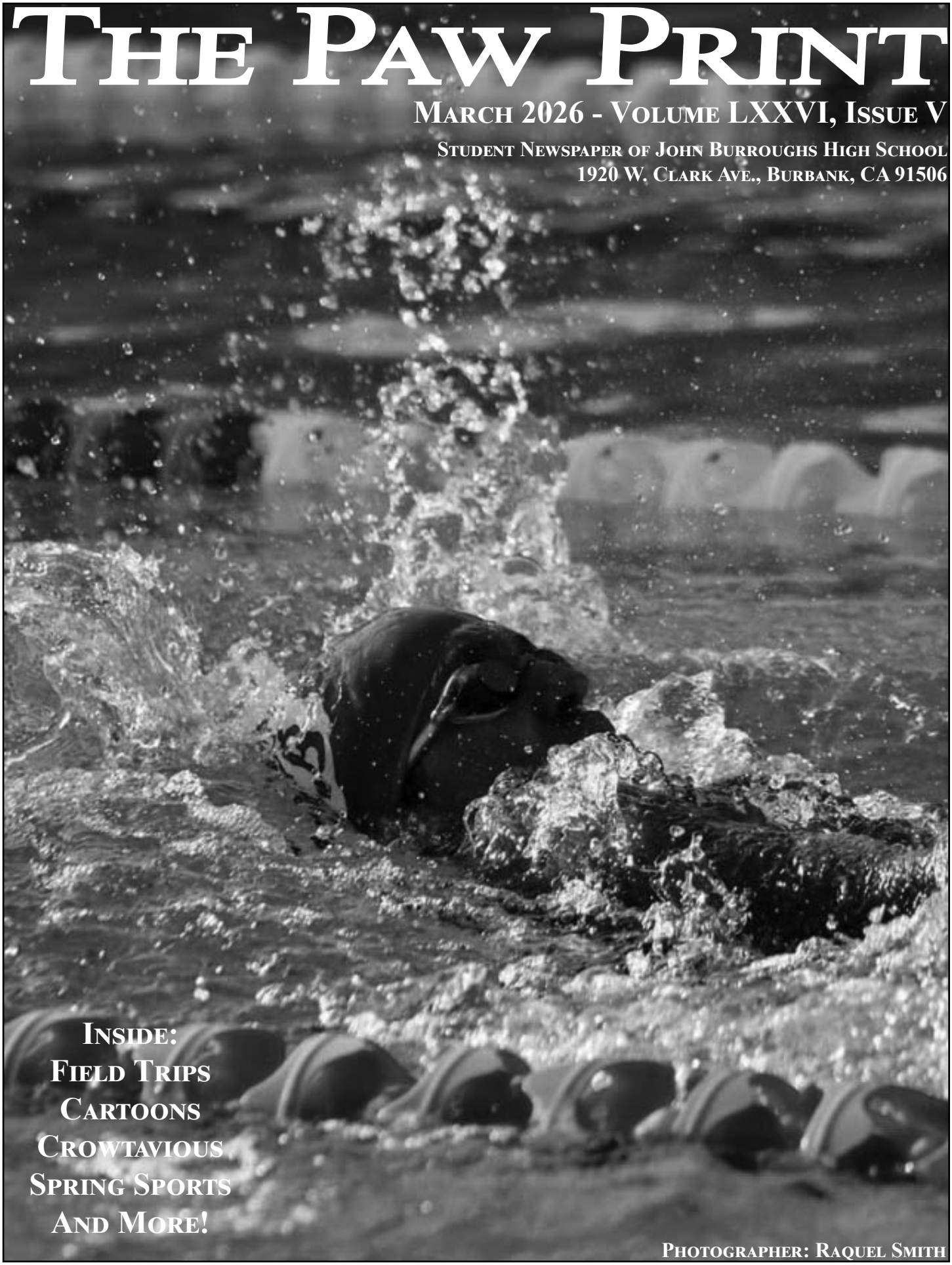
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GMJB Florida Trip

By Jocelyn Jimenez
Cub Reporter

From February 27th, to March 3rd, a group of nineteen TV Production 2 and 3 students traveled to Tampa, Florida to compete in the National Student Television competition.

The event took place at the Tampa Convention Center and brought together more than 3,000 students from schools across the country to showcase their skills in film and broadcast journalism.

This trip was led by chaperones Ms. Meschkat and Mr. Henriquez, who accompanied the students as they represented their school and the GMJB program.

Students traveled by plane, with the flight taking about five hours to reach Florida.

The purpose of the trip was to allow students to compete in national competitions and present the work they create throughout the year. Students entered multiple categories, giving them the opportunity to demonstrate the production and storytelling skills they practice in class. In total, the group competed in eight on-site competitions and also submitted three of their pre-produced shows for national awards.

The competitions are designed to simulate real-world media production. Students must plan, film, edit, and complete projects under deadlines, using the same skills they learn in their TV production classes. Their work includes projects like the GMJB show, a social media show, and a podcast, all of which were submitted for national recognition.

The experience allows students to compare their work with that of other programs across the country. Seeing the different styles and ideas from other schools helps students grow creatively and improve their own productions. The competition also provides an opportunity for students to gain national recognition for their work.

One of the most memorable parts of the trip was the success the students achieved at the competition. The group won a total of five national awards, including Broadcast Excellence for their social media show and podcast, as well as a Distinguished Merit for their daily live news show. The students also earned third place in the eight-hour shot documentary competition and third place in the commercial competition.

According to Ms. Meschkat, earning Broadcast Excellence is a major achievement. “Winning Broadcast Excellence is something they’ve never won and is very hard to do, which you need a 90% and higher on the judges’ rubric to earn it,” she said.

The eight-hour documentary competition was also a highlight of the trip. In this challenge, the entire group worked together to create a documentary within the strict eight-hour limit. Students had to plan the story, film footage, and edit the final piece within the same day. Their teamwork paid off when the project earned third place nationally.

Another exciting part of the event was meeting students from other schools. With more than 3,000 students attending, participants had the opportunity to connect with others who share the same interest in media production. One tradition students enjoy each year is trading pins with other schools, which helps them meet new people and remember the experience.

Overall, the trip gave students the chance to apply what they have learned in the classroom in a real-world competitive environment. From producing content to collaborating under pressure, the competition helped students strengthen their skills while representing their school on a national stage.

Medical Academy Field Trip

By Zoey Pickens
Cub Reporter

The JBHS NAF Medical Academy departed from Burbank on February 18th, 2026. Its destination? UCLA’s Paramedic Educational Center.

Arriving at around 9:20AM, students were to be introduced to the world of paramedicine. Paramedicine defines on-site care, or assisting patients upon ambulance arrival and while traveling to hospital locations. Medical first-responders who practice paramedicine are known as paramedics.

NAF’s first order of business was to attend a lecture held at the facility. Students were given the opportunity to meet staff and administrators.

Following the lecture, students split in order to participate in four different stations, all aimed at teaching EMS care. One station taught the history of paramedics and the UCLA program, while another taught the students how to perform CPR with defibrillators. The most striking station, however, involved an entire room that acted as a simulation. From recreating emergency situations visually to emitting scents, the simulation station was a memorable experience. Within it, students were able to truly embody a medical professional, learning to react calmly and properly while being aware of their surroundings.

JBHS Junior, Keira Sydeny Simon, recounts that, “For example, we did this one scenario where a cabin burnt down. It smelled like smoke in the room. We had to assess what was wrong with the situation, and there was a dummy lying down. They gave us some context, like this is a twenty year old male, for instance. And right now, he’s having a hard time breathing. We had a lot of drugs to use, so we had to determine what the right thing was to administer to him.”

After completing their third station, the Medical Academy ate lunch nearby. The last station instructed students on how to properly wrap bandages and create tourniquets, providing life-saving information.

Moreover, many found themselves impressed with the other rooms and equipment the UCLA PEC had to offer, one such person being Amos Lasry, another Junior. “They also had a room where you could do intubations with the trachea, which a breathing tube could be put into,” he noted. In addition, Lasry beamed that, “The field trip was great.”

Eventually, the Academy traveled back to Burroughs, where the day concluded. It’s safe to say that Burroughs students are in good hands in the event of an emergency. The school is proud to be home to Burbank’s future first responders!

NAF BWP Field Trip

By Finch Monroe
Cub Reporter

As a JBHS student, there are many classes that go on field trips.

This week the NAF Engineering class took a field trip to our very own Burbank Water and Power. Burbank Water and Power, as the name states, manages all of Burbank's electricity and drinkable water. They are extremely important to our city, without them we would all be fending for ourselves.

The field trip was a very informational one. NAF were shown around the facility while being able to interact with many different things, also being offered many different behind the scenes looks at how the city manages its water supply, as well as how the city ensures it’s water quality throughout the entire city. They also were taught how energy is conducted throughout the city, into each of our homes.

Overall it was a very informative field trip for our NAF students.

Here's to more informative and fun field trips in the foreseeable future for more and more of our students!

Japan Spring Break Trip

By Emma Friedman
Cub Reporter

Twenty-one John Burroughs High School students spent nine days over Spring Break in Japan (Kyoto & Tokyo) as a part of EF Educational Tours.

There were twenty-eight people total representing JBHS (with four chaperones, three adult travelers and the aforementioned twenty-one students).

Some of the highlights included going to the Bamboo Forest, visiting shrines, riding the bullet train, visiting the Golden Buddha, seeing the Spring cherry blossoms, going to the Ice Cave, and having free time to explore on their own.

Everyone worked together so well to keep each other safe and have fun!



Mrs. Karen Nakashima, JBHS Art teacher, said, "We are incredibly proud of our students for representing Burroughs with such enthusiasm, curiosity, and respect during our Spring Break trip to Japan through EF Educational Tours. Opportunities like this allow them to grow as global citizens, build lasting connections, and bring new perspectives back to our school community."

Atreyu Anderson, Sophomore, stated, "My favorite part of the trip was seeing all the unique shrines and temples around Kyoto. And the Nara deer were super cool."

Madeline Page, another student who went on the trip, said, "I really liked how many shrines there were. Like Japan there's so much nature and so much city, it was very pretty."

JBHS participates in EF Educational Tours often, so listen up for GMJB announcements and look out for flyers if you want to go on a trip like this in the future!

LA Trade Technical College Field Trip

By Arianna Ingram
Cub Reporter

Just before Spring Break, a group of students from John Burroughs recently embarked on a field trip to the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), a public community college known for its extensive career-technical programs, offering opportunities for fields such as automotive, culinary, biotechnology, and more.

Combined with students from Burbank High, the trip was a great chance for everyone to explore the campus and learn about the various courses offered there.

Students spent the day gaining insight into different career paths, and the more than eighty vocational programs available to them as they prepare for transfer.

LATTC is widely recognized for its emphasis on skill-based, hands-on learning, rather than traditional, general education. The college organizes its curriculum into nine career and transfer pathways, where students were allowed to see for themselves in person, getting to go inside and see the various equipment used for each class. Organized by credit hours and program progression, classes are grouped into career and transfer pathways, where both student and adult learners can be found. Notably, the general atmosphere is not only career-focused, but also welcoming, diverse, and inclusive to first-year students.

With a strong, community minded setting, student life is actively prioritized, with resources available to offer as assistance, reflecting a culture where the staff genuinely cares about student well-being beyond just grades. The campus is known for being friendly, fostering a supportive environment for students from many different backgrounds.

Students were also provided with handmade lunches made specially by culinary for the field trip, furthermore highlighting the experience as first-time visitors.

A part of the group of Burroughs attendees, Ashlyn Nutt, described the time as an “overall good experience, I really liked it.”

In summary, the field trip allowed all of the students to open their eyes to the possibilities available to them after high school, being able to get a feel of the campus itself and the different types of trade programs offered at the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College.

IMA Music Festival

By Alana Gay
Opinion Editor

John Burroughs High School’s Instrumental Music Association (IMA) has delivered an impressive string of performances this March, earning top ratings across multiple festivals and continuing to elevate the program’s reputation.

The week of competitions began on March 6th at the Walter Reed Jazz Festival, where the JBHS Jazz Ensemble earned 1st Place in their division, advancing them to the Advanced Division for future festivals. On March 8, the Indoor Drumline followed with a strong showing at the SCPA Competition, placing 4th in Music Performance out of 12 ensembles and qualifying for upcoming preliminaries.

The highlight of the week came on March 10th at the Newport Harbor Band and Orchestra Festival, where JBHS concert ensembles demonstrated both technical excellence and professionalism. Unlike traditional competitions that rank groups by placement, SCSBOA festivals use a five-tier rating system, Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor, to evaluate performance quality.

At the festival, the Wind Ensemble achieved the highest possible distinction, earning a Unanimous Superior rating. The Symphonic Orchestra and Concert Band also delivered strong performances, each receiving Excellent ratings, further reflecting the depth and consistency of the program.

Senior Kaitlyne Arriola, IMA President, highlighted the experience of performing challenging music alongside her peers. She shared that her favorite piece to perform is *Vesuvius*, a powerful and energetic work that showcases the full strength of the ensemble. “These performances really show how much effort everyone puts in,” Arriola said.

Across jazz, percussion, and concert ensembles, JBHS musicians demonstrated dedication, discipline, and pride in representing their school. With continued success and momentum, the IMA program is proving to be a standout force in Burroughs’ arts community.

Choir Chicago Trip And Competition

By Zoe Belknap
Feature Editor

At the beginning of Spring Break, Burroughs' two advanced choirs, Sound Sensations and Powerhouse, traveled to the windy city of Chicago to sightsee, shop, and take home just about every trophy at the Wheaton Warrenville South Choral Classic Competition.

To the untrained eye, these wins are just what is expected of the incredible choirs at John Burroughs High school. But, for those engrossed in the complicated world of show choir, both choirs winning first place, best vocals, and best visuals at this midwestern competition was groundbreaking as it broke a decades-long "California curse." Show choir in other parts of the country takes a vastly different form than it does in Southern California. With sparkly dresses, uncomplicated choreography, and low-stakes concepts, their style of performance is often favored by judges from that region because it is simply the norm. So, the fact that Burroughs' sets, chalk full of storytelling, complex rhythms, and intricate costuming were able to come out on top means a new precedent has been set for show choir nationally. Hopefully these successes indicate a shift towards story-driven show choir sets that take big risks (or if not, at least an undefeated season this year for these outstanding advanced groups).

But, this trip wasn't just about competing. Sound Sensations, Powerhouse, and Tech Crew also had the opportunity to do singing, dancing, acting, and technical workshops at the renowned Goodman Theater. Additionally, the students got to see the touring cast of *Hamilton* and go on a dinner cruise on Lake Michigan. Every performer and teacher can agree that this trip was all around incredible. As VMA president Noel Mason puts it, "The entire trip was such a blast, every excursion and activity was so exciting and fun. The competition was also amazing, cause Sound Sensations and Powerhouse made history with our success. I'm so proud, and I can't wait to see what happens next!"

To catch these sets one last time, make sure to come to the Spring Concert in May!

Disney Animation Field Trip

By Angelise Gilbert
Cub Reporter

On March 12th, our very own Photo 2 class took a walking field trip to the Disney Animation building.

The trip was made possible due to a student having parents who both work as feature animators. Due to this, the trip may be a one time thing, but perhaps it can happen again.

The students left at 8:30AM and returned at 1:00PM.

During the trip, students took a tour of the Feature Animation building and learned about the animation process. They also met an employee who worked on filming layouts and photography for animation. Students were also allowed to go on the Main Lot to see some filming in action, as well as learn historical facts about Walt Disney.

The student's mother, the one that made the trip possible, also showed the class some reference footage she took while in the process of making *Frozen* with herself doing the acting for Elsa.

Mrs. Clark, the teacher leading the field trip, said her favorite part was hearing how excited her students were to learn about all the job opportunities in the animation industry. She also said that the trip prepared her students "to see the variety of jobs that are available outside of high school in a creative field … and how the skills we're learning here in class can be applied outside in a real career."

Hopefully this trip will become an annual event, but if not, at least these students will have an unforgettable experience.

You can even say it was a dream come true!

French Field Trip

By Melanie Cartagena-Mixco
Cub Reporter

JBHS French class students took a very fun field trip to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on March 12th right before going into Spring Break. This trip was such an amazing experience and a great educational opportunity for students to learn more about the beauty of creating and witnessing art. Many students shared how they had a really fun time hanging out with their friends and it was genuinely a great way to end the week before going into break.

The field trip started off with everyone meeting at the front of the school at 8:30AM and when the bus arrived, the first destination for this fun day was The Grove. When they all got there, everyone had a really great time at The Grove and enjoyed a nice farmers market meal before heading to the museum and the morning was filled with many fun memories with friends and classmates.

What was really nice to experience throughout the start of this trip was the fact that since it was still very early, there weren't many other people there so everyone got to walk around The Grove without it being crowded as most students are used to.

In addition, after spending a nice early morning at The Grove, students finally headed towards the Los Angeles County Museum of Arts and everyone was so excited to spend most of the day there when we arrived. Everyone got to walk around wherever they liked, and LACMA being the museums most of our students grew up going to made it feel really cool to be there with and enjoy such a beautiful environment. There were many kinds of art, all the way from certain objects being placed certain ways, to film movie set ups and light rooms and old films playing in rooms made just for them.

So at the end, everyone who took the opportunity to join this trip with no doubt had an amazing time and being able to spend time with friends and learn more about the arts presented was really fun and a really great way to end and go into Spring Break.

CTE Field Trip

By Jaime Ramirez Baten
Cub Reporter

The Career Track Education Day field trip was hosted by Glendale Community College on March 13th. The field trip started at 8:30AM and ended approximately at 1:30PM and took about 25 minutes to get there and back.

The whole CTE Department went on the field trip in which CareerTechEd pathways were invited to come.

The teachers who went were Mrs. Clark, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Vezina. Each teacher had a specific pathway during the field trip such as construction, engineering, film and television pathways.

As for the funding of the trip, Ms. Clark explained, "It's provided through GCC. So GCC provides the whole experience for kids [by giving them] pretty cool swag, and some free lunch…The CTE department covers the teaching subs and the buses."

The meaning for this field was for students to get to see what their career options are at the college.

For Mrs. Clark, she and her students got to go to the photo lab, a place where they saw how print labs work, they also went into the studio, talked to professors and heard about different kinds of programs GCC offers for students and how they can get interested in them.

Some activities that the students experienced were opening ceremonies where GCC introduced many people who worked at GCC. Mrs. Clark added, "They gave kids some bags with papers and hats and cool stuff and then we got to go into different classrooms depending on the tour that we picked."

After many presentations, the students were provided Subway for lunch and later had a job fair outside for them.

In the end, every student and teacher had fun there, "We always have a good time. It's fun to see the campus and see the kids get excited about learning," Mrs Clark said.

Semester Magazine

By Alana Gay
Opinion Editor

In a world where teenagers are often stereotyped as glued to their phones, two seniors are working to prove otherwise. Through creativity, collaboration, and a lot of determination, Seniors Morgan Wright and Hal Callaway have created *Semester Magazine,* a student-led magazine created to highlight the passions and talents of young people.

Semester Magazine is a creative collaboration. Morgan and Hal wanted to build something that reflected the unique interests of students their age while encouraging others to pursue their own passions. "The main goal is to inspire other young people to lean into their passions," the creators explain.

The idea for the magazine began in an unexpected place: the Yearbook room. While working on the fashion page for the school's yearbook, Wright and Callaway started imagining something bigger. "We were taking pictures for the Fashion Page in the yearbook and talking to Leo Girshe," Hal recalls. "We were like, we should do something for fashion, like a magazine."

This casual conversation quickly turned into months of work. The creators spent around six months developing the first issue. During that time, they handled nearly every aspect of the process themselves, writing articles, designing the layout, photographing subjects, and editing the final product. "We self-published, we edited, we designed the layout, we took all of the photos mostly, and we wrote all of the articles," Morgan said.

Beyond the creative work, the logistical side of publishing also took a significant amount of time. The team reached out to potential collaborators, coordinated feature stories, and connected with companies interested in advertising. Much of the process involved building relationships and finding ways to bring their vision to life.

Photography quickly became one of the most rewarding parts of the project. "My favorite part is the photography side of it. I just love having a camera and photographing stuff that speaks out to me," Hal said.

For Wright, the experience has been equally meaningful because of the connections it creates. "The photography and the communications side of it is my favorite. I feel like I'm a people person, and it was fun for me to go and make those connections and relationships with people," she said.

The magazine also brought opportunities to collaborate with local creative spaces. One photoshoot, for example, took place at EVS Camera Rentals, which allowed the team to use the space for several hours. These partnerships helped expand the project and connect the magazine to the broader creative community.

Despite the challenges of launching a new publication, the response was overwhelmingly positive. The first issue distributed around 120 copies, and demand quickly exceeded supply. Many students wanted copies, making it clear that the magazine had struck a chord within the community.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback from teachers and community members," Wright said. At the same time, constructive criticism helped guide the creators as they began planning their next issue.

The upcoming edition will focus on the theme of change which feels especially relevant as both founders prepare for graduation. "Since we're both graduating and going to college, we have these big life changes coming up," Wright explained. "We're going to focus on people and places that inspire that change in people."

Future issues will also aim to highlight different paths to success, including those outside of traditional college routes. "We know a lot of people aren't going to college or may not know what they want to do," Wright said. "We wanted to focus on the fact that there are other things you can do and still get to that point, even if you are young."

Looking ahead, Wright and Callaway hope to expand the reach of *Semester Magazine* by connecting with other publications and media outlets. Their ultimate goal is to grow the project into something that reaches a wider audience while continuing to spotlight young creators.

Callaway believes that the magazine fills a gap in today's media landscape. "I feel like a lot of magazines or media in general aren't catered towards young people," he said. "And I feel like no one has magazines anymore, it has become a lost art."

Through their work, Wright and Callaway are hoping to change that. By giving young creators a platform and celebrating the work they produce, *Semester Magazine* serves as a reminder that creativity and ambition are alive and thriving among the next generation.

Interested in learning more about the publication or being featured in future issues? Follow the magazine on Instagram at @Semester_magazinee.

Ursa Major Horoscopes

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19): Today, you'll be convinced that everyone is secretly admiring you. They might be, or you might have something stuck in your teeth.

Taurus (Apr.20- May 20)**:** Your mysterious aura will be extra potent today, leading to a lot of unanswered questions and confused stares. Embrace the enigma

Gemini (May 21- Jun.20)**:** Be careful Geminis, you're going to have to decipher between two lies today. Who is telling the truth?

Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22)**:** Decisions, decisions! Today, even the smallest choices will feel monumental. Should you have coffee or tea? The fate of the world hangs in the balance.

Leo (Jul.23-Aug.22): Leo, its finally spring and you can bloom into the beautiful sunflower with making new friendships.

Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22)**:** There is a man made out of an army of raccoons living in your attic. Call the exterminator now before he steals your cheese.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)**:** You'll start at least one ambitious plan, celebrate it like a life transformation then immediately get distracted by something shiny. By the end of the month, you'll swear May is where things actually begin.

Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21): Your bold energy is extra chaotic today, so expect pranks flying in every direction. You might think you're the mastermind, but stay alert because someone could outplay you. Keep your sense of humor strong and don't take anything too seriously.

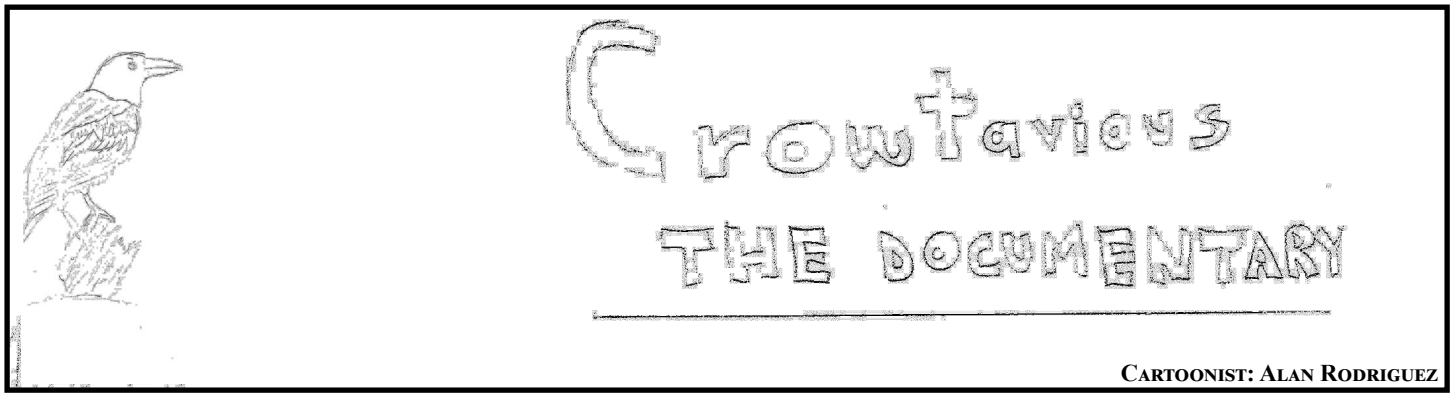
Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21)**:** Expect the unexpected this April 1st. Or don't, but it's really not up to you. Be nice to the prank gods.

Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): Today someone might try to prank you, Capricorn, but your instincts are strong and you'll probably catch it. Stay playful and don't take things too seriously. You might even end up surprising someone with a prank of your own. Just enjoy the chaotic energy and laugh a little.

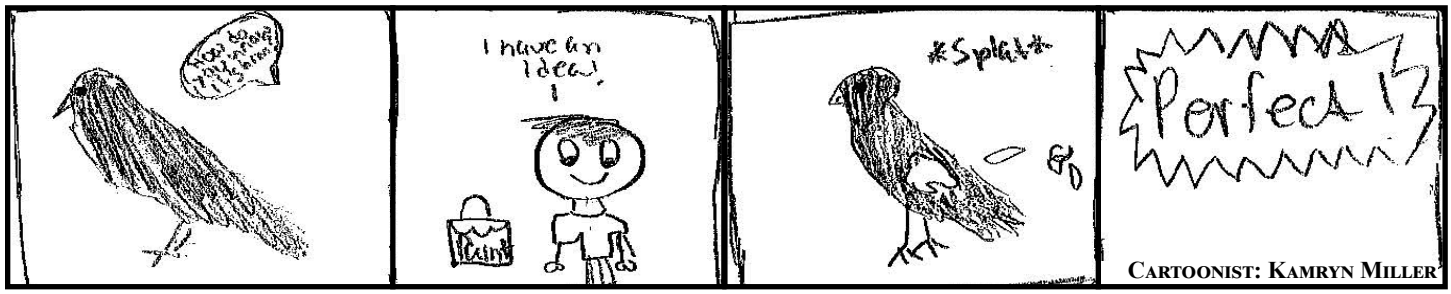
Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18)**:** The Raccoon Man from Virgo's house has moved to your basement. Seek help immediately, for your cheese's sake.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You may get a surprise tomorrow, maybe when you're reading this, or maybe you'll look like a fool for thinking of it.

- Ursa Major Psychics

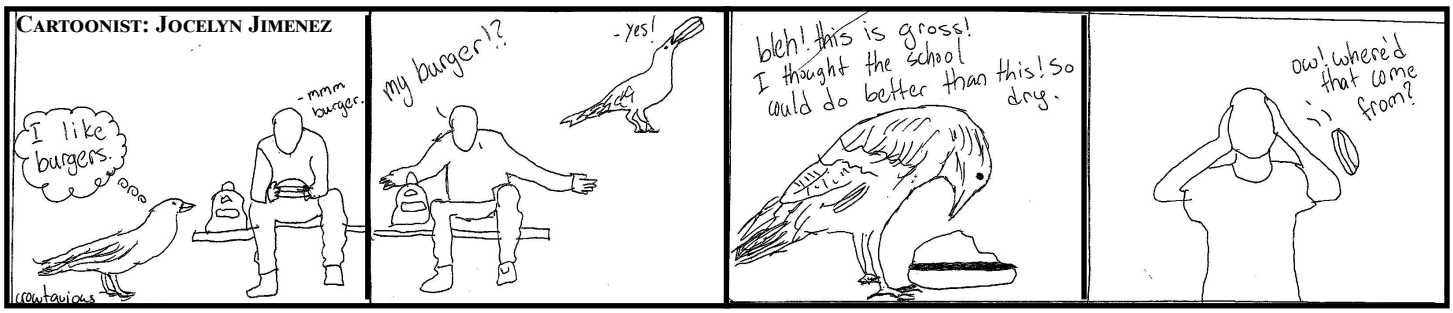


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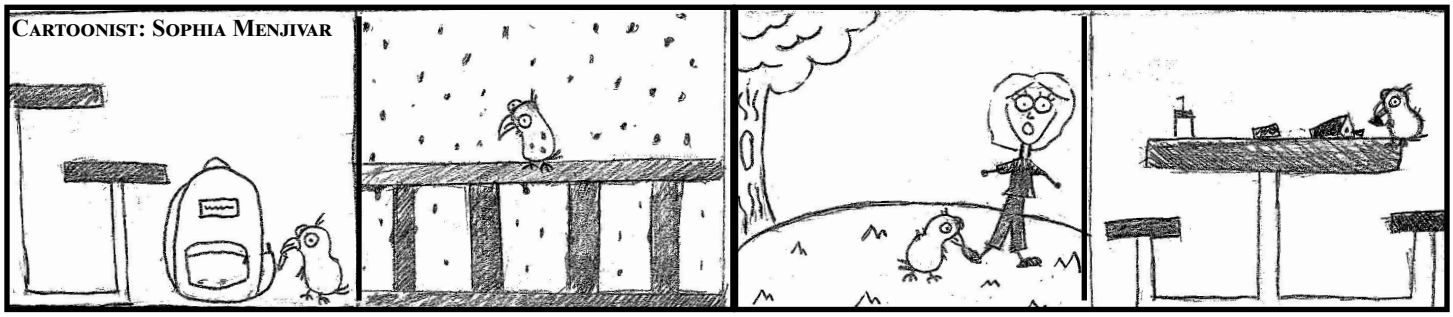


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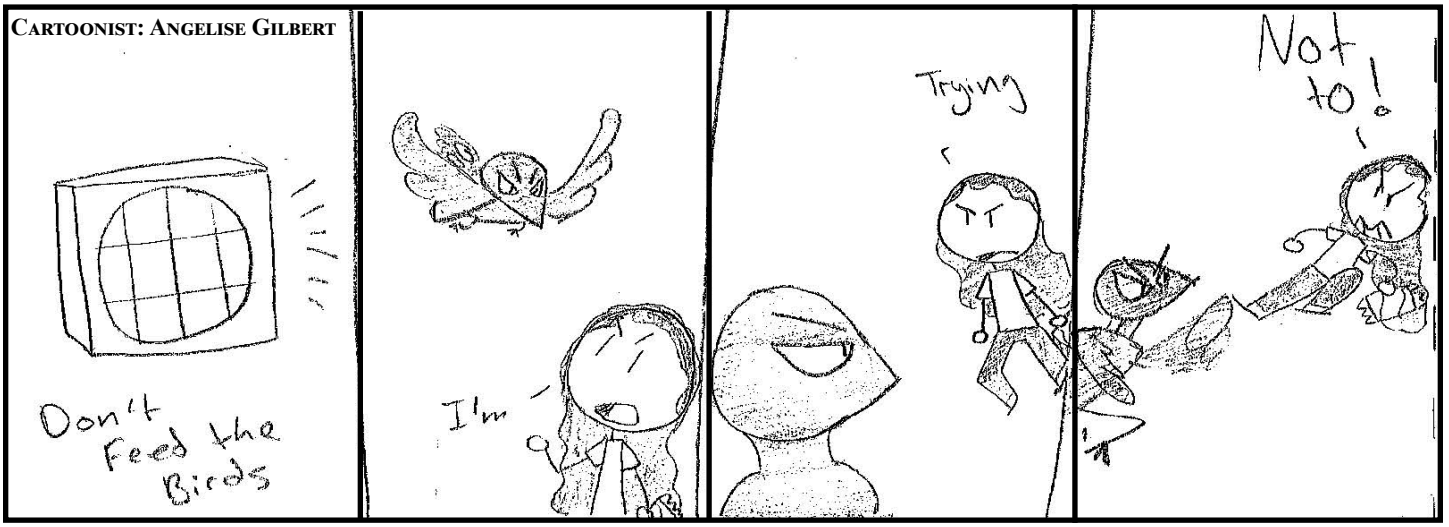
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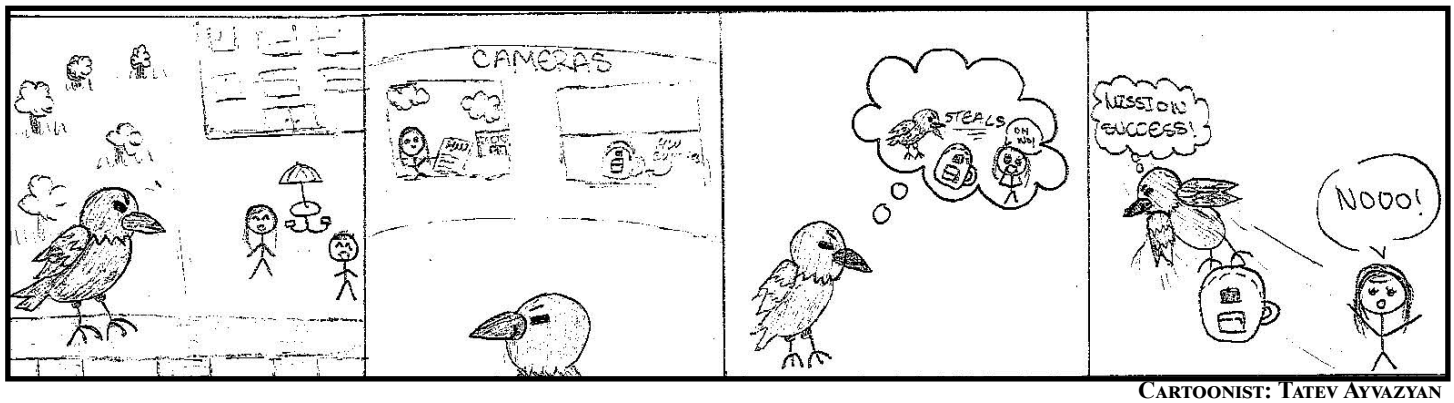


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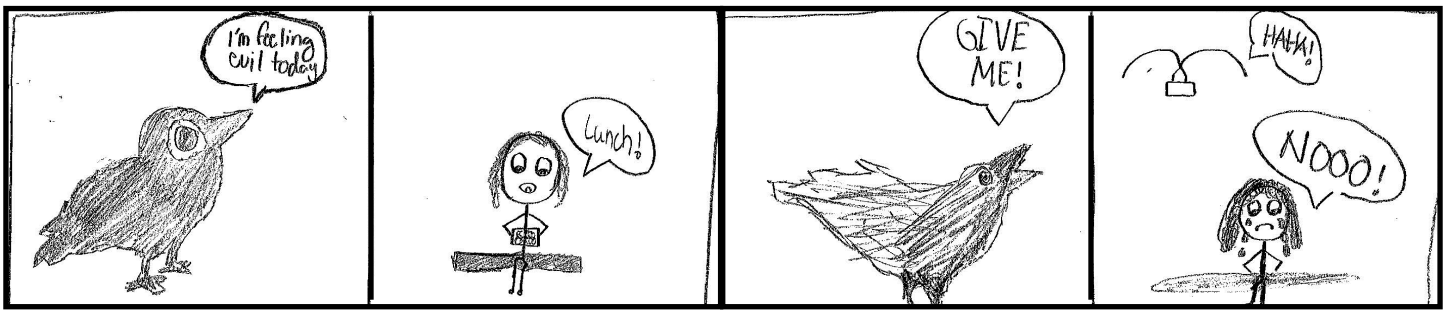




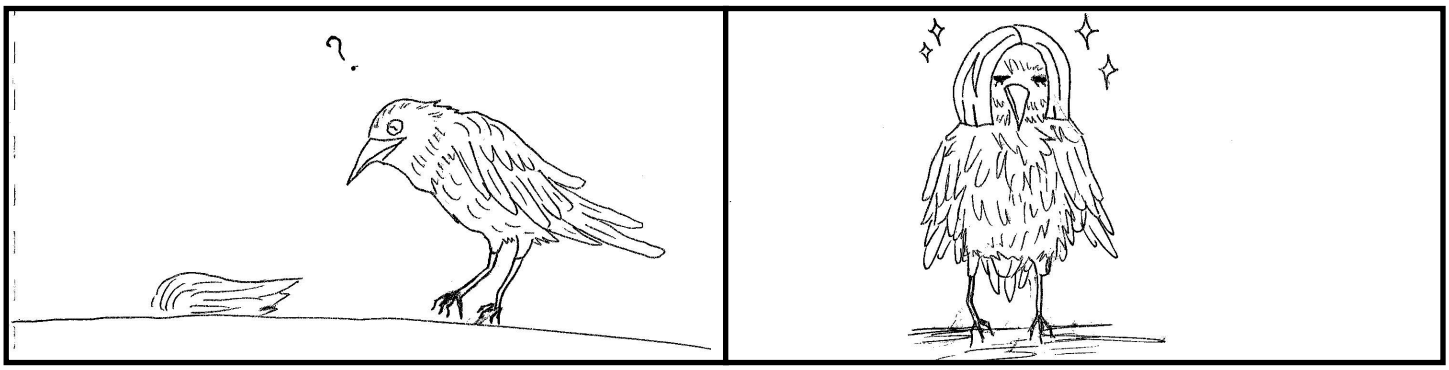
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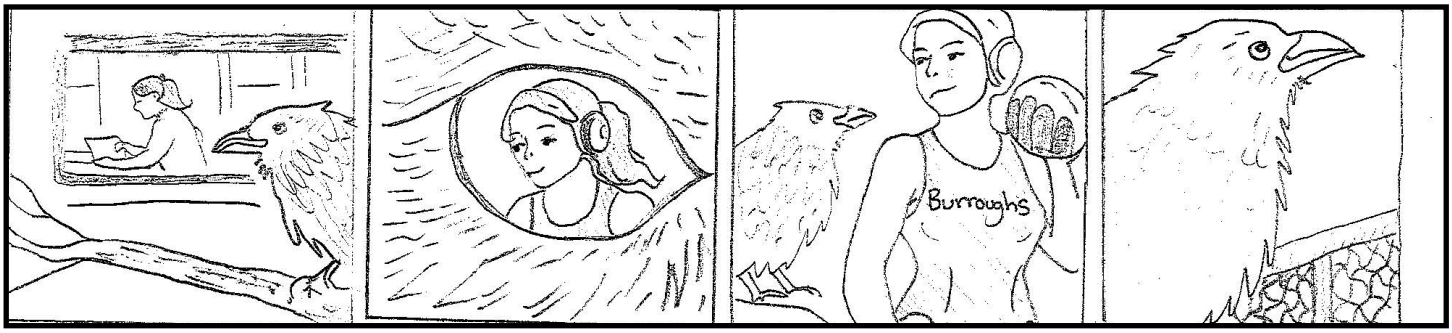
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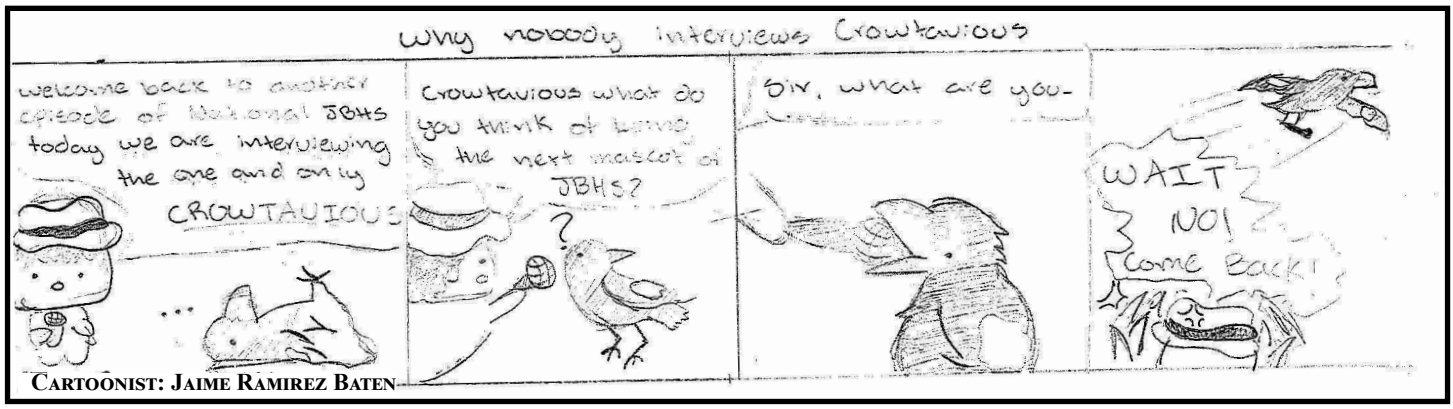
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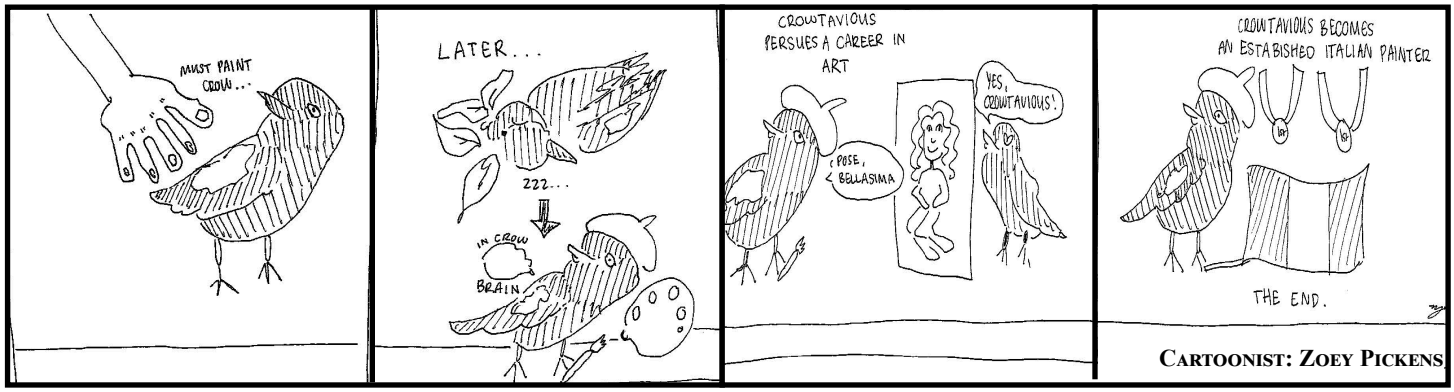
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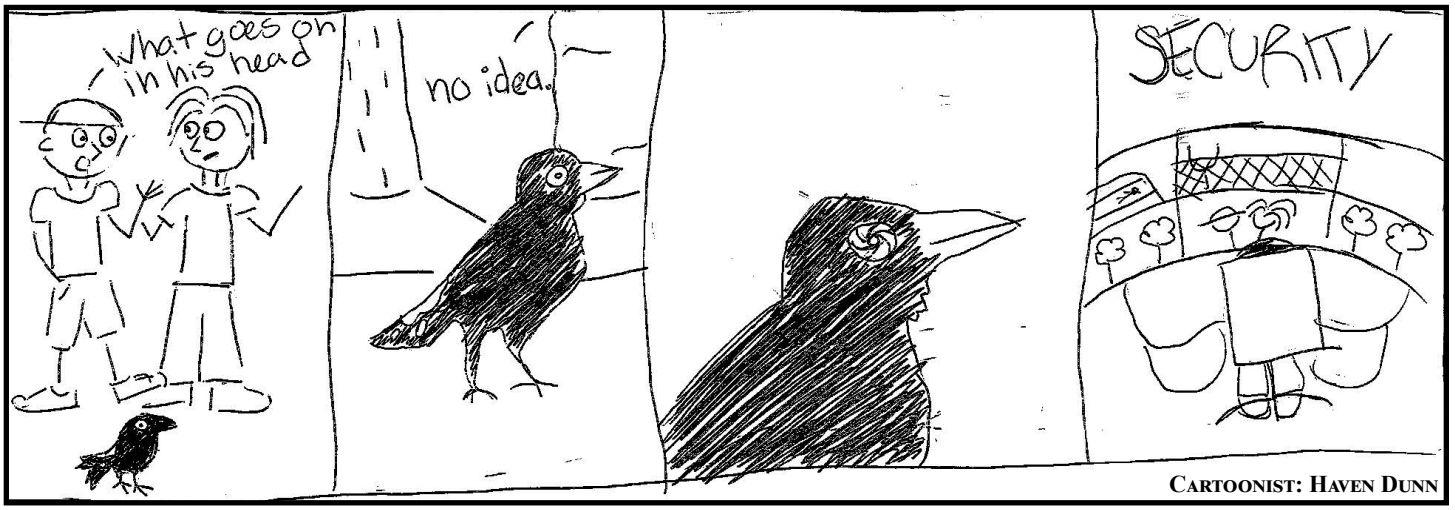
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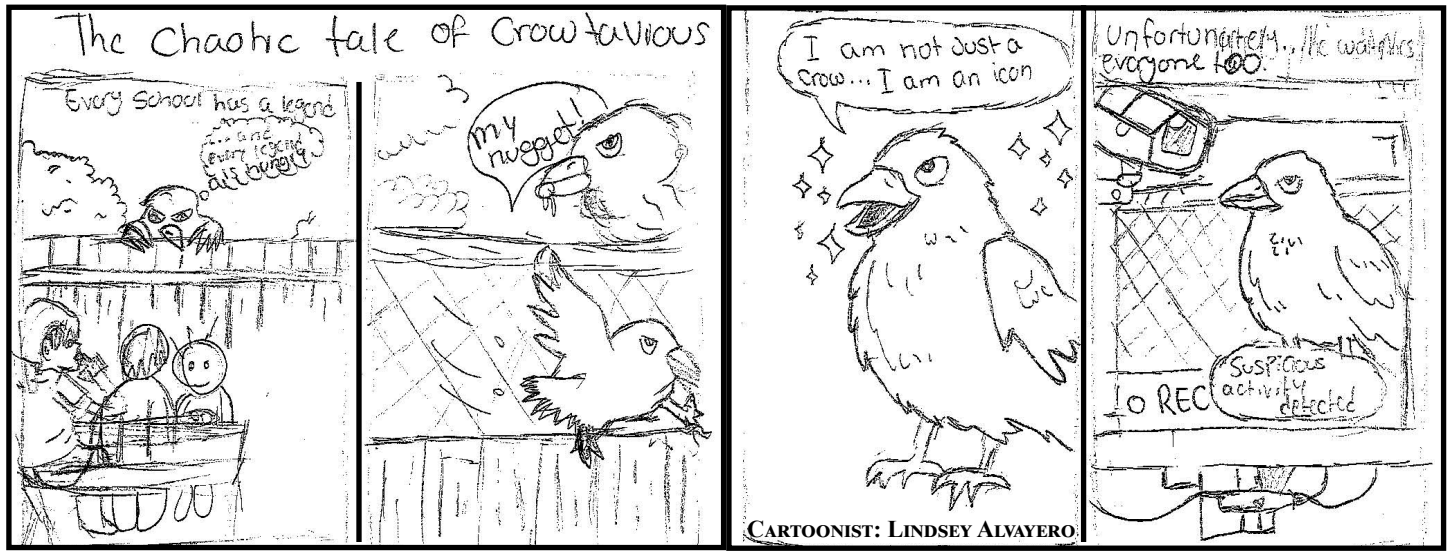
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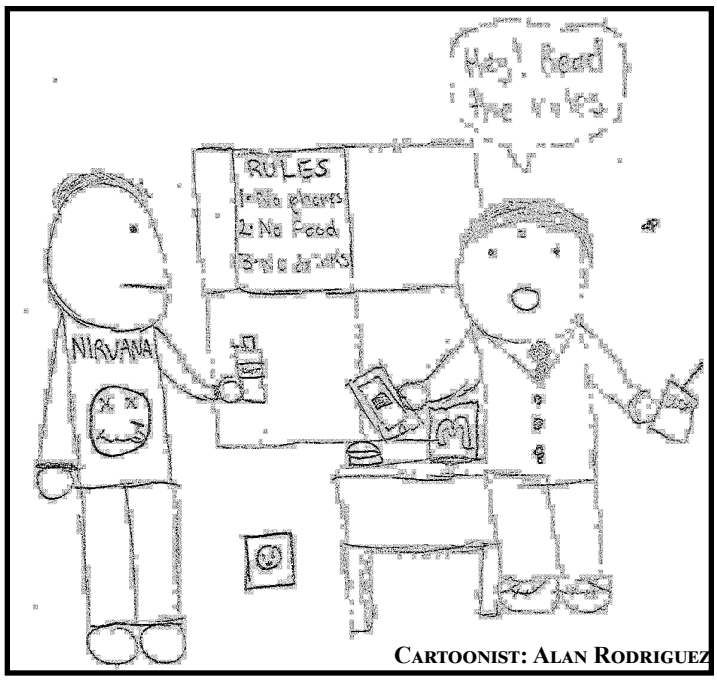
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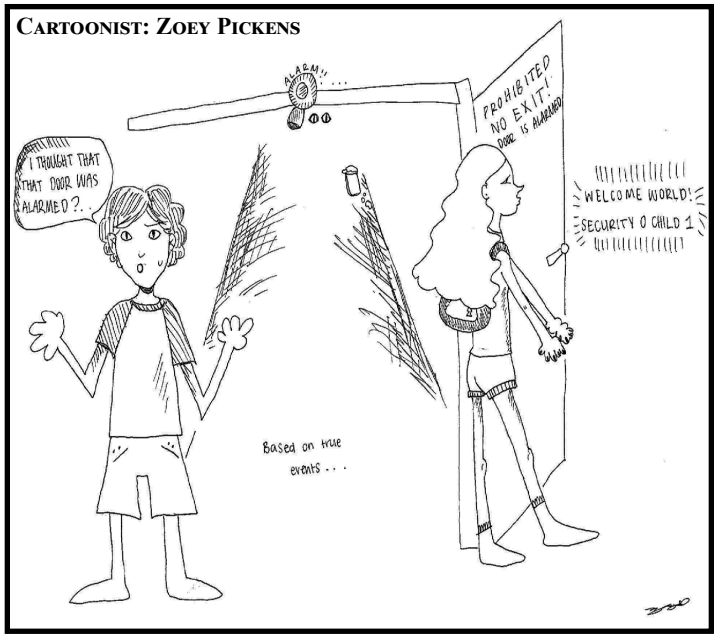


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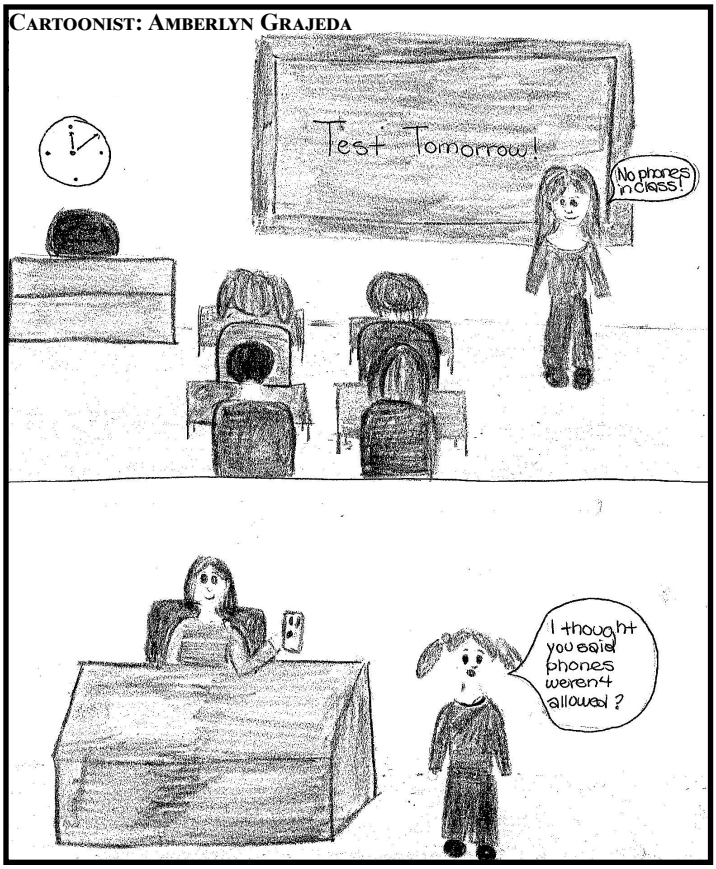
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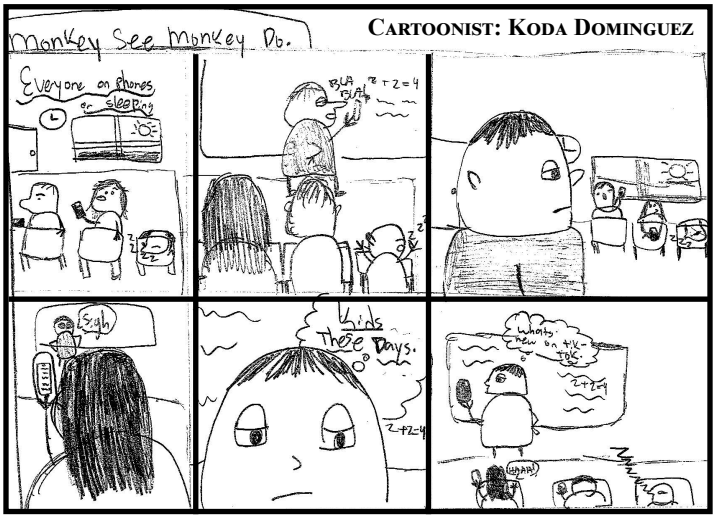
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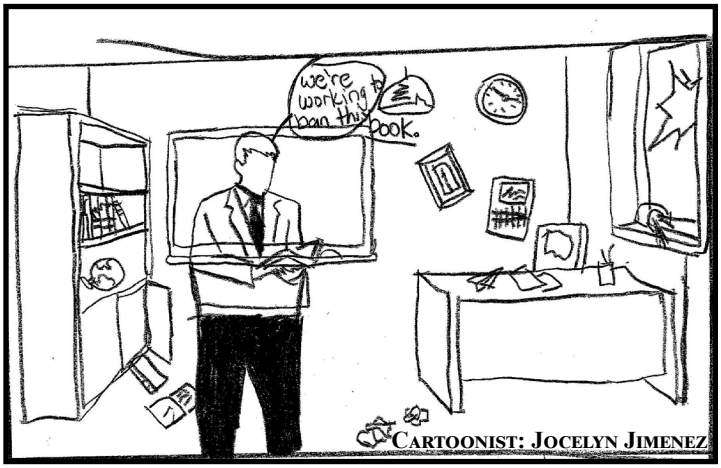


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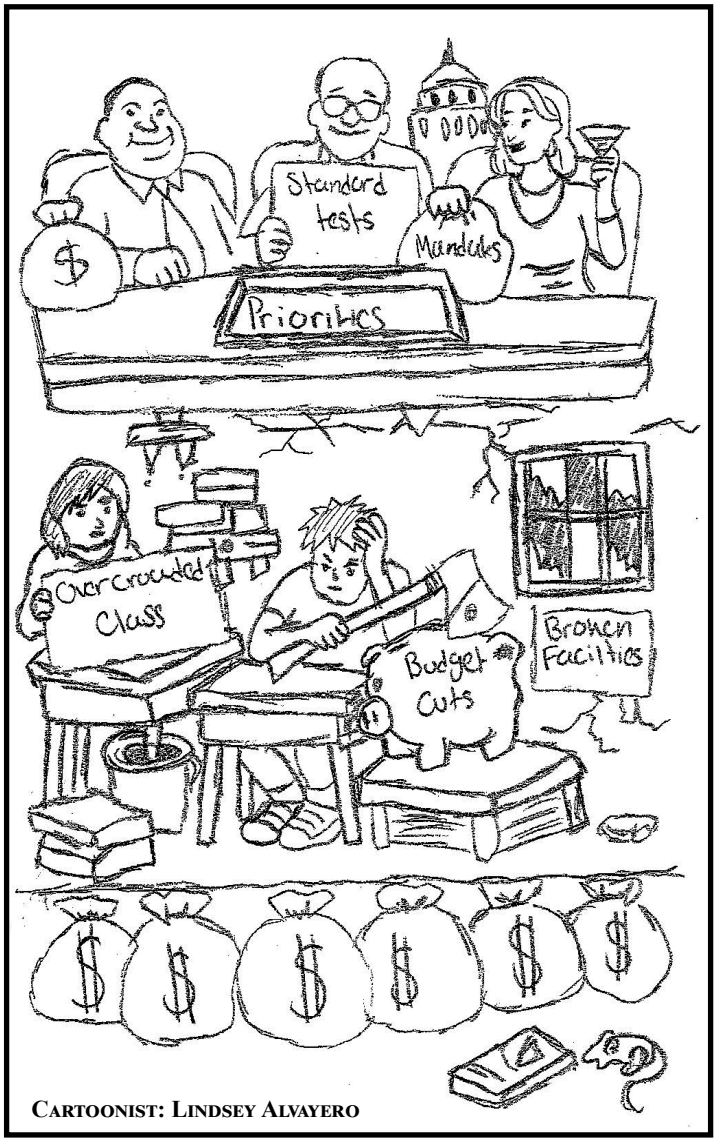


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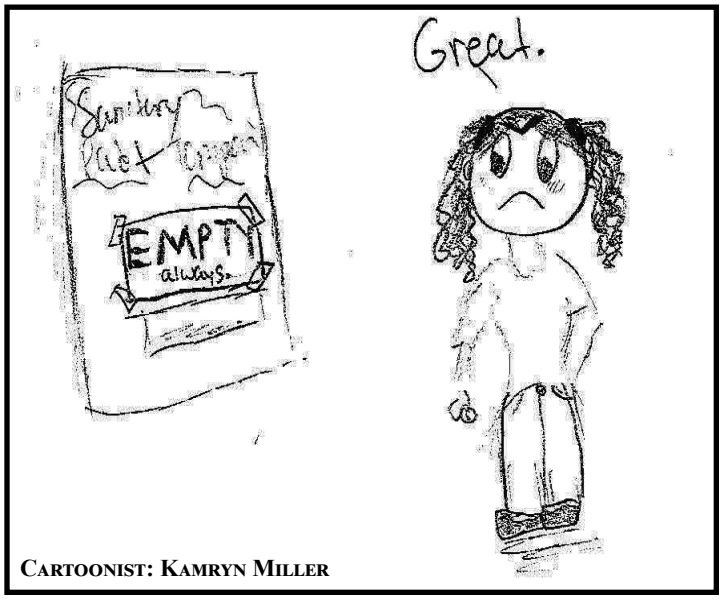




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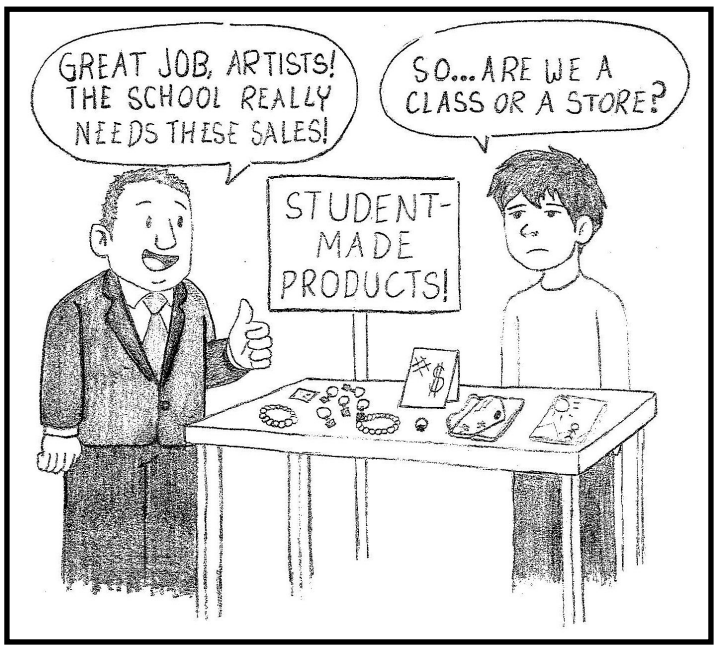
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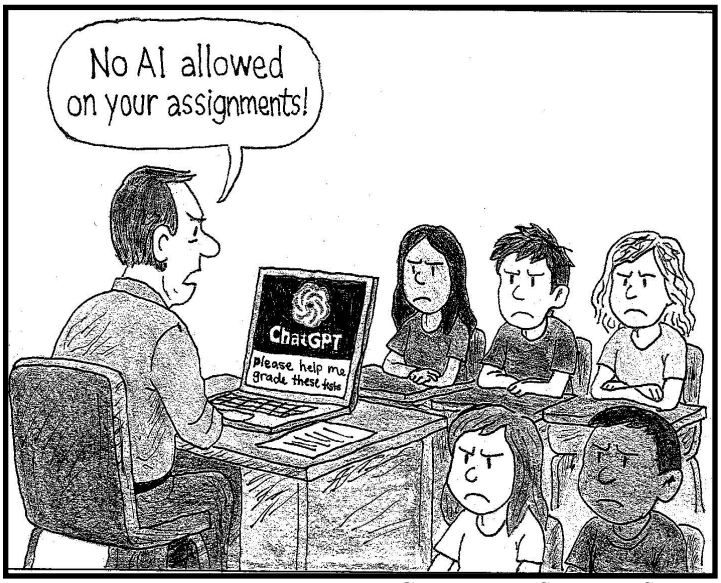
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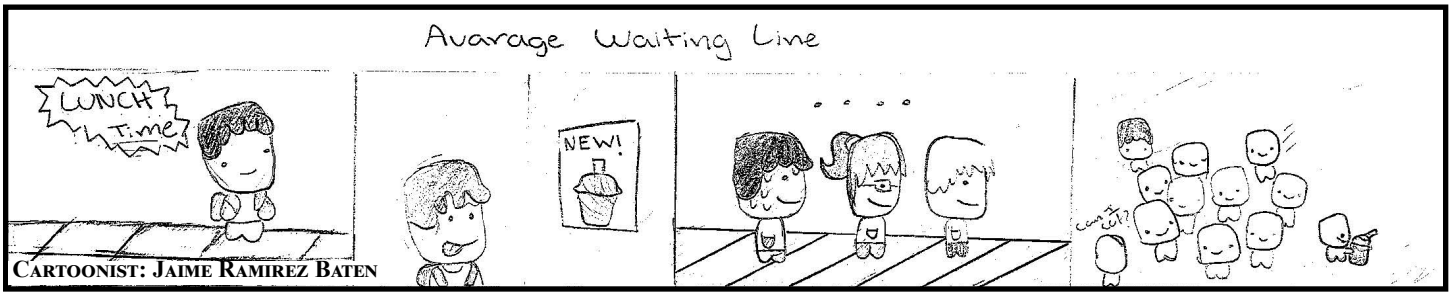
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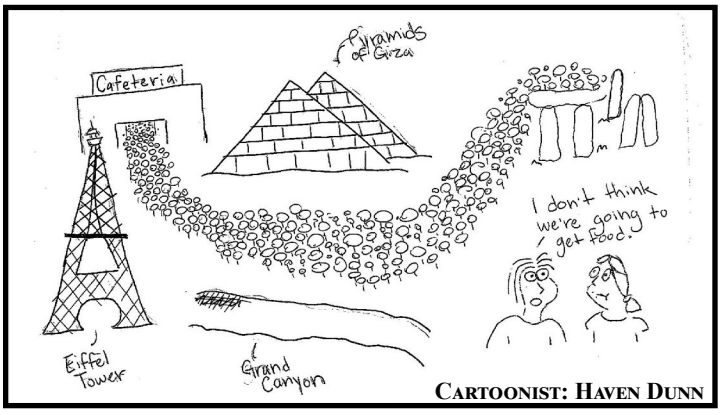
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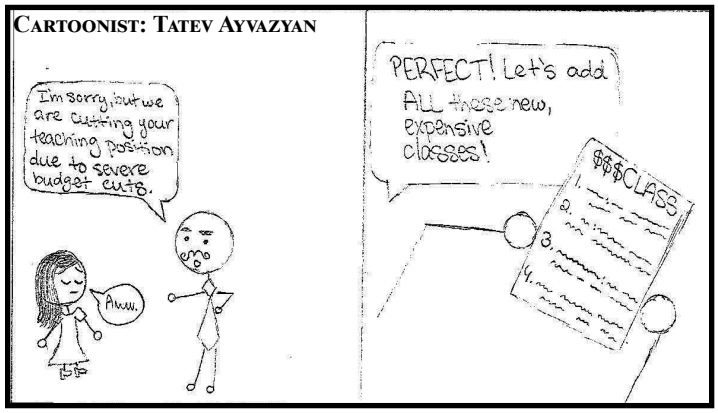


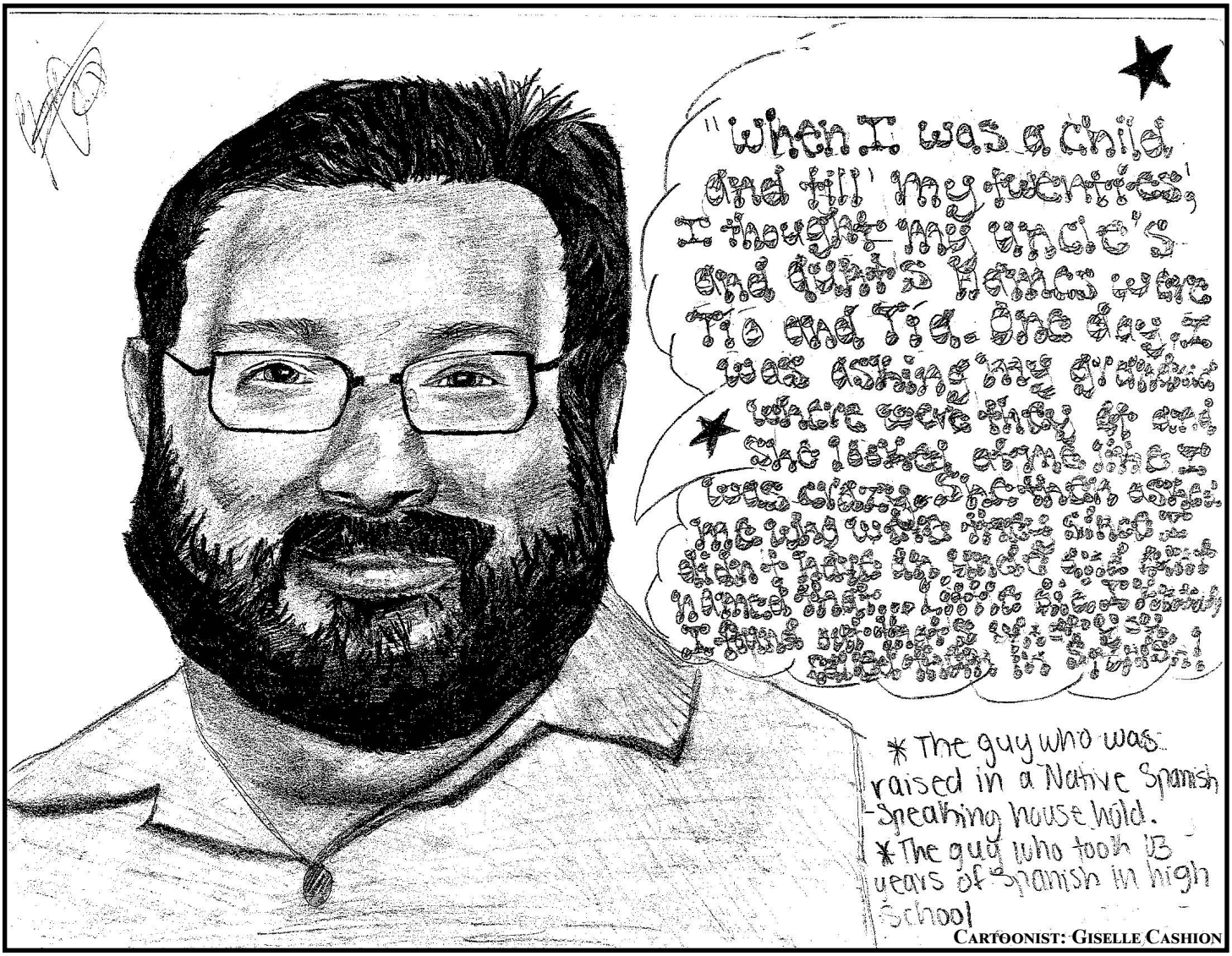
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Baseball

By Ethan Salcedo
Cub Photographer

The JBHS Baseball team has put together an impressive start to the season, currently holding an 8–2 overall record and remaining undefeated at 4–0 in League play.

The team opened the season strong with a 9–1 win over Cantwell-Sacred Heart, setting the tone early.

However, an early 4–0 loss to San Marino served as a wake-up call, pushing the team to refocus and improve.

Following that setback, the team responded with resilience, going on an impressive seven-game win streak that showcased both their depth and their ability to compete at a high level.

Their momentum was recently challenged with a tough loss to Poly on Saturday, March 21st, but the team remains in a strong position moving forward.

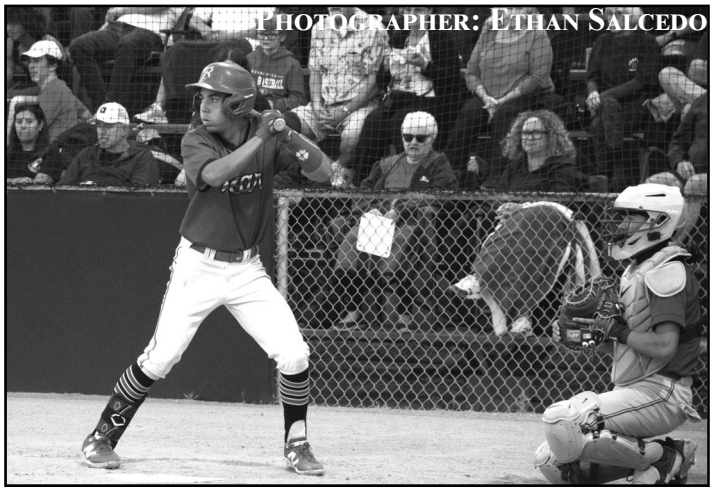
At this point in the season, the team has done a strong job adapting to the challenges presented by different opponents.

According to Captain Jack Smith, the team's ability to adjust to various situations has played a major role in their success so far. As the season progresses, the team continues to grow both individually and collectively. Smith emphasized the importance of accountability, explaining that each player understands their role and focuses on executing their job for the benefit of the team.

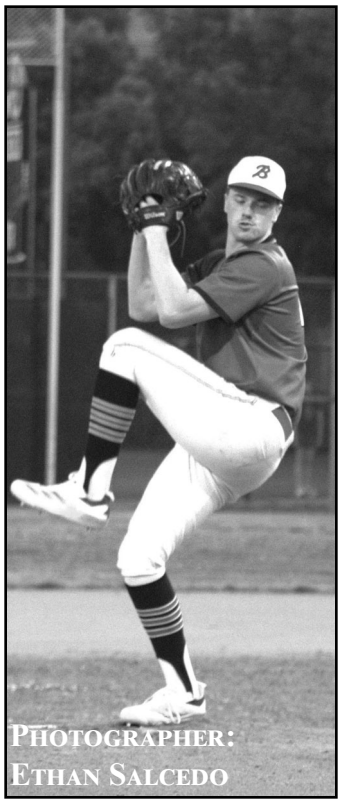
Team chemistry has also taken a big step forward since the start of the season. "We have become a really tight-knit group," Smith said, highlighting the bond that has formed within the team.

Reflecting on key moments, Smith pointed to the team's win against Notre Dame as a major highlight, while also acknowledging their loss to San Marino as a learning experience. He noted that while the team has proven its ability to compete at a high level, the loss served as a reminder to stay focused and humble in every game.

Looking ahead, the team's goal for the second half of the season centers on consistency. Smith stressed the importance of "stacking good practices and games every day," believing that maintaining that consistency will be the key to continued success.



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Track And Field

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Sports Editor

John Burroughs Track and Field athletes continued their strong season, with multiple competitors earning top finishes in their events.

At the meet against Hoover High School and Pasadena High School on Thursday, March 12th, Burroughs athletes secured numerous event wins. James Narmore won the Boys 100m in 11.68, Ethan Rivas took first in the 400m in 51.42, and Matthew Ilasin won the 800m in 2:12.19. Manny Trujillo finished first in the 300m hurdles in 44.65, while the Boys 4x400 relay team of Avery Koenig, Ethan Rivas, James Narmore, and Gerardo Lopez placed first in 3:32.60. In field events, Noah Reyes won the high jump clearing 5-08 and Blayne Smith placed first in both the long jump with 20-05.5 and the triple jump with 38-07. On the girls' side, Geneva Kiefer won the 400m in 1:04.33, Nightingale Kirwan took first in the 800m in 2:38.17, Zoe Ben-Yair won the 100m hurdles in 16.42, and Elizabeth Browngardt placed first in the triple jump with 32-05.

At the Monrovia Invitational on Saturday, March 14th, Burroughs earned multiple first-place finishes. The Girls 4x800 relay team placed first with a time of 9:56.00, while the Boys 4x400 relay team also finished first in 3:34.79. Individually, Zoe Ben-Yair won the girls 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.39.


Photographer: Elizabeth Browngardt

At the Santa Monica Invitational on March 21st, Burroughs earned multiple Varsity first-place finishes. The Varsity Boys 4x400 Meter Relay team of Avery Koenig, Gerardo Lopez, James Narmore, and Ethan Rivas placed 1st with a time of 3:34.42. The Varsity Girls 4x800 Meter Relay team of Saida Getz, Elisha Hill, Embrie Stephenson, and Liczy Mercado also finished 1st in 9:48.75.

Burroughs continues to show progress as the season goes on with solid performances across events. Good luck, Bears!


Photographer: Elizabeth Browngardt

Boys Tennis

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Sports Editor

With the season now in full swing, the Boys Varsity Tennis team has had a rough start. Even with the challenges, the team is staying focused and working to improve with each match. Senior Nolan Jennings said, “So far it has been a tough season but I think our cooperation as a team and perseverance will get us through.” Junior Aditya Kiran added, “We had a little rough start to our season but I feel we can do really well as the league goes on and we hope to make CIF this year.”

Since the beginning of the season, the Boys Varsity Tennis team has played five games. They started on March 5th against Glendale High School, losing a close match 10-8. On March 10th, they faced Crescenta Valley at home and fell 12-6. The next game was on March 12th at Burbank, where the team struggled and lost 14-4. Things began to turn around on March 24th at Pasadena, where the Bears earned their first win of the season with a 10-8 victory. They now look ahead to upcoming matches on March 26th at Arcadia and March 31st at home against Pasadena, with another important league game against Burbank on April 23rd.

The team is looking to bounce back in the rest of their matches this season. Make sure to come out and support them as they try to turn things around.

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Dance Team Competitions

By Hailie Alvarez
Creative Director

As competition season comes to an end, the John Burroughs High School Dance Team is taking time to reflect on the final stretch of a demanding and memorable year. Following months of preparation, early practices, and countless run-throughs, the team's last two competitions, held at Glendale High School and Nationals, marked both a conclusion and a turning point for the program.



Both the large co-ed and small all-female teams competed in Hip Hop, bringing distinct energy and style to the floor while maintaining a shared sense of discipline and unity. The large team's routine, *Tokyo Drift*, has been a standout throughout the season, combining strong musicality with sharp formations and high-energy performance quality.

At Glendale High School, the team faced intense competition in a crowded and highly skilled division. Despite the pressure, the large team earned 6th place, a solid finish that reflected the strength of their performance and the level of talent present at the competition.

Captain Jada Graham says, "I'm so happy our team didn't get discouraged but used it as motivation. We all were able to work on the same page together and it made our bond just that much stronger."

While placements are always a focus, the Glendale competition was also a reminder of how far the team has come. Each dancer took the floor with confidence, executing choreography that has been refined and pushed to its limits over the course of the season.

Nationals, the final competition of the year, brought even higher stakes and some of the toughest competition the team has seen. Both the large co-ed and small all-female teams performed with intensity and focus, representing John Burroughs High School with pride.

Although the team did not place at Nationals, the experience itself carried significant meaning.

Captain Jocelyn Anglade says, "It didn't end how we wanted it to, but it was the most fun I've had at Nationals. This team has come so far and I'm so proud of everyone."

Under the direction of Coach Anisa Walker, the Dance Team has emphasized progress, resilience, and accountability throughout the season. Her leadership has played a key role in shaping the team's mindset, especially during the final competitions.

Coach Anisa says "I'm so proud of everyone on this team, not only have they grown as dancers individually but they built such a strong community that I truly admire."

The connection between the large co-ed and small all-female teams has also been a defining part of the season. While each group brings its own dynamic to hip hop, their shared support for one another has created a strong and unified program.

As the season concludes, the team is choosing to focus not only on placements, but on the journey that brought them here. From Glendale to Nationals, every performance has been a reflection of commitment, teamwork, and perseverance.

While not every goal was met in terms of rankings, the Dance Team leaves the season with something just as important, a deeper sense of confidence, stronger connections, and a clear understanding of what it takes to compete at a high level.

For the John Burroughs High School Dance Team, this season was about more than results. It was about growth, resilience, and representing their school with pride, right up until the final performance.



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Boys Golf

By Alana Gay
Opinion Editor

The John Burroughs High School Boys Golf team is gaining momentum this season, with strong individual performances and growing team confidence, shaping their League outlook. Junior Dominic Lingad has been a key contributor, showing consistency and improvement across recent matches.

The team opened the season shooting even par in their first match at Hansen Dam against Village Christian. They followed that with a +5 performance in a League match at Eaton Canyon and most recently delivered an impressive -3 at Encino/Balboa against Chaminade. Their steady progression reflects both the team's growth and upward trajectory.

For Lingad, one of the most valuable aspects of the season has gone beyond the scorecard. "The best part has been meeting other players from different teams and learning what they do to improve," he said. "It helps me figure out what I can do to get better as well." That mindset of learning and development has translated into a more confident Burroughs squad.

As League play continues, the team is preparing for upcoming matches at Brookside and against Maranatha next week. Lingad expressed optimism about what's ahead, noting that the team is feeling "more confident and less nervous" with each competition.

With strong performances and a focus on growth, the Bears are positioning themselves as a team to watch as the season progresses.

Softball

By Kamryn Miller
Cub Reporter

On February 28th, the Softball team played against Camarillo High School. They put in a great effort, but ultimately lost 0-4.

They also lost to West Ranch High School 2-10, but still played diligently.

On March 3rd, the team played against South Pasadena High School. They won 18-0!

Senior Eva Acevedo talked about the game, saying, "We did good because we had strong team chemistry."

The girls played against Sierra Canyon High School on March 5th. They unfortunately lost 0-2.

On March 7 they played against Royal High School, winning 5-0.

Eva Acevedo continued by saying, "We really pushed for this game. We really focused on having more team goals instead of personal goals."

Additionally they won against Oxnard High, winning 9-1.

Eva Acevedo finished saying "We had some ups and downs, but overall it was worth our effort."

The team lost to Crescenta Valley High School on March 12th scoring 2-1.

Good effort Bears!

Boys Volleyball

By Ryleigh Chisholm
Cub Photographer

Our John Burroughs Boys Volleyball has started off the season strong going 9-0. The Bears had a game against Chatsworth High School on March 4th, winning in 4 sets, 25-22, 25-16, 19-25, and 25-17. This game went incredibly well with standout players like Skyy Alston and Riley Brinton, who really led the way for the team. Team Captain Noah Duffield exclaims, "It's always fun playing friends on another team but it was a great showcase of our team's resilience and strength."

Riley Brinton also agreed, saying, "This was an incredible match to show everyone what we are capable of even against adversity."

On Thursday March 5th, They played an away game against Pasadena, winning another 4 set match, with the scores of 25-18, 19-25, 25-13, and 25-17. Gus Borkin and Will Rowan stood out by stepping up during the match and led the way for everyone. "I'm just glad that I have an opportunity to play today," said Gus Borkin.

In a home game against Sanger on March 6th our Boys Volleyball team took another win in a 4 set match with the scores of 25-16, 25-21, 19-25, and 25-22. This was a very tough and competitive matchup but Jack Szaras led the way with numerous kills. Devon Romo also showed his many skills as libero for the team.

Jack Szaras said, "It's awesome to come away with a win against such a strong team."

In a 3 set matched against Glendale another win was stolen by the Burroughs Bears on March 10th. Gavin Etterbeek and Luke Kang managed to help the team steal the win.

Noah Duffield exclaimed, "Everyone did a great job and executed our game plan to give us this win."

"It's amazing to see everyone get reps and show how much they've improved," added Marco Santiago-Dorn.

At an away game at Crescenta Valley on March 12th, they won a 5 set match with scores of 25-21, 26-24, 18-25, 19-25, and 15-9. It was a tough win but everyone contributed their own share throughout the match. Marco Santiago- Dorn showed out with his attacks and Will Rowan getting a great service run to end the game.

Skyy Alston exclaimed, "We didn't play our best game but I'm glad we came out with the win."

Congrats on the great winning streak! Go Bears!

Swim

By Aniana Ad Vincula
News Editor

Burroughs Swim has been off to a great start of the season! Both JV and Varsity teams have been outswimming other schools since the first meet.

During the first meet of the season, the Pacific League Relays, held on March 6th, 2026 at Arcadia High School, both JV Boys and Girls placed 3rd out of 8 teams, while the Varsity Boys finished 2nd overall, beating Arcadia; the highest finish in the program's history for this annual meet.



Photographer: Raquel Smith

As well as placing 2nd, the Varsity Boys relay team, consisting of Roy Yuzna, Logan Vescsio, Liam Wamester, and Jack St. Pierre broke the school record for the Boys 200 Medley Relay school record, one that has been standing since 2019.

Following the Pacific League Relays, Burroughs hosted its first home meet against Hoover High School on March 10th, 2026. Burroughs Swim team won over Hoover, beating all four teams.

The third meet of the season was another home meet, this time against Muir. Although this meet was unofficial due to the referees being absent, there were successful wins, with Senior Jack St. Pierre breaking a school record. Unfortunately, because this meet was unofficial, the record was not official as well. All teams beat Muir, with the exclusion of Girls Varsity.

The fourth meet of the season was an away meet at Bishop Alemany High School. It was a quick meet, with Burroughs sweeping the Warriors as both Varsity teams won.


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The next meet will be hosted at Arcadia High School on April 1st, 2026.

Since the beginning of the season, the Bears are having a very successful season with records breaking and times dropping each meet. Go Bears!

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