

Shining the Spotlight on Annual Stage Show

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After a whole year of practice and preparation, the annual AHS Stage Show took place on April 25. The AHS Dance Team, consisting of Drill, Orchesis and All-Male, in addition to a guest appearance by the Cheer Team, performed in the Stage Show named “The Stage is Ours” for an auditorium with over 1000 people, according to

All-Male adviser Mr. Tong. Compared to the dance shows in previous years, no encore performances were scheduled this year.

This year’s show featured the dancers in routines according to their respective grade levels. In addition, there were also several duets, solos and one coed performance. The two masters of ceremonies, seniors Brian Au and Yoppie Noer, provided commentary and jokes for the audience throughout the night.

“My favorite part of Stage Show was

performing with my brothers for the last time. Out of all the hardships and good times, we shared the stage one last time and went out with a bang, making my [last] Stage Show amazing,” All-Male member Ricky Armenta said.

Dancers and advisers alike spent many hours preparing for the Stage Show. However, this was not done without overcoming obstacles.

“The most difficult part of putting the show together was [remembering] the rou-

tines from the beginning of the year and trying to squeeze in a new routine before Stage Show. Things can get pretty hectic!” Orchesis captain Nicky Ng said.

This year, the audience consisted of parents, students and staff of AHS, most of whom seemed to enjoy the show.

“This year’s Stage Show was fun and entertaining. It showed off all [the performers’] talents,” parent Michael Sanchez said.



THE STAGE IS OURS AHS’ Dance teams and Cheer hosted the annual Stage Show which ended with award-winning team members dancing into the audience.

MOOR photos by YIBEI LIU

Students Illustrate Their Dreams at Chalk Art Event

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After the first chalk art exhibition at AHS during the fall semester, a second Student Chalk Art Event, entitled “Dreams,” was showcased on May 1.

According to Ceramics teacher Jayson Pineda, who hosted the event, the Student Chalk Art

Event’s purpose was to take art out of the classroom and provide students with an opportunity to be creative.

“Art is a strong and powerful medium that can bring people together and bridge the gaps within a community,” Pineda said.

In contrast to last semester’s Homecoming style, which displayed the theme of “Moor Pride and Spirit,” this semester, students were to demonstrate their artistic skills based on the theme of “Dreams.”

“The theme [of] Dreams [was] broad so everyone [could] have their unique way and style of expressing their understandings of the topic. The fewer restrictions on the color we [used] also [helped] us deliver our own thoughts more

effectively,” senior Alexis Perez said.

Students were required to pair up and spend the entire school day in the Quad transferring their designs onto a larger scale. The chalks, brushes and other materials were all bought and provided by ASB.

Drawn entries were submitted beforehand and 10 teams were selected due to space limitations. Chosen designs were selected based on originality and the team’s interpretation of the theme.

“All of their works are pretty artistic,” Senior Ariel Maier said. “I admire their dedication and patience to do the drawings in the limited time and also in the extreme heat.”

Overall, the Student Chalk Art Event received positive re-

marks.

“I [hope the event] can become a catalyst to begin a sort of artistic renaissance on the AHS campus. [Art is] more of an experience, not just for artists, but for all to be involved and inspired. I see this as the beginning of many art events in an effort to enhancing the culture at our school,” Pineda said.



CHALK IT UP On May 1, Moors gathered in the Quad to participate in the Chalk Art Event. Senior Alexis Perez is seen here working on her dream-catcher piece.

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Girls’ League Resilient After Spring Fling Cancellation

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Due to inadequate ticket sales, Girls’ League’s Spring Fling, the planned final dance of the year, was cancelled two days before its scheduled occurrence on May 2.

As the dance was approaching, the number of tickets sold was still distant from the arranged quota, so Girls’ League decided to cancel the event, according to Girls’ League treasurer Vivian Tran. Girls’ League members speculated that many students were going to buy tickets in the last few days, but they could not take the risk. About \$400 worth of decorations had already been ordered, but Girls’ League will be able to have the money refunded.

“[Sales might have been low] because it was right before AP testing. It also wasn’t advertised as well as we would’ve liked,” Girls’ League president Aileen Wei said.

Spring Fling was arranged to take place in AHS’ underground parking structure with the glow-in-the-dark theme “Spring Glow,” and the featured colors would have been cherry blossom, robin blue and lavender. It was meant to be a casual and inexpensive alternative to Prom for underclassmen.

A large crowd was present in the announcement of the dance at Third Street, which included performances from various members of AHS’ dance teams and beatboxing.

“I’m just sad that it didn’t work out. The announcement was really big but the sales were disappointing. It might’ve been better if we incorporated more promotion about Spring Fling because a lot of the people probably came only for the entertainment,” Tran said.

This year would have been the second time Spring Fling was hosted since its introduction three years ago. Traditionally, Girls’ League hosts Winter Ball; however, this year their club registration was delayed until second semester due to the graduation of their former president and their need to find a new adviser, so they were unable to organize the dance.

“Our club got a late start, [but] we still wanted to do [a] dance for our student body and get our name out, so we had Spring Fling,” Tran said. “Our budget was very tight. We [had] to raise a lot of money in two months, [so] we [had] fundraisers every single week and a bake sale once a month.”

Girls’ League is currently planning which dances they will host next year and believe that they will be more successful, organizing the club earlier in the school year.

“I still have pride in Girls’ League,” Tran said. “I talked to more of the members and I feel we are more of a team.”

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