Students take on staff in volleyball

Wyatt Kessler
Staff Writer

It’s the last minute of the students-staff volleyball match, and with a tied score, a decider needs to happen immediately. The volleyball falls to the students, who receive it and keep the game alive. Senior Aninka Lofgren sets a great floaty ball for Senior Sora Walker, and he spikes it to win the game for the students. Everyone is yelling and the buzzer in the gym is going off.

This last quarter, principal Dave Gundale made a promise regarding the annual sports game between staff and students. The goal for the students, as some less experienced, a handful of construction of the sets. So, like, right now I’m fixing up a chair. We had a build day [in early November] and during production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream. It’s essentially a large meeting open to the public where it “refers to a series of social movements and political campaigns for radical and liberal reforms on women’s issues created by the inequality between men and women.”

Feminist club has arrived

Maisy Wall
Staff Writer

Do you hate women? Well we don’t! Join OWL’s Feminist Club, No Misogynists Welcome!!

How’s that for a slogan? Anyway, for those of you thinking “we have a Feminist Club?? I had no idea!”, and I’m sure there’s a few of you, keep reading to get to know a bit more about the club, its many founders, and the requirements to join—spoiler alert: there aren’t any.

To give a bit of context, I suppose I should explain what exactly feminism is. The definition of feminism is “the advocacy of women’s rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.” As for the feminist movement, specifically speaking, it “refers to a series of social movements and political campaigns for radical and liberal reforms on women’s issues created by the inequality between men and women.”

Design crew essential to OWL plays

Kate Houle
Staff Writer

A rush falls over the crowd as the curtain rises for the big, opening number, and approximately 20 people immediately start running around backstage to prepare for the next scene before the actors return. This is OWL’s design crew. A force of workers who are in charge of designing, producing, and getting everything that appears on stage ready for a play or musical. The workers are split up into departments of sets, props, costumes, lights, sound, makeup/hair, and stage managers. Each department is led by one or two “heads,” who are usually older students with more experience, a handful of “lead artists,” who are in charge of specific designs or tasks, and a few “rechs,” who are students that do small jobs to support the department and are newer to OWL theater.

Each department meets a couple days a week after school, at the same time the actors are rehearsing. In OWL’s current production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, there’s about 35 designers working to get everything ready. "I usually work on construction of the sets. So like, right now I’m fixing up a chair. We had a build day [in early November] and during

Nick Christopherson
Staff Writer

OWL has a made a name for itself in recent years by being very openly supportive of the LGBTQ+ community, and it’s continuing that trend with a brand new class that is being offered this year. That class is an LGBTQ+ Comics and Cartoons class, which is taught by English teacher Preston West. The roots of this class were established last year, when Preston read The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen, which was the Read Brave book for 2022. “It was my favorite book from that year, and the first graphic novel that really ‘clicked’ with me,” he praised. “I decided that I wanted to run an interim class called ‘Queerness in Comics and Cartoons,’ and from there it developed into a full elective.” In other schools in the district, there are classes that focus on works of writing from specific communities, but this is the first one to strictly focus on works from the LGBTQ+ community.

Preston said that his main goal for this class is to give LGBTQ+ students a place to see themselves in their curriculum, citing the fact that in 2023 alone over 500 books targeting the queer community have been proposed. “Books with LGBTQ+ characters (especially graphic novels) have been banned from schools in many states. This is my small way of trying to create a welcoming space for students to see they are welcome. I also think it’s a great opportunity to teach about queer history, which often doesn’t come up in many classes.”

While the class did read The Magic Fish as a group, most of the time students are given a choice over what they want to read. “Students spend about half of each class exploring a library of comics and graphic novels I’ve built over the past two years,” Preston explained. “These range from books that have achieved mainstream popularity like Heartstopper and Nimona, to books published by indie-presses that most people haven’t heard of.”

Over the whole semester, students are required to read
Champions League underway in Europe

Soccer fans from around the world are tuning in to see the latest developments in the Champions League, Europe's most prestigious club football tournament. With the 2022-2023 season underway, fans from all over the globe have their eyes on the top teams as they aim to secure a place in the final.

The tournament is split into three phases: the group stage, the round of 16, and the final. Each phase is characterized by a series of matches, with the top teams from each group advancing to the round of 16. The round of 16 is played on a two-legged basis, with the winners advancing to the quarterfinals. The quarterfinals, semifinals, and final are played in a single-legged format with home advantage for one of the teams. The European soccer fans are eagerly awaiting the final, where the winners will be crowned as the champions of Europe.
Bahati Stalheim and Abby Horton paint sets for the play.

"It's just a lot of emotions running around," explained 8th grade Leo Scoggins, who works on the greenroom materials. During the performances, designers are hidden behind the curtains, and watching the play come together was one of the most rewarding things he has done. "I love seeing how the show comes together at the last minute."

And it's just a lot of emotions running around," explained 8th grade Leo Scoggins, who works on the greenroom materials. During the performances, designers are hidden behind the curtains, and watching the play come together was one of the most rewarding things he has done. "I love seeing how the show comes together at the last minute."

"The two teams played a few points for fun after, with OWL and Pennington. Evelyn said she "improved a lot" and that she had a "good game.""I'm happy with how I played," she said. "It's the type of class that I just wish I could have more of.""I'm excited to keep improving and learning about feminism in general," she said. "I feel like I'm getting closer to understanding what it means to be a feminist and how it affects people's lives."
Senior Spotlight
Cooper Peterson-Antin

What pronouns do you use?
She/her.

How tall are you?
Short. 4’6” or something.

What’s your favorite book, movie, or TV show?
My favorite book is the Keeper of the Lost Cities series.

Who’s your favorite senior?
Elena and Violet.

What is your favorite thing about OWL so far?
I like my classes.

What extracurriculars do you plan on getting involved in at OWL?
Sports, but I have no idea which one.

That One Little Kid
Lydia Manfred

So, what is layout? Layout is, in a nutshell, putting the newspaper together. Taking all the materials and embellishing them with headlines, decks, photos, artwork and a variety of other things to bring it to life. “It’s all about how you frame and highlight and guide people through what they should read and how they should read it,” English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt said.

Seriously. Where does all that slime go? That was a feeble attempt at a metaphor. Layout is almost an escape, and watching senior Willa Campion, senior and editor-in-chief, “in the layout zone” is scary. Probably because getting everything right is crucial.

So, why do people love it? Why has it become a way of life? For Claire, it’s a success story…but I think when you allow yourself to see it. But like high fashion layout is too over the top for me. It’s nice... It never ends. And texts. It’s never over... And when you’re asking, is what is the layout’s goal? To answer that, I looked at the goal of the school newspaper as a whole. “I think that with the Purple Press one of the most important things is making sure that every student who wants to write an article gets a chance to have it published... That’s a huge accomplishment and motivator for people,” said Willa, “every story has space and time within the paper.” Highlighting student voices and amplifying what they have to say is the ultimate idea. But how does layout play into that? “So there’s placement of images, placement of stories and then there’s writing headlines and decks... I think not only do you want the page to look nice but you want the headlines and decks to sort of draw the reader in to get them excited about a story,” said Willa.

Being able to achieve that has been a road of trial and error. The Purple Press, like all newspapers, has a history of different designs. In 2014, the layout looked similar to a newsletter, “I don’t know why they didn’t fire me,” Leo said. He went on to tell me that we got the more modern-looking newspaper layout in 2017. “It is a more professionalized version... because we started focusing on higher quality pictures, decks and modular...”

Upcoming Events
November 29th & 30th: Student led conferences
December 8th: College March
December 13th - 15th: Performances of the fall play
December 25th - January 5th: Winter break

Fashion spotlight: Ms. Ma’lène

Ms. Ma’lène poses for a photo in her fit of the day.

Raina Rossell and Kiara Steiner
Staff Writers

What’s your go-to fit?
“Um, I want to say stretch pants, a sweater—comfy sweaters, and some rider boots.”

What is your skincare routine?
“My hair depends on the style it is, so currently I wrap my hair at night. Wrap it up in a circular motion and put a scarf on. In the morning I take a brush and brush it out. Either flatten it or put some curls and feather it back with my fingers through my hair.”

Fashion trend do you think should come back?
“Bell bottoms!”

Fashion trend do you think should never come back?
“Um, I forgot the name of the shirt but the shirt. It’s got the ruffles down the middle of it. After six ruffled tuxedo skirts.”

Glasses or contacts?
“Glasses.”

Describe your wardrobe in one word.
“Makeover, and I say that because I’ve been buying a lot of clothes and I’ve got to lot many clothes. Yeah, I need a makeover.”

What teacher at school has the best fashion?
“Rhonda.”

Students hat takes on Ms. Ma’lène outfits!
“She’s the type of teacher that I want to twin with on a twin day. We actually have the same shirt—Ms. Ma’lène, Elle, and me,” said 12th Grader Raina Rossell. “She’s a stylish gal” added 12th Grader Nora Crosby.

At Ms. Ma’lène’s recommendation, our next staff member to interview is Rhonda.
Winter tires, 2 per tire depending on size. While these do give all the performance of a winter tire, you still have to buy another set of tires for all the other seasons and you still have to swap them out every end of winter.

Winter tires sound like a lot of work, so are they worth it? Yes, if you can afford them. Most people don’t have $400-$600 to spend on tires. In that case you all-season tires will do. During the big snowstorms you won’t be more likely to lose grip or get stuck, but as long as you drive slowly and carefully all season long you shouldn’t have a problem.

If you’ve ever been driving in a state like Colorado with very little traction and you may have seen a sign saying something along the lines of “Chain required!” What are chains and why do you see normal people using them? The answer is the same as your own kind of thing with less moving and more stationary parts.

The first snowboarding competitions were held in 1969 where competitors called the Del Mar National Championship. In the 1990s and you can easily sit with people who are skiers on the skis and less at snow parks. 1990 set the birth size around where it is today

What are studs? Studs are little metal spikes on the bottom of your tire mostly used in areas of a lot of ice like Frons lakes. The reason they are illegal is because they damage roadways with the spikes in the warmer seasons. Spiked tires are usually double the cost of winter tires and aren’t worth it unless you live somewhere with a very intense winter where you would have to drive in ice lakes and there are multiple inches of snow on the road, or if you live in a mountainous area where you would slide down hundreds of feet due to ice.

For the League’s path, the four teams that are in the round of the eight and then the semi-finals with only two remaining, Champions League work differently than the rest of the knockout stages.

There is only one game for the Finals, which is held at a neutral venue. Each round consists of teams that were ranked 1-32 for the Champions League finals were held in Istanbul, Turkey. Last year, the Champions League finals will be held at Wembley Stadium in London, England. Last year, the Champions League winners were Bayern Munich from Germany, Real Madrid from Spain, and Manchester City from England.

I like the Champions League because you can watch teams from leagues you would normally never watch. It is a good thing because it brings football fans together over a period of 10 months. You can watch the Champions League on Paramount+.
Reviews ‘n’ stuff
The great pencil debate
“This issue of No. 2 pencils or mechanical pencils is no joke”

Thrift shopping is the better option
Staying away from commercial stores is the stylish, eco-conscious choice to make

Goth vs. Emo
What is the difference?

Another movie, another dimension
Animated Spider-Man movie lives up to original

By Amelia Keenan
Staff Writer

“Remember that movie that everyone loved back in 2018? Well, a new sequel to Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse has been released this past June. With the first movie being such a success with a rotten tomatoes score of 97%, it’s obvious that its sequel would have very high expectations.”

The directors who made Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse are Joaquim Dos Santos, Justin K. Thompson, and Kemp Powers. They announced this movie in November 2019, and the animation started in June 2020, prior to before it came out. The most present voice actors are Hailee Steinfeld, who plays Gwen Stacey, and Shameik Moore, who plays Miles Morales. Other big characters include Miguel O’Hara, Spot, (the new villain), and Peter Parker.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse — the first movie — ended with every version of Spider-Man returning to their original dimension, with a hint at the second movie where we heard Gwen's voice talking to Miles. Spider-Man: Across the Spiders-Verse — the new movie — revolves mostly around the different dimensions of the Spider-Verse, a universe built on a ton of different dimensions with different Spider-People. The beginning portion of the movie, and the whole thing, you probably just don't know how to thrill right. No offense. So I'll give you some tips. First, know what kind of style you're looking for. I suggest getting Pinterest, it can help you figure out your personal style and get inspiration for new outfits. By scrolling through pictures, Pinterest will adapt your page to show outfits you are interested in. You can make boards on Pinterest and take them with you shopping, where you can look for similar clothes. For example, a few weeks ago, I was looking for new y2k jeans in a style I saw on Pinterest, and I found some, which were affordable and very stylish for $10! Now we're talking. Next, go through every rack or bin. Most goodwills will have racks and sections based on what type of clothing you are looking for. I normally spend 20-30 minutes at these types of stores, but if you decide to go bold and visit the goodwill outlets, you may end up staying there for an hour or two.

At the outlets or bins, everything is sold by the pound, and you can walk out with 20-30 articles of clothing for under $20. However, you will have to dig through unsorted bins, which can get very tiring. Either way, your trip will be worth it. I've found plenty of clothes for good

Goth

What is the difference?

While walking through the hallways of OWL, you may have noticed individuals dressed in all black, long skirts, lacey shirts, or trip pants. What word comes to mind when you see these people? You might think of “emo” or “Wednesday Addams”?

I'm here to inform you that the labels you might have hurled at people in the hallways are incorrect. Contrary to popular belief, many of these individuals aren’t emo or in Wednesday Addams cosplay.

I'm a goth, and I understand what you're thinking. So, what exactly distinguishes goth from emo?

For starters, both of these musical subcultures know what. If you identify as emo or goth, you primarily hinges on the kind of music you listen to rather than your outward appearance or clothing choices. Although both of these musical subcultures have associated fashion styles, it’s important to emphasize that you don’t need to be in a goth or emo style to be part of these subcultures, all you need to do is listen to the music. Only listening to the music does not make you any less goth or emo.

The term “goth” encompasses various aspects, from gothic architecture to makeup aesthetics. However, for the purpose of this discussion, I will primarily focus on fashion and music. The gothic movement originated in the late 1970s, drawing inspiration from the punk movement, and can

by Zania Hierlmaier
Staff Writer

“I am a thrifter, no going back! When I tell people about my thrift finds, I either get shocked glances or horrified looks. They don’t want worn overalls with my thrift finds, I either get shocked glances or horrified looks. They don’t want worn overalls with

The place that sells $30 jeans that are so stiff you cannot walk and the same shirt in ten different designs? No thank you. I only spend over thirty dollars on stores.

Except for those ones in those dusty, darty small towns with America merch on every rack. Just don’t visit Iowa thrift stores if you can avoid it. You might ask yourself, was it worth it? What’s the experience with small town thrift stores if you don’t even live there. Trust me, I’ve seen enough, especially since my parents are obsessed with road trips. No, mom, I don’t want wool overalls with permanent brown stains on the knees. I am not a farmer, and I definitely don’t need to look like one. Also, why so many shoe hats? They aren’t even washed.

If you don’t like thrift stores, you probably just don’t know how to thrill right. No offense. So I’ll give you some tips. First, know what kind of style you’re looking for. I suggest getting Pinterest, it can help you figure out your personal style and get inspiration for new outfits. By scrolling through pictures, Pinterest will adapt your page to show outfits you are interested in. You can make boards on Pinterest and take them with you shopping, where you can look for similar clothes.

For example, a few weeks ago, I was looking for new y2k jeans in a style I saw on Pinterest, and I found some, which were affordable and very stylish for $10! Now we’re talking. Next, go through every rack or bin. Most goodwills will have racks and sections based on what type of clothing you are looking for. I normally spend 20-30 minutes at these types of stores, but if you decide to go bold and visit the goodwill outlets, you may end up staying there for an hour or two.

At the outlets or bins, everything is sold by the pound, and you can walk out with 20-30 articles of clothing for under $20. However, you will have to dig through unsorted bins, which can get very tiring. Either way, your trip will be worth it. I’ve found plenty of clothes for good

by Zania Hierlmaier
Staff Writer

“I am a thrifter, no going back! When I tell people about my thrift finds, I either get shocked glances or horrified looks. They don’t want worn overalls with

The place that sells $30 jeans that are so stiff you cannot walk and the same shirt in ten different designs? No thank you. I only spend over thirty dollars on stores.

Except for those ones in those dusty, darty small towns with America merch on every rack. Just don’t visit Iowa thrift stores if you can avoid it. You might ask yourself, was it worth it? What’s the experience with small town thrift stores if you don’t even live there. Trust me, I’ve seen enough, especially since my parents are obsessed with road trips. No, mom, I don’t want wool overalls with permanent brown stains on the knees. I am not a farmer, and I definitely don’t need to look like one. Also, why so many shoe hats? They aren’t even washed.

If you don’t like thrift stores, you probably just don’t know how to thrill right. No offense. So I’ll give you some tips. First, know what kind of style you’re looking for. I suggest getting Pinterest, it can help you figure out your personal style and get inspiration for new outfits. By scrolling through pictures, Pinterest will adapt your page to show outfits you are interested in. You can make boards on Pinterest and take them with you shopping, where you can look for similar clothes.

For example, a few weeks ago, I was looking for new y2k jeans in a style I saw on Pinterest, and I found some, which were affordable and very stylish for $10! Now we’re talking. Next, go through every rack or bin. Most goodwills will have racks and sections based on what type of clothing you are looking for. I normally spend 20-30 minutes at these types of stores, but if you decide to go bold and visit the goodwill outlets, you may end up staying there for an hour or two.

At the outlets or bins, everything is sold by the pound, and you can walk out with 20-30 articles of clothing for under $20. However, you will have to dig through unsorted bins, which can get very tiring. Either way, your trip will be worth it. I’ve found plenty of clothes for good

by Zania Hierlmaier
Staff Writer

“I am a thrifter, no going back! When I tell people about my thrift finds, I either get shocked glances or horrified looks. They don’t want worn overalls with

The place that sells $30 jeans that are so stiff you cannot walk and the same shirt in ten different designs? No thank you. I only spend over thirty dollars on stores.

Except for those ones in those dusty, darty small towns with America merch on every rack. Just don’t visit Iowa thrift stores if you can avoid it. You might ask yourself, was it worth it? What’s the experience with small town thrift stores if you don’t even live there. Trust me, I’ve seen enough, especially since my parents are obsessed with road trips. No, mom, I don’t want wool overalls with permanent brown stains on the knees. I am not a farmer, and I definitely don’t need to look like one. Also, why so many shoe hats? They aren’t even washed.

If you don’t like thrift stores, you probably just don’t know how to thrill right. No offense. So I’ll give you some tips. First, know what kind of style you’re looking for. I suggest getting Pinterest, it can help you figure out your personal style and get inspiration for new outfits. By scrolling through pictures, Pinterest will adapt your page to show outfits you are interested in. You can make boards on Pinterest and take them with you shopping, where you can look for similar clothes.

For example, a few weeks ago, I was looking for new y2k jeans in a style I saw on Pinterest, and I found some, which were affordable and very stylish for $10! Now we’re talking. Next, go through every rack or bin. Most goodwills will have racks and sections based on what type of clothing you are looking for. I normally spend 20-30 minutes at these types of stores, but if you decide to go bold and visit the goodwill outlets, you may end up staying there for an hour or two.

At the outlets or bins, everything is sold by the pound, and you can walk out with 20-30 articles of clothing for under $20. However, you will have to dig through unsorted bins, which can get very tiring. Either way, your trip will be worth it. I’ve found plenty of clothes for good
A review of the first game in a new soccer video game franchise

FIFA replaced by EAFC 24

The long-running soccer video game series FIFA has been canceled. But there is a replacement, and it’s pretty much the same thing. EA FC 24 has replaced the next FIFA game and is now the first installment in the new EA FC franchise.

You may be wondering why it’s called EA FC. Well, FIFA trademarked the term “FIFA” (the creators of the game) double the cost of licensing, raising the price from $150 million to $300 million. Because of that, they decided to part ways which means that the games FIFA developed are now branded under EA FC.

In the game, you have five main game modes, Kick Off, Ultimate Team, Career Mode, Volta Football, and Pro Clubs. All of these were in the previous game FIFA 23, giving many fans a sense of sadness.

In Kick Off you can play as many country's national teams and their leagues across the world. The摇摆不定 twists you can put on a game like no rules, only headers, and. In the end, the game time goes the ball out of the multilayerer is added. In more, the team you can build with your team by any players from across the world and go against other players' teams. There's a rating system based on how good the players are in real life. There are three new additions to Ultimate Team, giving many fans a sense of sadness.

On the subject of today's debate. Who is the GOAT? Messi or Ronaldo? Turns out he was actually named after Ronald Reagan -- quite fascinating, because this was actually before Reagan became president.

Now for you're not familiar here is a little background on the subject of today’s debate. Let’s start with Messi.

Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccitini was born on June 24th, 1987 in Rosario, Argentina. That's his common knowledge, but here are a couple facts I bet you didn’t know: Messi is actually a gifted musician which is known to play the piano and guitar in his free time. He has also performed on stage with famous Argentine singer Sergio Denis. It seems like everyone wanted Messi. Spain decided to offer him an option to play for their national team but he denied it wanting to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Diego Maradona.

Throughout his entire career, Messi has played for the Argentina national team. Messi has always dreamt of achieving his dream of winning the World Cup. Finally in 2022 he won it. How important it was for him to win the World Cup can not be stressed enough, for him to win the World Cup, giving many fans a sense of sadness.

You know the story of today’s debate. Who is the GOAT? Messi or Ronaldo? Turns out he was actually named after Ronald Reagan -- quite fascinating, because this was actually before Reagan became president.

Now for you're not familiar here is a little background on the subject of today’s debate. Let’s start with Messi.

Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccitini was born on June 24th, 1987 in Rosario, Argentina. That's his common knowledge, but here are a couple facts I bet you didn’t know: Messi is actually a gifted musician which is known to play the piano and guitar in his free time. He has also performed on stage with famous Argentine singer Sergio Denis. It seems like everyone wanted Messi. Spain decided to offer him an option to play for their national team but he denied it wanting to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Diego Maradona.

Throughout his entire career, Messi has played for the Argentina national team. Messi has always dreamt of achieving his dream of winning the World Cup. Finally in 2022 he won it. How important it was for him to win the World Cup can not be stressed enough, for him to win the World Cup, giving many fans a sense of sadness.

You know the story of today’s debate. Who is the GOAT? Messi or Ronaldo? Turns out he was actually named after Ronald Reagan -- quite fascinating, because this was actually before Reagan became president.

Now for you're not familiar here is a little background on the subject of today’s debate. Let’s start with Messi.

Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccitini was born on June 24th, 1987 in Rosario, Argentina. That's his common knowledge, but here are a couple facts I bet you didn’t know: Messi is actually a gifted musician which is known to play the piano and guitar in his free time. He has also performed on stage with famous Argentine singer Sergio Denis. It seems like everyone wanted Messi. Spain decided to offer him an option to play for their national team but he denied it wanting to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Diego Maradona.

Throughout his entire career, Messi has played for the Argentina national team. Messi has always dreamt of achieving his dream of winning the World Cup. Finally in 2022 he won it. How important it was for him to win the World Cup can not be stressed enough, for him to win the World Cup, giving many fans a sense of sadness.
my personality and interests goth for me is just expressing or personal life experiences. because of political views, appeals to me and many others says MCAD first-year student predominantly involves As a result, goth clothing to challenge capitalism. anti-establishment, striving common themes in goth referred to as “traditional goth fashion. For the most all characteristic elements of movement wanted to be a preaching for racial, gender, African American movement, includes skinny jeans, band t-shirts, colorful studded belts, and knee-high converse with brightly colored socks. was the most prevalent alternative style in the 2000s, it was closely intertwined with emo music culture. MySpace pictures and phrases like “raver XPD” became emblematic of emo online. Consequently, emo has evolved into one of the most popular and iconic aspects of all time. As a result of emo’s widespread popularity, people outside of the alternative scene tend to label anyone who appears different as “emo,” even if their style is far from the authentic emo aesthetic. A prime example of this can be seen in the pair of brothers, and 8th grader who has been called “emo” multiple times despite having a consistent fashion sense. It leans toward a more oversized and 90s skater look. It’s evident because regardless of their attire, is susceptible to being labeled as “emo.” As 8th grade gets bigger I put it, “I wear comfy things like sweatpants and sweatshirts. I was called emo because I’m emo at 6th grade. Um, I don’t think I’m emo. That’s not my style. In conclusion no one is safe from being called emo, no matter what you wear or how you look. In the end, you are bound to be called emo by someone on the street, or in the hallways. This brings us to the conclusion. Messi is better. Let me tell you why. First of all Messi is much more creative on the ball. The way he dribbles with his feet is a form of art. He has fantastic vision when it comes to the game. He has incredible shooting technique, deadly free kicks and is extremely talented at passing. Messi gets a very high amount of credit for his goals but if I am completely honest I think it is his ball control. In his career he has 361 assists Okay you get it right? Messi is less than Ronaldo with them. So the best thing about the show in my opinion is Baylan, an ex-Jedi who works for Morgan, played by Ray Stevenson, and how he started out as a villain and then developed into a much more complex character throughout the show. At the start of the show he massacres a New Republic ship, then when Peridea he talks about how this movie was unsuccessful.-Steven, and how he started out as a villain and then developed into a much more complex character throughout the show. At the start of the show he massacres a New Republic ship, then when Peridea he talks about how this movie was unsuccessful. "Won't our alliance with Thrawn finally bring us into power?" asked Shin Hati, Baylan's apprentice. In conclusion no one is safe from being called emo, no matter what you wear or how you look. In the end, you are bound to be called emo by someone on the street, or in the hallways.
EA FC 24

Battles, Friendlies, Draft, and Moments. Division Rivals is where you play games to rank up and the higher you rank, the better the rewards you get. Champs are pretty much the same except the players are better and so are the rewards.

Squad Battles are where you play against real players’ teams controlled by an AI, then you try to win the games to get points, and the more points you have the better the rewards. Friendlies are just where you play games that don’t matter and you can have special modifiers. Draft can be online or offline and you just draft a team from a group of players and win games to get better rewards. And finally, Moments is where you play specific moments in a game to get stars and the more stars, the better rewards you can claim. These modes are the easiest way to get stuff like packs and coins.

Career Mode is a mode where you can make your player with their size, build, face, clothes, the way they move, and even Playstyles. Also, you can become a real-life player and then ruin their career or make them reach their potential, it doesn’t matter. Or, become a manager for a team controlling wages, what players you sign, and how your players play tactically. There is nothing really new in Career Mode besides more customization and Playstyles.

Volta is similar to a career in the sense that you can also make your character. Volta is also like futsal. If you don’t know what futsal is, it’s like soccer but indoors and you only have five players. You have to do kick-ins instead of throw-ins and the celebrations are different. There are just about the same additions to Volta as there was to Career mode.

Pro Clubs is also similar to Career because you create your character. Pro clubs are where you create your player and then join a team with others online. Then on your team, you face other teams and win to rank up. One of the big additions to Pro Clubs is cross play which many have been waiting for.

I think the game is similar to FIFA 23, but that’s just common sense. However, it does add some small things that make it different. For example, Playstyles — I think they’re a great addition, but they’re not balanced in the slightest. On the other hand, Evolutions are not great. Evolutions are a cool idea, but it makes the game more pay-to-win than ever because the most overpowered evolutions require a lot of coins or FC points which is the in-game currency.

I don’t think EA FC 24 is better than FIFA 23, which is odd because it’s a pretty low bar. It’s almost the same as other games besides the name changes and little additions, despite that I’d say it’s a good game for people who like soccer or just sports in general. Even with the hefty price, I would recommend it to most who can afford it, unless, of course, you don’t like raging.

Latinx culture night in photos

Clockwise from upper left: senior Raina Rossell does face paint for 11th grader Cal Schmid, 10th grader Monica Locken in her quincenera dress, one of the event’s organizers senior Rebecca Maldonado-Olivar helps serve food, dancers perform a traditional Mexican dance, ofrendas honoring passed loved ones and celebrities on display.
Shedding Tears: Part 2

Joseph T. Schwartz

The first part of this story was published October 10th, 2023 in Issue 1, Vol. 24 of The Purple Press.

Kay stopped going to the snake exhibit once her brother went missing. She knew that what Sarah had said would have been true if the last time wasn’t empty words, ‘I see you can’t make decisions for yourself. The woman you just cleanly done died. But kay had still hoped her brother would come back free and all be a coincidence. But 7 days had passed since he’d gone missing, and now Miss Larson said she knew. Kay asked her to confront Sarah and get her brother back.

She shooed away the floor as she made her way past the exhibits. Most reptiles ignored her as she walked by. But snakes stopped and watched. Dozens of slitted eyes studied her every movement. A shiver ran down her spine.

She stopped in the back corner at a large glass enclosure. On the wall below the glass was a brass plaque. It read, Sarah, Burmese Python, 19, 100 pounds. Kay lazily studied the tip of a tail sticking out from under a false rock decoration.

“I see you.” Kay said simply.

“Are you the perceptive one, Kaitlin?” said the voice of Sarah as she slithered out from under the rock, still dragging out her 8.5 feet.

“What? Where is he?”


“What about your brother?”

“You took stop playing games! Where did you take my brother?” Kay said loudly, the sound echoing in the empty room. Sarah hesitated, before slithering into the back corner.

“Abraham is in a place where he cannot hurt you anymore.”

“What? Where is he?”

“He cannot hurt you.”

“Or me?”

“Or me.”

“If he can hurt me, I want him back!”

Why?”

“Because it’s the right thing to do.”

Kay left the even if I hate him silent.

“Fine,” Sarah responded carefully. “If that is what you want.”

“It is.”

Sarah slid behind her rock without another word. This time, her tail didn’t stick out. It was like she had died the police came knocking—her brother had been found behind a club, fast asleep, beer in hand. Abe had then been brought to a hospital, where they’d found him with different drugs in his blood, most notably alcohol. He was now in jail awaiting his court date.

Kay’s mother and the officers at the last time, leaving Kay easily fast asleep, beer in hand. Her mother returned an hour later, Abe in tow. She had paid his bail and was released. He was still in jail 80 days. She went up to her room when they got home, expecting her mother to get away from her. All she heard before she shut her door was half-hearted scolding. He walked upstairs 30 minutes later. Kay took that as her opportunity to ask him what happened?

She knocked on his closed door.

“Can I come in?”

A dismissive grunt served as her cue to enter Abe’s room as a mess, as usual. His clothes were all across the gown and the trash can was piloted high. Her brother was laying on his equally messed bed, scrolling on his phone. “So, what’s this?”

“I guess Why do you care?” he responded disinterestedly.

“It’s just you want for a week, did anything—happen?” he mocked, trying to say it like that? he asked, seemingly genuinely confused.

“It’s just;” she stopped. Something about the sudden change since she walked in, notably how not aggressive her brother was. She’d brushed it off as him being tired. But what gave her pause was how he said “say” he lingered on the S. “Yeah?” Abe prompted

“Nothing is said” she quickly, ‘Got you engaged to do? She shut the door quickly and left, Kay had to consciously keep her breathing quick and left. Kay had to consciously keep her breathing.

She wanted to be. There were no words on it. She had to consciously keep her breathing. Being that perhaps she was mistaken. Abe’s story was plausible, toxins were found in his blood. She wanted to believe it was a coincidence and she could forget about the snakes entirely. But he lingered on the S.

Even though she was rattled, Kay still had to go to school. She managed to make it the all day until lunch before she saw her brother. She noticed him walking towards her from across the lunchroom. Years of bullying heightened her awareness of where he and his friends might be. He was tall enough, he was all alone, his friends were seated along the wall behind him, not paying attention to him. Even after his disappearance, Kay wasn’t stupid enough to think he’d take it easy on her. She sat close to the exit, and was in the hall before anyone noticed. With luck, she’d be out the door before her brother could stop her. Two rights and a left, and she was at the back door she often used, the fire exit with the broken alarm. She grabbed the handle and yanked, intending to walk out into the school’s back alley and run to... anywhere that wasn’t the zoo, maybe the park a couple blocks away. But the handle didn’t turn. It was locked. Crap crap crap. Kays started panicking and turned to find a different exit, but was stopped by a six foot, muscular man.

“Where are you going, Kaitlin?” he never called her Kaitlin.

“I, uh, forgot something at home.”

“Okay, I wanted to talk about the other night?” he said casually, “You looked a bit startled.”

“Yeah?” he lingered on the S again.

“Oh, it was nothing, I had homework, remember?” she said, her voice on edge.

By the time the mention of snakes registered in her mind, they had already moved on to a different segment. Kay grabbed the remote and wound until she was where she wanted to be. There was nothing in a three piece suit and shoulder length brown hair standing in front of the zoo entrance gate; the building making up the background of the shot. “Thank you, David. Here at Timucua County Zoological Park, nearly all of the snakes are missing from their enclosures and haven’t yet been found. The reptile curator isn’t a very popular attraction here at Timucua Park, so it wasn’t reported for what have had hours. The official statement from the park is that theft is the most likely possibility, and they are opening an internal investigation. That is all that’s been disclosed at this time, back to you, David.”

She had referred to the news station, which had stupidly left passed on the woman standing directly in front of the zoo. She snatched the remote and changed channels.

“Look!” she said a little too loudly. She stood up from the couch and quickly walked upstairs before her brother could continue the conversation anymore. Kay could hear him comment to himself about her “strange behavior.” Then she shut her bedroom door.

Kay’s mom didn’t come home from work that night, probably working late, so she didn’t have to go downstairs for dinner and could avoid her brother more. Her intention was to stay locked in her room until tomorrow and leave before he wakes up, but her heart was noise caused by their staircases as her brother went downstairs at almost midnight.

Kay wanted instantly: The rats were dropped and it stood up straight, jaw shut. She would have been surprised if she had seen any human, if it had human eyes. She didn’t know how it kept those hidden all this time.

“Look!” she said the definitely-not-Abe said, “how are you?”

“Ah, about that. Well, let’s say your brother is somewhere he can’t hurt you.”

“Sarah.”

“You aren’t clever!”

“Ah-how! How are you?”

“Well, it’s not just me in here, I’m not big.”

Kay couldn’t respond to that. She couldn’t think.

“Now, don’t be scared.” Sarah took a step forward, and that was enough to jolt Kay into action. She turned around and saw her, standing above her, in the house, and into the street.

She ran faster than she ever had before, crossing deserted streets in the middle of the night until she was far enough away she felt safe enough to slow down.

Trees surrounded the road lids over the asphalt. Sarah had faded to grass several blocks back. She could only barely make out a train truck crossing the road a few feet ahead of her. Her heart pounded in her head, louder than anything she’d ever heard before. Every breath took at her dry throat.

Kay thought she was safe.

Until her brother walked out from the tunnel.

“Now, it’s not nice to run away while I’m talking to you.”

“Why? Why can’t you just leave me alone?” she tried to yell, but ended up just barely wheezing out.

“Because you were the only one I didn’t see.”

No one stopped by to even look at us, let alone talk. But you were there, you were looking, you cared.” Sarah circled around Kaitlin slowly as she talked, unintentionally placing herself between Kay and the train track. “This was all for you, Kaitlin. You were supposed to be the one he killed, but you weren’t. You just can’t follow plans, can you? Now you’re making us do this. We didn’t want to hurt you.” It took a step forward, towards Kay. At the same time, a deep rumbling and a faint light began to grow from behind the road.

She didn’t think before jumping forward, pushing past everyone and getting down to the back, making it trip and fall directly onto the tracks. Not a second later, the train flew towards her, Omg, there she was. She woke.

Once the train had passed, Kay saw a small, emaciated woman standing directly in the sound of her brother and started to sob on the bed.

She didn’t think before jumping forward, pushing past everyone and getting down to the back, making it trip and fall directly onto the tracks. Not a second later, the train flew towards her, Omg, there she was. She woke.

Once the train had passed, Kay saw a small, emaciated woman standing directly in the sound of her brother and started to sob on the bed.