



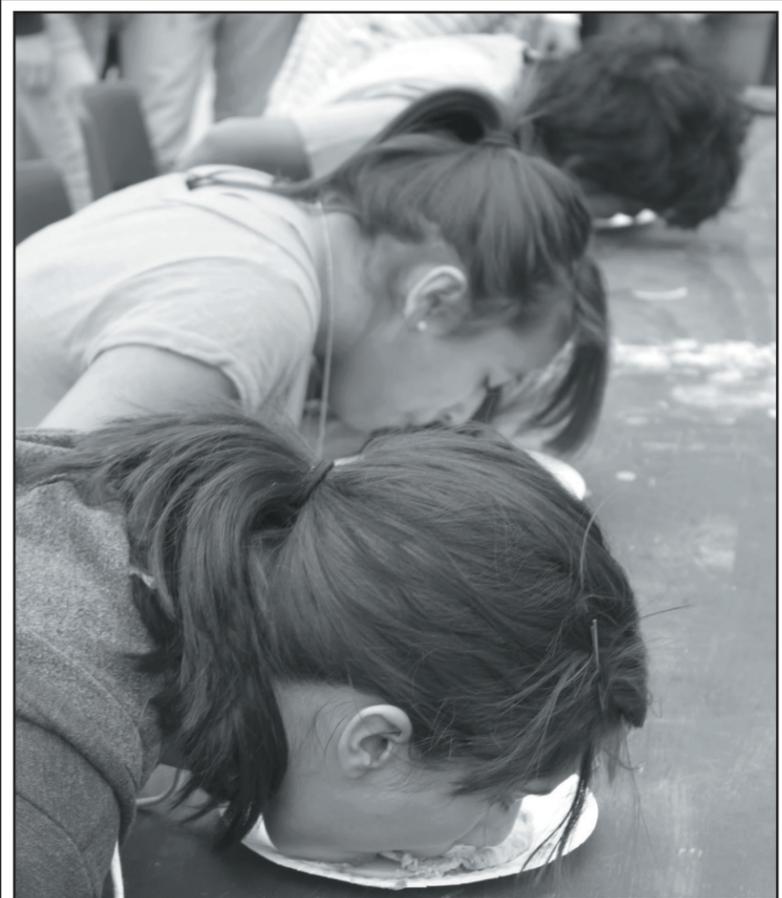
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PIE FRIDAY A pie-eating contest was held on Nov. 19 in celebration of Thanksgiving. The sophomores took the final (and delicious) win.

Moor Dance Marathon to Benefit LA Hospital

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News Editor

A group of AHS students have taken the initiative to create a dance marathon to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Moor Dance Marathon (MDM) is an event founded by juniors Tianna Li and Carleen Liu this year as a district-wide event.

Originally inspired by dance marathons held on university campuses, Li hopes to both collect money for the Children's Hospital fund and increase awareness of life-threatening illnesses that affect children at a young age.

Li cites her experience at the LA hospital as the main reason for why she wishes to support the organization.

"I have been here since I was nine," said Li. "It means a lot to me and I

just want to give back to the hospital."

The group held an open meeting on Oct. 21 to recruit students to help plan and execute the goals necessary to have the event.

"So far, [we have] been putting our sponsorship packages together,"

said junior Carleen Liu. "This is our first year running this event [so] we are still getting our website put up as well."

MDM also plans to associate itself

with other locally established west coast dance marathons, such as the Bruin Dance Marathon at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California's Trojan Dance Marathon.

"[MDM] is currently getting in touch with other established dance [marathons]," said Liu. "We hope to get the word out."

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-Tianna Li

NEWS BRIEFS

Kidshare Supports Child in Africa

Do you like working with children? Kidshare might be for you.

"Kidshare is an interest club. [Being in Kidshare] is like being [in] a service club, but specifically to help children, not just general aid," said adviser Kumiko Williams.

Kidshare members have made quilts for infants and children, as well as preparing dinner for sick children in hospitals.

"We try our best to help children and interact with kids any way we can," said junior Taneshia Ngo. "It's gratifying to see that we can make their days a lot better."

Among its activities, Kidshare sponsors a child named Ayonda, who lives in Africa. Kidshare has supported Ayonda through World Vision for six years. Every month, the club sends him money, along with occasional notebooks and stickers. He turned eleven years old on Nov. 30. To celebrate, the club sent him a card with their well-wishes.

"Kids are fun to work with," said junior Jacqueline Phung. "When I see them smile, it makes me smile, too."

Shannon Li, News Editor

AP Test Takers Earn Distinction

When May approaches, there is one thing that is sure to be in the Advanced Placement (AP) students' minds: the AP exams administered by the College Board. However, there is more to it than just passing with proficiency. There is a title that goes along with it: the AP Scholar awards.

"The AP Scholar [award] may be a burden to AP test takers, especially for those who want to take a class for the challenge and interest, and receive a lower ranking. It then becomes a symptom of competition," said English Literature teacher Kristen Keenan.

Although being an AP Scholar does not entitle certain royalties, it recognizes one's work in the AP program. There are several levels: with Honor, with Distinction, as well as State and National AP Scholars.

"AP Scholar status provides a distinction between individuals who are consistently seeking a standard of excellence," said AP Scholar with Distinction Bob Qian. "It is the culmination of a year's worth of study."

Johnny Huynh, Staff Writer

Educated and Alienated: Lost in the System

JAMIE NGUYEN
Staff Writer

They look like us, talk like us, and attend school like we do. The only difference is that they are undocumented residents. This difference is meager now, but as graduation day approaches, illegal students will realize the deficits of being undocumented. They are unable to perform rudimentary actions, such as obtaining a driver's license, and many of them are discouraged from seeking higher education after high school because U.S. laws make it difficult for them to be financially secure.

An undocumented student living in California may attend any college to

which they are admitted, but the main problem is that financial aid is not offered to illegal immigrants. The harsh reality remains true. The children of illegal immigrants will most likely be trapped in a continuous cycle of labor-intensive jobs that constrict incomes to poverty level.

The Dream Act, first proposed in 2001, is a glimmer of hope for those categorized as undocumented. It provides a route to citizenship for immigrant students who want to continue pursuing higher post-secondary education and gives a six-year temporary residency to undocumented students who graduate from high school.

"Passing the Dream Act would give

our undocumented students a vote of confidence [and show them] that we support them pursuing a college education. It allows our country to make use of their talents and skills," said US History teacher Jose Sanchez.

Politicians against the Dream Act have argued that it would encourage more illegal immigrants to cross the border and enter the United States. They also believe that additional problems, such as immigration, fraud would arise.

"I don't support this because it takes financial aid and college spots away from legal American citizens," said senior Thomas Castaneda. "It's also unfair because some illegal stu-

dents would only be required to pay in-state fees, cheaper than what an out-of-state citizen would pay."

There are numerous pros and cons to this situation, but there are still a growing number of students who have the potential to do well. For example, the UCLA student Luis Perez who graduated from its law school planned to take the Bar exam. However, his lack of documentation constrains his ability to practice law, making his studies rather fruitless.

For the first time since its introduction in 2001, the Dream Act was passed in the House of Representatives. However, the senate has delayed its vote until the next session.

Christmas Committee Spreads Seasonal Cheer

ALAN TAM
News Editor

The beginning of the holiday season means a new start for Christmas Committee. The members have been stepping up their fundraising efforts in preparation for the coming festivities.

From Doctors Without Borders to the homeless in Los Angeles, the support Christmas Committee shows to these charitable causes has made the club an institution at AHS.

"We have been doing a lot this year," said sophomore Jason Wong. "It's great to see so many people donating and helping those in need."

Their Operation: Christmas Child program on Nov. 14 to Nov. 19 raised over 200 shoe boxes full of essential items for youth in impoverished nations. Christmas Committee worked with Executive to spread the word about the project.

In addition to these new events, the Committee is also running its annual

Canned Food Drive. It invites service clubs on campus to collect non-perishable goods from around the community for charities. Each club would be assigned a different region of Alhambra in which to collect canned foods. This stock will be donated to non-profit organizations, such as

People for People. However, due to rain, the event will be moved to Dec. 18.

Christmas Committee supports numerous charitable groups, but they have been a major supporter of local homeless shelters as well.

Their donations to the LA Mission, Salvation Army, Union Station Paradise and numerous others help ensure that the less fortunate have at least the necessities during the holidays.

"We try to make sure that the homeless get the nourishment they need," said Vice President Senior Kathleen Chen. "Our fundraising benefits [and] give help to the homeless."

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"People view Christmas Committee as a single-semester club. Hopefully we can change [that]."

- Kathleen Chen



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A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS Christmas Committee adviser Dr. Henry Chau discusses the specifics of the Christmas Penny Drive.

In other news...

North Korea fires artillery shells on a South Korean island, killing four

Jet lands after angry dog bites passenger and flight attendant

Consumer Reports survey shows AT&T as nation's worst wireless carrier

Violin worth \$1.9 million stolen while owner orders sandwich