

## Distance Runners Step it up at Recent All-Comers Meet

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The distance runners of the track team recently attended the California High School All-Comers meet on Jan. 19, effectively displaying their skills and establishing their place in the upcoming Almont League competitions.

The all-comers meet allows the distance team to test themselves against other schools, programs or individuals who choose to participate.

Many of the cross country members who competed in the previous semester returned as part of the track and field team to compete in various events. Last semester, the Varsity Girls defended their league title and retained it, becoming Almont League champions two years in a row. With the added pressure

of being the league champions, the team hoped to perform well and start the preseason off on a high note.

In the Women's 800-meter-run, senior Serena Dueñas placed first with a time of 2 minutes 30.07 seconds. Dueñas placed first once again in the 1600 with a time of 5:26.41

tion," Dueñas said. "It's a great way to get ready for the season and try new events to see what event suits a person best."

In the 800, junior Paloma Sanchez

In the 1600, Cambon placed 6th out of 18 runners with a time of 6:21.22 and freshman Crystal Dueñas placed 11th with a time of 6:36.18.

In the 3200, junior Paloma Sanchez placed second out of 17 runners with a time of 12:35.06 and Crystal Dueñas once again had a strong showing by placing 14th with a time of 16:04.98.

In the Men's 1600, senior Captain Bryan Albarran placed 6th out of 32 runners with a time of 5:10.42. Sophomore Oliver Jiang placed 9th with a time of 5:15.78 and sophomore Ivan Huang placed 14th with a time of 5:35.91.

"There are a lot of new runners this semester and I expect us to give it our all at every single race," freshman runner Andres Arellano said.

With their strong perfor-



**ALL-COMERS** Senior Captain Bryan Albarran runs the 1600-meter alongside other competitors in the Rosemead All-Comers Meet

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and first in the 3200 with a time of 12:31.97.

"All-comer meets are a great way to prepare the team for more advanced competi-

placed 20th out of 36 runners with a time of 2:54.30 and sophomore Milan Cambon placed 21st with a time of 2:54.40.

mance to start the season, the track and field team hopes to continue to improve for their future meets this year.

## Moor Vs. Moor: Is Title Nine Effective?

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Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. This essentially means that there should be as many girls sports teams as there are boys teams and that both should receive the same amount of money from regulated government funds.

Title IX benefits all students because it ensures funding must be used in a nondiscriminatory manner. A student's gender cannot determine the amount of financial support the school provides to an athletic team.

Athletic programs at Alhambra give all students an equal opportunity to be involved in sports. The Title IX regulations are upheld here to ensure that all students are given the same athletic opportunities, regardless of sex. Title IX's reach stretches from the amount of supplies each team receives to the amount of time a team is allowed to practice on school property. Girls teams and boys teams must both have access to equal and adequate facilities.

The main focus is not to punish one gender, but instead to ensure equal funding for all athletic programs.

Overall, Title IX is essential to regulating government funding because all students deserve to be treated equally. Without it, the high school athletic department system may side too much toward one side of the spectrum.

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Since its passing in 1972, Title IX is supposed to ensure proportionality when it comes to boys and girls athletics. This means that if half of the student body is female then half of the student athletes should also be female. This is a good idea in theory and could be considered one of the crowning achievements of the Women's Rights movement, helping make sure that countless girls and young women are given the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

However, the reality is not so simple. Instead of increasing chances for female athletes, colleges and high schools are often forced to make a difficult choice. They can either create more female programs, which can be costly, or they can save money and still meet title IX regulations by cut-

ting more male programs. In order to save money the latter option is usually chosen.

The primary targets of these cuts have been hundreds of boys and mens' wrestling programs, alongside dozens of tennis, track and field, swimming and gymnastics teams. There are now only 20 college mens gymnastic teams left.

"Twenty-three years ago, there were 107 men's gymnastic teams in this nation," said Jason Lewis, a former gymnast out of Michigan State.

If Title IX is really designed to stop discrimination on the basis of sex, then most dance teams, which tend to be at least 80 percent female, should be cut.

Title IX forces school athletics officials to make concessions in a situation that they otherwise would have no part in. This decreases the effectiveness of an initiative designed to help and not hurt athletes.

## Girls Basketball Remains Hopeful During Season

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The Lady Moors basketball team began their preseason on Nov. 15 with a game against Westridge High School.

Their first game of the year began with a very close loss to Westridge at a final score of 46 - 49. Since then, the girls team has gone up against multiple schools from other districts and they have won half of their preseason games.

Before the Lady Moors began their season in the Almont League, they went up against Wilson High School and ended up winning the game with a final score of 28 - 26.

"We were really excited going into our League season since it was the last season for a very large number of us," senior Captain Chanel Blue said. "We just wanted to

play our hardest and win against every other team, just like we did against Wilson High."

After the game against Wilson High School, however, the girls were matched

up against "Right now we are all just focusing on how to play harder than we've ever played before!"

Montebello High School. Although the team went into the game with high hopes, the Lady Moors

suffered their first defeat of the season with a final score of 41 - 64.

Since then, the girls basketball team has

suffered losses against the other teams they have faced in the Almont League. Their closest defeat was on Jan. 18 against Montebello, a home game in which they lost

with a final score of 43 - 52. Despite the losses, the team remains hopeful.

"Our team relied on each other for moral support," junior Sondia Luong said. "We kept our heads up because we knew we have each other."

Chanel Blue

The biggest defeat the girls basketball team suffered occurred at a recent away game on Jan. 22 against Schurr High School, where the Lady Moors lost with a final score of 18 - 60.

"I would say that our biggest difficulty this year was to get over the constant losses we faced," Blue said. "It felt like no matter how hard we played, we could never get past the other teams in our league."

Regardless of the outcome, the girls basketball team has expressed that they will remain proud with their performance because their experience this season can assist those who will continue to play next year.

The Alhambra Girls Basketball team will go up against Mark Keppel in their last game of the season on Feb. 1. It will be held at Mark Keppel High School at 5:15 p.m.