

Lack of Sales Cut Winterball

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Friday, Dec. 10, was approaching and couples had prepared for Winterball by buying new outfits, flowers and accessories.

However, this year's Winterball, hosted annually by Girls' League, was postponed by Assistant Principal and Director of Business and Activities Jeremy Infranca, adviser Candace Collins and club leadership. The original date and location of the dance was supposed to be on Dec. 10 at the Calamigos Equestrian Center. To make up for the ball, an alternate dance, the Spring Fling, will take place on campus in April.

The main reason for delaying the dance was a lack of ticket sales and the risk of losing \$7,000—the full cost of the dance. Only 40 people had purchased tickets and altogether the club lost approximately \$2,000.

"We should have reminded students ahead of time by [announcing] a rush date to buy tickets," said Director of Girls' League Justin Tran.

Girls' League believes that the lack of sales generated by Winterball may have been caused by the event being held too close to Homecoming. Another explanation to the low ticket sales was the extended Thanksgiving break causing students to forget about Winterball.

"I hope that next Winterball, we can bring down the prices to accommodate our loss, [...] and that Girls' League can come up with more enticing ideas to allow people to attend the dance," said Tran.



MUSICAL FESTIVITIES Drum majors Sergio Gardea and Cedric Vutheikun conduct a performance by concert band in the annual Winter Concert "Tis the Season" on Dec. 9 in the AHS auditorium. *MOOR photo by KATHRYN CHU*

Alhambra Students Compose Concert: 'Tis the Season

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On Dec. 9, AHS students had the opportunity to enjoy the Winter Concert featuring performing arts groups as they showcased their talents. Dubbed "'Tis the Season," performers played music to celebrate the holiday season.

Tickets to see the Winter Concert were sold by performers and at the door for five dollars. The day of the performance also marked the end of band's raffle ticket fundraiser. At the

end of the concert, three winners received prizes: an Apple iPad, a \$50 gift card to the restaurant 38 Degrees and two movie tickets with a \$10 gift card for Regal Theater.

The students had been practicing for this concert since mid-October, under the direction of Choir director Sara Maloney and Band director Mark Trulson.

The performers included concert band, orchestra, choir, jazz band, beginning instruments and hand chimes.

A varied assortment was chosen to be performed at the concert. From pieces originating from around the world such as "Gaudeamus Hodie" to those such as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," the concert featured diverse music.

According to Maloney, the songs chosen were based on the students' skill level and its appropriateness of the season.

Senior drum major Sergio Gardea felt that school concerts benefit performers by allowing them to exhibit

their talents as well as providing the school entertainment.

"It helps our school by advocating the good name of music in our local community," said Gardea.

Other performers shared similar sentiments.

"It allows Alhambra's students and parents, as well as the members of surrounding communities, to catch a glimpse of the wonderful music programs Alhambra has to offer," said Colorguard co-captain Catherine Nguyen.



JUICE IT UP Students enjoy Jamba Juice smoothies during the Dec. 16 Food Fair. *MOOR photo by STEWART RYDMAN-ESPINOSA*

Annual Film Festival Rewards Merit

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The advent of Youtube has been the catalyst for the creation of viral videos. Short, comedic clips are a major source of entertainment for users surfing the internet. However, traditional film making is not a forgotten art.

AHS' own Film Society is currently producing and preparing their own interpretation of traditional cinema for their annual Xanadu Film Festival.

Scheduled to be held in April in the auditorium, the festival will be an

event open to a wide range of aspiring filmmakers. They will have opportunities to submit their work in several different categories, which

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include animation, short film, feature film, public service announcement and stop motion.

"Filmmakers from AHS, Mark Keppel and San Gabriel High School will be participating at Xanadu," said senior Alan Wu. "Around twenty films were submitted last year, and we expect more submissions this time around."

Open to all applicants, Xanadu is meant to be a non-competitive experience that acknowledges artistic excellence in film.

A panel of three judges will be created from filmmakers and enthusiasts from around the community. The films will be judged on creativity, editing and musical composition.



ASPIRING FILMMAKERS Senior Alan Wu presents his work during a Film Society meeting. The club is preparing material for the Xanadu Film Festival in April. *MOOR photo by STEWART RYDMAN-ESPINOSA*

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