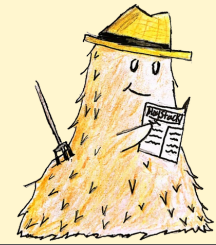




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March Madness

by Sidona Yemane

This year's annual March Madness game between students and teachers ended with the students winning, as both sides reflected on a competitive but friendly matchup. For the teachers, the game was an opportunity to connect with students outside of class. "It's always fun to compete with students. I like seeing them outside the classroom," said Mr. Buros. The game started with the teachers winning by a lot, until the students came in with clear strengths, including athleticism, size, and strong three-point shooting. Players like Alex Sudario and Jeremiah William were seen as key threats going into the game. In the end, the difference came down to execution. "I couldn't make a shot in the last game," the teacher admitted. "Mr. DeLeon is the GOAT. I should've set a screen on Alex a couple of times." The final basket ultimately confirmed the outcome. "That's when I realized they might actually win" says Mr. Buros, and the teachers said they were not surprised by the result. "They're good players," Mr. DeLeon said. When I asked if teachers were going easy, the response was interesting: "I think they're really good," said both Mr. DeLeon and Mr. Buros. Looking ahead, there is interest in continuing the tradition. "100%, I would love a rematch," Mr. Buros said. "Next year, I think it should be co-ed." Adjustments for the future include improving strategy and increasing intensity. Preparation was also mentioned as a key takeaway. "Get good sleep and warm up properly," one teacher said, noting that preparation becomes more important over time. Since the game, the team's attitude has remained positive. Coaches and staff said the group has been "very positive and uplifting," with a focus on working together and encouraging one another while improving intensity. "Congratulations to those guys," the teacher said. "They played fantastically."



Freshman! Start Saving up for Your Senior Year

By Naty Sanchez

As much as Senior year gives you a lot of memories, it comes with a lot of expenses. With this in mind, you should save up, and the best option will be to get a job. As a senior, you'll want to attend all the events of the school, for example: homecoming school games, prom, senior trip, and more. Additionally, you have to buy many items like the yearbook, cap and gown, your senior portrait, photography session, etc. Many of these things are optional, but still, the prices are crazy. The class of 2026 is expending a lot of money, for example this year homecoming tickets started around \$20. "If you are a girl you pay more because you have to do your nails, toes, heels, dress, uber if you don't have anybody to take you, and sometimes get your hair and makeup which includes lashes and eyebrows," Berenice O stated. The same things apply to prom, but the price of the ticket is higher, the start price is \$150 w/ ASB and \$160 without ASB, and if your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to attend with you, the price is almost the same, about \$165 for the guest if they don't go here. And every month the price goes up and up. I know many students rent a cap and gown, but to be honest, many students want to decorate their caps. If you plan to decorate your cap expect another higher cost. In conclusion, if you aren't a senior, start saving up now!

School Event: Island Night

By Nat Orille

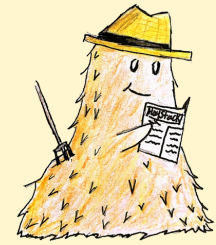
Thanks to a collaboration between BASU and Poly Club, Hayward High will have a brand new, grand event called Island Nights! The event has emerged after some late cancellations of other events, so check it out! Island Nights will be held on Friday, April 24th, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are selling at \$5 (super cheap!) However, there will be no chance to purchase a ticket at the entrance. You may wonder, who is selling tickets? Or how do I buy them?

Well, many staff members will be selling tickets throughout the week: Ms. Carpenter (A-6), Coach Virg (F-2), Mr. Christian (M-8), Coach AJ (D-6), Coach Hill, Coach Perry (T-11), and the school's counselors, Ms. Ware and Ms. Sanchez (Counseling Office). At Island Nights, there will be lots of entertainment options and celebrations! You won't be bored when you purchase a ticket. This is what to expect when you first arrive: delicious food to buy from fantastic vendors, enjoyable music performed by DJ Maniakal, and a great time with friends and classmates.





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AP Testing for Students

By: Ava Hourel

AP testing is coming up soon, with the earliest exams beginning in early May. This means students across Hayward High's campus are doing what they can to prepare for these upcoming exams. AP students are currently feeling a lot of emotions regarding the AP exams approaching, amongst peers, teachers doing more work to prepare for it, and even the parents of the test takers, hoping for the best outcome. Some AP students at Hayward High were interviewed about which part of the exam section they are most confident about, and which one they are least confident about, for AP exams.

One anonymous student from Hayward High, who's taking multiple APs, said he is most confident about the multiple-choice questions, least confident about free response, and does meditation to relax. "I'm the most confident about the MCQ because I feel like I've practiced it the most, at least compared to the other sections, and I feel like I usually do well on the mock MCQS. And for the real AP exam, I've also felt like I did pretty well, so I'm not too worried about it." This anonymous student explained that he likes the MCQ as well because it has direct answers to choose from. "For the free response, I usually struggle with it more because I always end up running out of time. I have practiced it the least because it takes me a long time, and I know

I should practice it more, but I'll practice it more when it's closer to the exam, for it to be honest, so yeah." A lot of AP students feel split about the free response, and this student happens to not favor it as much as the multiple choice questions.

Another student from Hayward High who's taking AP classes said she is the most confident about the free response. She doesn't feel as confident in the multiple-choice questions. "I like free response since it allows me to explain my thought process more and still get some sort of partial credit even if the rest of it was wrong." She said. "With multiple choice, it's not as easy because it's either right or wrong, and it's multiple documents you have to analyze and try to choose a choice for. Sometimes the questions are confusing, or it feels like there is no right answer, while free response lets you have the opportunity to answer in your own wording, which is what I like about it more."

Another student from Hayward High who's taking AP classes said she is the most confident about document-based questions, and she's least confident in the multiple choice questions. "I don't know, I just always happen to do better on the DBQ. Multiple-choice questions are confusing to me. I feel like the DBQ is easier since it's just one long essay, and it's mostly just one topic, which is easier to understand and stick to, even if it does seem sort of difficult. The MCQ is harder since it's more readings, but I know not everybody feels the same way. I like the DBQ because of how flexible it can help you be."

Overall, students at Hayward High School have different strengths when it comes to the AP exams. All of the students at Hayward High will still do well on their exams since they are all working towards the same goal of doing the best they can on exam day.

Leaving Hayward High

By: Eduardo Ocampo Garcia

Leaving Hayward High was kinda hard for me since I made so many friends and did so much stuff there that I didn't want to leave behind, like sports, but people would just say "Oh, well, you can do it at your new school", but it's not the same since it's not the same friends or coaches who have seen me grow my skills, or seen me improve on myself as a person.

It's hard to transfer to a different school, not because of how much stuff I have, but the amount of the time I spent with everyone, it kinda sounds like, I'm graduating, and I feel like I'm a senior spending their last days in high school, which makes me laugh a bit, but also sad, because I guess this is how some seniors feel when leaving high school, even though I still have 2 years, maybe 1, depending on when this article is published. The whole process of moving feels so complicated since I have to pack all my stuff, and it's weird since this is my third time moving, and I thought it would be my last one.



Honestly, in my other two times that I moved, this is the saddest one I've had so far. I'm quite nervous for myself too, moving wasn't this hard for me before, but I guess that makes sense since I'm now older and with this new school that I'm moving to, I have a lot more stuff now. I thought I would stay forever here at Hayward, so I bought a lot of stuff and collections, and now I have to pack them back up, disassemble them, and reassemble them at the new house. I kinda wish I spent more time with my friends, like going out with them and playing more video games since I haven't been on much but I'm quite grateful I met them all and did sports with some of them, since without them I wouldn't have the confidence I have today and in sports, but I will say that I will miss everyone and my teachers especially Mr Peterson since he was an awesome teacher I was able to talk about history with.

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