past mistakes and reduce them to a punchline.

Though politics are often satirically discussed on late-night talk shows, politicians should not mock themselves through entertainment sources because in laughing at their mistakes, they also trivialize the damage they may have caused. Rather, the industry should use its considerable influence to directly address our government's mishaps. Erroneous political transgressions should be pointed out as incorrect, rather than being laughed at. By featuring Spicer at the Emmys, the Academy and entertainment industry implicitly brushed off his faults.

Despite the intended comical purpose of Spicer's appearance, the Academy should be more cautious when integrating controversial political figures into their events. Should someone's faults be disregarded just because they are funny? Absolutely not. Spicer's appearance was simply a joke taken too far.

Free speech does not justify risking student safety

By Sophie Byerly
STAFF WRITER



Nothing comes for free, including speech.

On Sept. 23, University of California, Berkeley (Cal) canceled Free Speech Week, a series of political speeches originally scheduled by conservative commentator Milo Yiannopoulos. Notoriously critical of feminism, Islam and gay rights, Yiannopoulos sparks controversy among audiences anywhere on the political spectrum. After a scheduling conflict prevented him from securing indoor venues for Free Speech Week, Yiannopoulos accused Berkeley of being on a "bureaucratic mission to silence conservative voices."

Though it is more likely that Cal was simply concerned for students' safety, Yiannopoulos' claim does raise questions about the gray areas of freedom of speech. California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) joined the discussion in a statement Sept. 12, asserting that campus administration cannot dictate which speakers are allowed on campus. However, no school should be forced to clean up after the chaos that controversial speakers leave in their wake.

Due to past security threats, Berkeley's hesitation to sanction Free Speech Week is reasonable. When Yiannopoulos was last scheduled to speak at Cal in February,

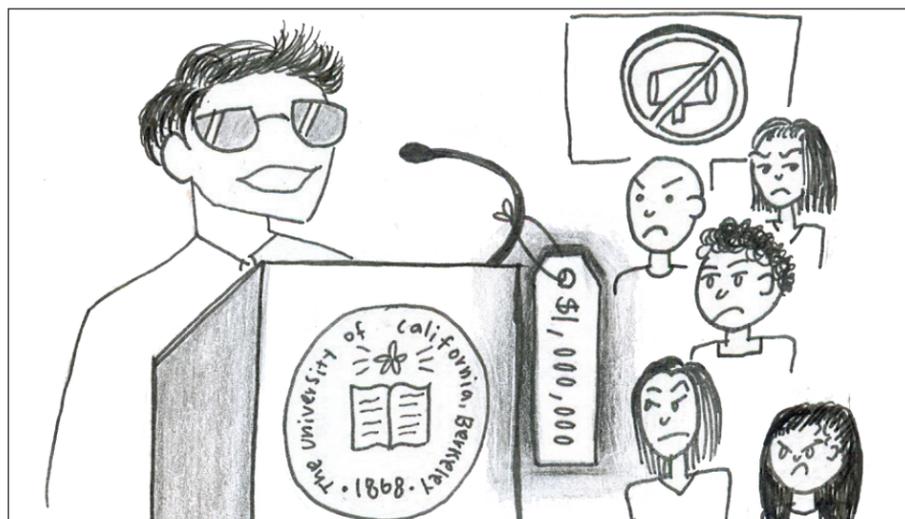
violent protestors caused over \$100,000 of damage. The projected price tag for Free Speech Week was even bigger: Berkeley planned to spend over \$1 million on security for the event. And, Yiannopoulos unreasonably expected the school to pick up the outrageous tab for him.

Now that CSUF has agreed to host Yiannopoulos on Oct. 31, students and administrators alike fear the possibility of a similar incident. Though they will not cancel the event, CSUF administrators certainly have a right to reject Yiannopoulos if they believe the security costs are too great.

Of course, CSUF is right to acknowledge that freedom of speech is important to a campus. After all, the purpose of a university is to educate, often through

discussing new and uncomfortable ideas through unrestricted debate. But how can a university expect to foster such an environment if students are not safe? The First Amendment may protect freedom of expression, but it certainly does not prevent non-government backlash. Before any occasion—and that includes an extension of free speech—universities must provide students with safety.

Ideally, individuals would have an unrestricted right to free speech, but the reality is that the effects of controversial speech can be costly. Yiannopoulos' claim to freedom of speech does not justify forcing Cal to pay seven figures for its own safety. Ultimately, unconditional freedom of speech simply is not worth risking student safety.



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iPhone X

This changes everything. Too much.

Apple has always had a penchant for pulling out all the stops for new products, and the recently announced iPhone X is no exception. Learn about its features and whether there really is treasure under the X.

By Angelica Sano, STAFF WRITER, and graphics by Phoebe Um, GRAPHICS

Apple's slogan may be "Think different," but the new iPhone X seems a far cry from such a mission statement.

Nov. 3 marks the release of the iPhone X, and it's not exactly up to par with some of Apple's best products (or even its most mediocre ones). Apple claims to provide handy, easy-to-use technology for its wide range of consumers, yet the iPhone X does the complete opposite. With its high price tag and unnecessary features, it may be better to not buy yet another iPhone.

Ever since the first iPhone came out 10 years ago, Apple has developed a bad habit of ignoring the requests of its loyal customers. This is especially true for the iPhone X, which pushes aside consumers' wishes and replaces them with pointless design changes, such as the lack of a border and a home button. In fact, it has an even faster battery drainage than the iPhone 8, and some have said that it starts to function poorly when it has 30 percent of its battery still left. Remember how the beloved headphone jack died with the iPhone 7? Well, there's still no news of it coming back. Instead, we are left with the "revolutionary" animoji, by which people can control emojis with their faces.

According to Apple, the iPhone X also has a 5.8 inch edge-to-edge screen, and yes—it sounds fascinating, but don't fall for the bait. Clumsy or not, everybody drops their phone at some point. And with its full glass feature, the chances of the iPhone X slipping through your hand are increased. One loose grip and there goes another visit to the electronic repair store. And since the phone is entirely screen, a protective case won't help either.

Honestly, why bother trying to be even more careful with the iPhone X when you can stick to your older, more durable phone?

In addition, the iPhone X is the first phone in the line of iPhones to have organic light-emitting diode (OLED) screens, the rest equipped with liquid crystal display (LCD) screens. While this seems intriguing, remember that Samsung has been using OLED screens since the Samsung Galaxy S was launched in March of 2010. So really, instead of being creative with its ideas, Apple just looks like it took a long time to copy Samsung.

That being said, the iPhone X does have some neat features. The facial ID recognition is a handy alternative to the touch ID, and the new wireless charging option can definitely help to reduce cord madness. It also features an upgrade to the Siri we all know and love. On the iPhone X, she sounds more natural, and she can translate English into a variety of languages. In all honesty, the iPhone X may be useful if you want to be stylish. But at the same time, these features are trivial and

don't make up for the many problems that the iPhone X entails, and they definitely don't make up for its ridiculous \$1,000 price point.

As shown through successes like the Apple Music or Apple TV, it's clear that Apple does have the creativity to come up with new ways to make our lives easier and more efficient. The iPhone X, however, is just too impractical to be considered a noteworthy accomplishment. So remember—the next time you walk into the Apple store, don't let such a phony product X-ploit you!



OVERLOOK

Three sentence reviews of three albums of the past three weeks!

Christopher Lee, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE EDITOR



Neō Wax Bloom
- Iglooghost

While purist EDM DJs rock stadium-filling raves with bassy dance beats, Iglooghost provides a refreshing alternative on his debut record "Neō Wax Bloom." The album revels in its chaotic yet catchy sonic aesthetic by filling every second with layers upon layers of ADD-inducing breakbeats wedged between energetic bass trills. Each track reinterprets modern EDM staples like UK bass, future garage and PC Music-esque surreal pop to create a sound of its own. 8.8/10



Always Foreign
- TWIABP

The World is a Beautiful Place & I am No Longer Afraid to Die is known for its ever-changing members, but its ability to write genre-defying rock remains in "Always Foreign." That being said, the band isn't afraid to stray from previous albums' sweeping crescendos by including intimate moments that flesh out the record. From bangers like "The Future" to emotional epics like "Infinite Steve," TWIABP never stops tearing at your heartstrings. 7.9/10



Visions of a Life
- Wolf Alice

With both rage-fueled rockers and emotional ballads under their belt, Wolf Alice is one of those bands that defy a label, but perhaps that's for the best. The bass guitar and drums lays a solid foundation for frontwoman Ellie Roswell and guitarist Joff Odie to lift their sound to heights never seen before. "Visions of a Life" finds the band a thousand miles ahead of its already Mercury Award-winning debut "My Love is Cool," alternating between savagery and beauty while kicking it up to 11. 7.6/10



A PET-ENTIAL COLLEGE A-PURR-OACH



People often wax poetic about the college experience—but how can you spend the best years of your life without your best friend by your side? Rather than leaving your pet behind, bring your furry, scaly or feathered friend along for the ride!

By Jois Talla, STAFF WRITER, graphics by Tu-An Nguyen, GRAPHICS EDITOR and images courtesy of Pinterest

In-State Op-paw-tunities

With the hustle and bustle of college application season, senior Warriors may be too preoccupied to consider an important factor when deciding where to apply: their pets. Traditionally, institutes of higher learning haven't exactly been overwhelmingly open to allowing domesticated animals. That said, there are always exceptions. If you're planning to stay close to home, California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) allows students to create their own Aquarium of the Pacific, permitting a five-gallon fishbowl in each dormitory. Other nearby colleges like the University of Southern California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) tolerate fish tanks of up to 10 gallons. And with groups like the CalTech Animal Team (CAT), a club of volunteers dedicated to caring for abandoned pets, it's no surprise that the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) has an impressively cat-friendly campus. CalTech allows students to keep two cats in each dormitory, as well as terrariums and twenty-gallon aquariums. Sharing your room with pets has been shown to provide numerous health benefits. According to the National Institutes of Health, a homemade aquarium can effectively reduce stress and improve mood, while keeping a cat close by calms anxiety levels and decreases blood pressure. Altogether, college is the beginning of a grand adventure and there's no better companion to share it with than your special little pet.



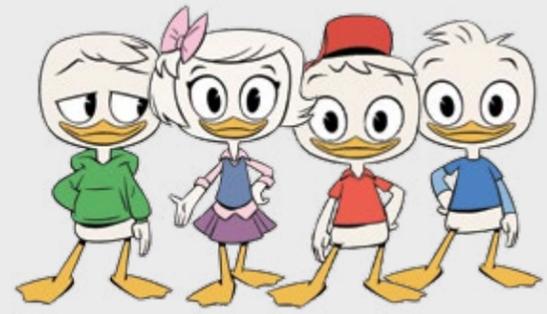
Private Uni's You Can't Ruff-use

Private universities, for the most part, prohibit animals in campus housing, but many students may be surprised to learn that some greet pets with open arms. Harvard University in Boston, Mass. has housing apartments near campus that allow students to keep an aquarium and one cat or dog. Certain other apartments even allow two domesticated birds. In contrast, however, Yale University in New Haven, Conn. customarily doesn't permit animal companions in its apartments but makes exceptions for small animals such as gerbils, hamsters and mice. Similarly, Cornell University's Ecology House, a dormitory for animal lovers who are interested in protecting and preserving the environment, permits student-owned animals in cages or tanks. Students looking for a low-maintenance, yet engaging pet may find that smaller animals like gerbils and hamsters are the perfect fuzzy friends. Curious and quiet, they're also perfectly suited to dorms. With friendly animal companions by their side, anxious first-year students have an instant conversation starter: their pets. Now, some of the oldest universities in the U.S. are beginning to welcome their presence, and if even established, rooted Ivy Leagues are rethinking their pet policies, other schools across the country will likely follow suit. So don't worry about heading to an out-of-state private university; it may very well still encourage you to bring your four-legged companions along for the ride.

Dif-furr-ent Cat-egories

Students hoping to attend specialized career or tech schools may be able to bring their pets too. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) students reap the benefits of the university's renowned engineering, science and technology programs, as well as the school's four cat-friendly dormitories added in 2000. The feline presence adds a relaxing touch to the high-pressure environment rampant on-campus. Future veterinarians should be pleased to note that the University of California, Davis (UCD) also has programs similar to the CalTech Animal Team, such as the UC Davis Veterinary School Orphan Kitty Project and the Society of Prevention and Care of Animals. UCD Veterinary School is top-ranked in the U.S., and while campus policies don't tolerate student-owned pets, students off-campus have the opportunity to foster abandoned cats through these programs. For the athletic and animal inclined, the University of Florida is often recognized for its division one National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sports teams along with their liberal pet policy; the school even allows students to keep fairly unusual pets like frogs, salamanders, chinchillas and birds. Although balancing academics and career pursuits with animal care poses multiple challenges, it may very well be worth the effort. Simply being around a pet can truly offer a much-needed relief from the often suffocating dullness of a college workload. Doggone, it's time for us to begin merging our lives with those of our pets.



REWRITING HISTORY



“Life is like a hurricane here in Duckburg...Race cars, lasers, aeroplanes, it’s a duck-blur! Might solve a mystery or rewrite history! *DuckTales!* Woo-oo!”

Exactly 30 years ago, Warrior alumnus Matt Youngberg sketched his favorite characters from *Ducktales*, Disney’s animated classic, in the comfort of his own home. But never in his wildest duck-dreams did he think that he would one day bring new adventures to Duckburg as the reboot’s executive producer.

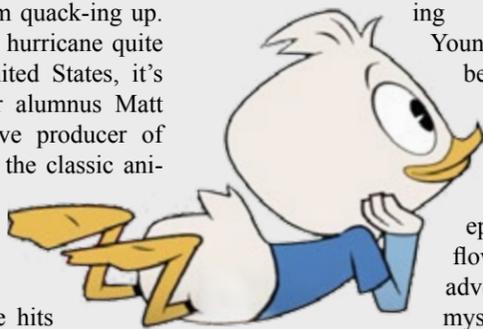
By Jenny Tran, STAFF WRITER
Graphics and photo courtesy of Disney

Get ready to sing “Woo-oo!” and dive back into this classic 80s cartoon that is guaranteed to leave every child and adult breathless from quack-ing up.

Though life may be a hurricane quite literally here in the United States, it’s a duck-blur for Warrior alumnus Matt Youngberg, the executive producer of Disney XD’s remake of the classic animated family series, *DuckTales*. Along with his other reboots such as *Ben 10* and *Teen Titans*, this remake hits home as Youngberg brings his favorite childhood triplets—Huey, Dewey and Louie—back to life. With

new series while living up to the legacy of the previous quack-tacular series.

An avid fan of daring adventures, Youngberg was beyond ready to challenge himself to create an epic tale overflowing with adventure and mystery. He



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Matt Youngberg
alumnus

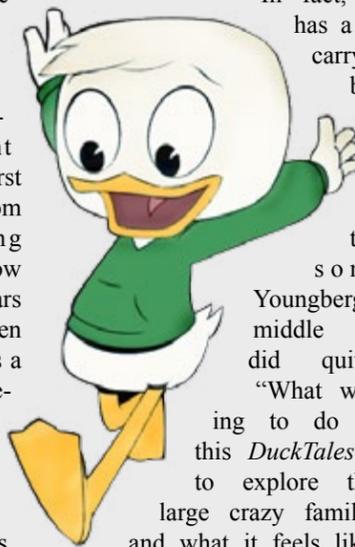
Uncle Scrooge and the rest of the McDuck clan, the trio ventures on to save the town of Duckburg from dangerous dragons, strange robots and uncanny mummies. Striving for the perfect balance of originality and nostalgia, Youngberg integrates aspects of his own life into this

he first heard its catchy theme song as a child, Youngberg was immediately teleported to a land of imagination. Every comedic line fit seamlessly into an action-packed storyline. Inspired, Youngberg sketched out his favorite characters as he enjoyed the episodes.

Though he had a passion for drawing, it didn’t click for Youngberg to pursue a career in animation until high school. Troy’s welcoming and diverse environment nurtured his unique dream. From there, he never looked back. But little did he know that one day, he would rewrite the history of *DuckTales*.

“I was over the moon, and I was really excited because *DuckTales* was always a dream project of mine,” Youngberg said. “It was something that I had a great love for as a kid, and I wanted to be able to revisit that as an adult.”

Creating new storylines that remain consistent with those of the classic series, Youngberg remains true to the family-orientated theme of the original. A family sitcom, *Ducktales* explores the distinctive qualities of the hyperactive triplets hen they are placed under the wings of their affluent Uncle Scrooge. Especially for Dewey, the middle duckling, growing up as triplet made it hard for him to stand out. The fourth child in a family of nine kids, Youngberg was more than aware of what that’s like.



In fact, Dewey has a habit of carrying a briefcase instead of a backpack to school, something Youngberg’s own middle brother did quite often. “What we’re trying to do with this *DuckTales* is to explore the large crazy family, and what it feels like to be a part of this large crazy family,” Youngberg said.

Despite a few tweaks with the characters, Youngberg artfully recreates the timeless nature of *DuckTales*. The remake’s premiere episode serves to in-

troduce the newer generation to the energetic ducklings. Paying homage to the original series, Youngberg sprinkles Easter eggs, or allusions, throughout the episodes. These include Scrooge’s artifacts that were treasures from older

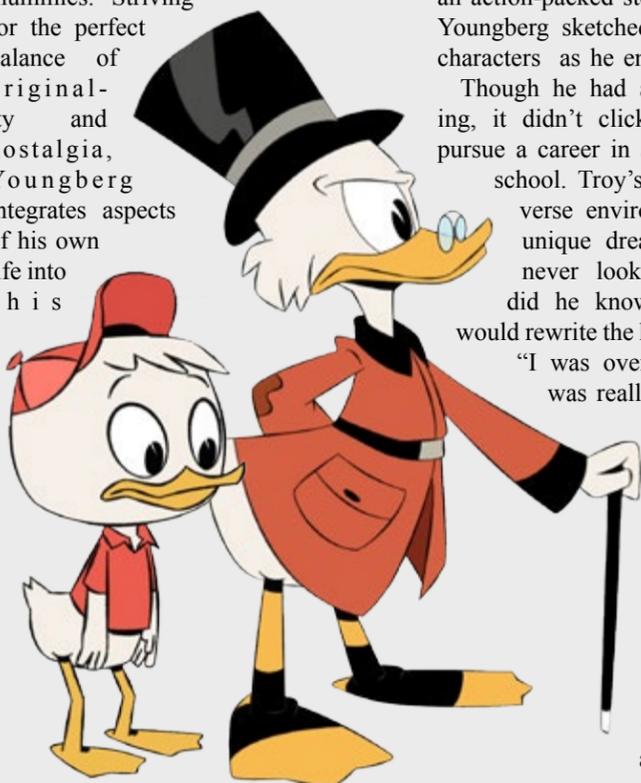


adventures. But technology has made advances, and the triplets are more than well-

equipped with the newest gadgets. With the remake’s cross generation appeal, Youngberg carried on the series’ nostalgic longevity and made it possible for a new generation to enjoy the childhood animation that he grew up watching.

“When we finished the first episode and we could watch it, I was able to say that it feels like *DuckTales*, and that was the proudest moment in the creation of this show,” Youngberg said.

WOO-OO! Letting his imagination take flight, Youngberg has set into motion new *DuckTales* adventures that build on his 30 years love of the franchise.



Troy High School Glossary

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A standardized test on writing, reading and math. Scored out of 1600. Widely used for college admissions.



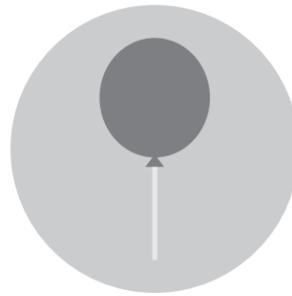
ACT

A standardized test on reading, English, science and math. Scored out of 36. An SAT alternative.



Formal dances

Dances usually attended by couples in formal clothing, like Homecoming and Prom.



Stag dances

Dances attended casually in large groups of friends, like Morp and Stoplight.



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Elf Dance

Annual Christmas rally tradition where seniors pair up and wear matching costumes to do a silly dance.

Graph Dance

An annual dance performed by Ms. Roach's math classes. Students wave their arms to imitate the shape of functions.

TU-AN NGUYEN



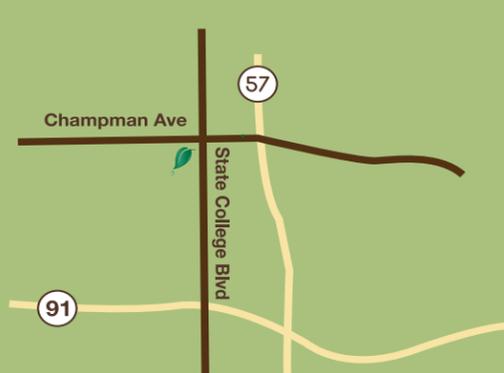
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Lady Warriors volleyball triumphs over the Coyotes in 75-33 victory

The girls' volleyball squad converted an early lead into a sweep.

By Jason Choi and Joshua Kim
STAFF WRITER & SPORTS EDITOR

Adopting group activities to strengthen team communication and bonds, the Warrior girls' volleyball team (5-5-0, 1-1-0) dominated the Buena Park Coyotes in a blowout victory 75-33 Sept. 21.

The Lady Warriors easily claimed the first game with aggressive serves and spikes. Senior Ashley Ahn consistently hit aces with her darting jump serves. Demonstrating fluid coordination, senior McKenna Grossheim attacked on a one-set from junior Samantha Guzman. Moments later, junior Isabelle Madrid sneaked a return past the Coyote defense. Miraculously, sophomore Kayden Chan saved a forceful Coyote spike, allowing Guzman to retaliate with yet another kill to end the game 25-4.

Riding on the momentum from the first game, senior Isa Paglinawan launched into the second with a barrage of swift attacks. Senior Scarlett Alexander confused opponents with a skill-

ful feint, and senior Ariel Applewhite racked up a kill with a grazing tap on the ball. Extending the Warrior lead, senior Alexa Abarca launched a swift power tip, catching the Coyotes off guard. A few seconds later, Chan jumped for an interception and neatly ended the game.

In the final game, Buena Park capitalized on a lineup switch to momentarily secure the lead. However, the Lady Warriors regrouped and retaliated. Chan prevented Coyote kills with her well-placed dives and skids, and Guzman penetrated the opponent's defense with flitting returns. The game was at a suspenseful tie, until the Warriors captured the victory for a 25-19 finish.

Recognizing the difference between team bonds and communication was essential to the Warrior victory, coach Morgan Williams said.

"A bond is created from mutual respect," Williams said. "It strengthens as players continue to play and practice, and [leads to] an increase in communication skills. Teammates can have the best bonds but the worst communication. Volleyball is a sport where you need to verbally

communicate. Communication is used to call the ball, and, most importantly, let [your] teammates know what you are going to do or expect."

Participating in team activities not only builds team spirit and synergy, but unites the team as friends, Williams said.

"The team is very supportive of each other and great friends with one another," Williams said. "We do activities like team dinners and secret sisters that help create and build bonds between the team members. These activities help the team see each other as more than just teammates, which encourages more cooperation between players who are unfamiliar with one another."

The cheers of support from team members and the audience exhibited the Warriors' pervading team spirit and enthusiasm, Ahn said.

"Volleyball is a momentum-driven sport," Ahn said. "Being loud and obnoxious can easily push the momentum to one team. It's very encouraging to see dozens of people actively supporting us, which motivates us to play even better."

This team-wide support pushes all players to improve them-



IDA KAZERANI

SYNCHRONIZED SETTING: *Displaying practiced synergy, juniors Isabelle Madrid and Mackenzie Kjenstad execute a double block to deflect an opponent return.*

selves, regardless of skill level or age, Alexander said.

"We believe that as a program, volleyball is all about supporting one another. Varsity will watch

and cheer the frosh-soph games, and vice versa," Alexander said.

"The expectation to stay and cheer for games creates an overall feeling of encouragement."

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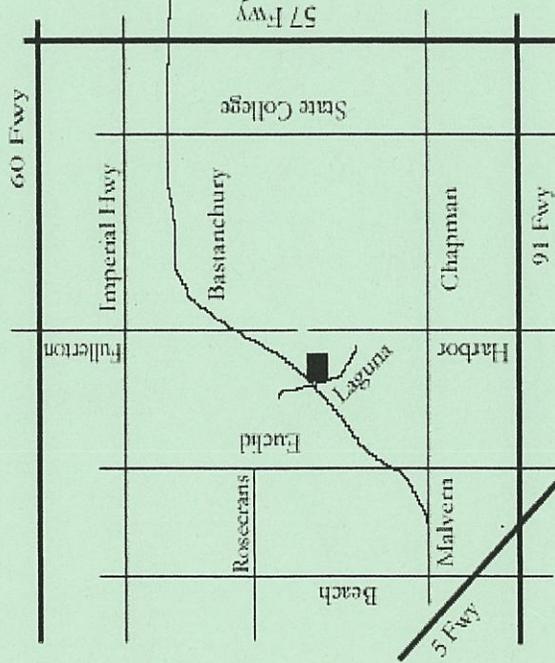
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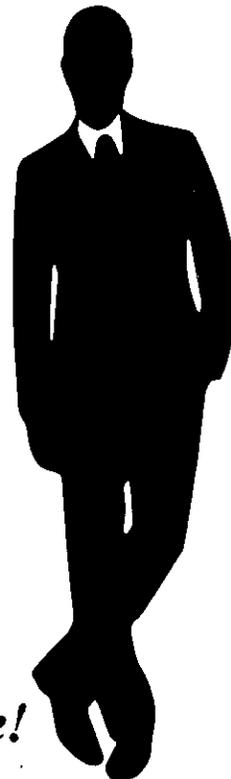
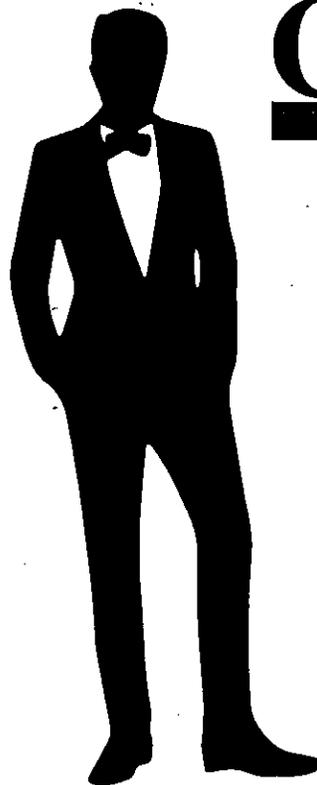
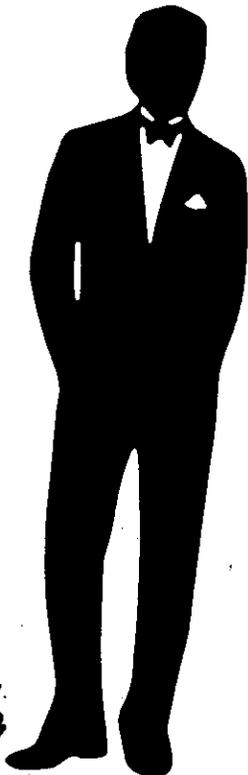
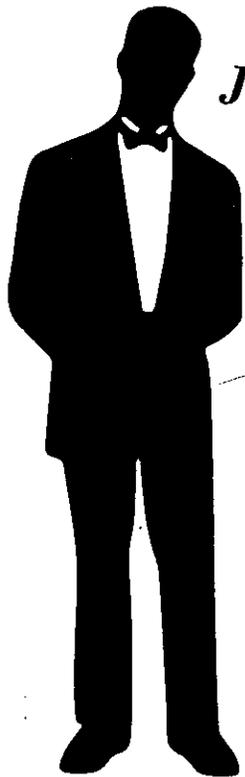
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