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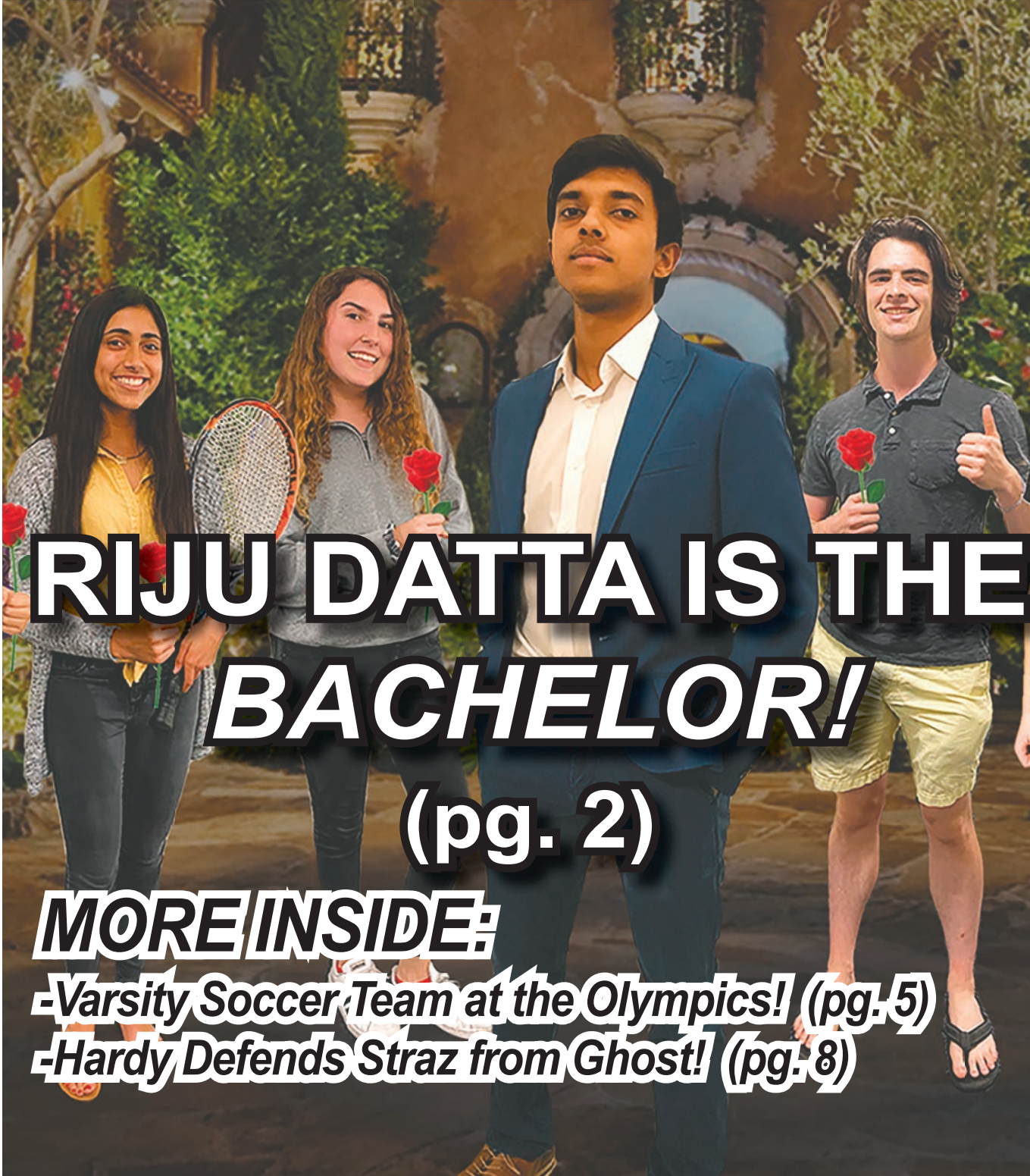
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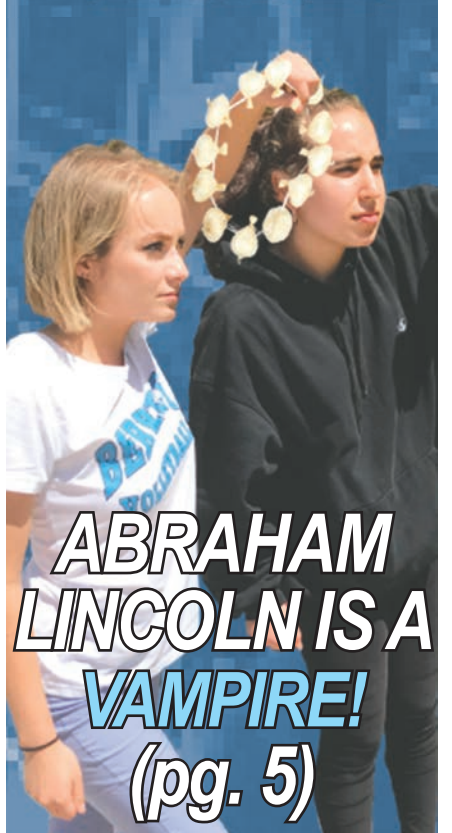
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THE FANFARE

BERKELEY FLIRTS WITH VERY "BACHELOR" WAY OF ALLOCATING CLUB FUNDS

BY TESS FULLER
Chief Financial Officer

Not long ago, a Student Forum subcommittee decided to give one worthy Berkeley club \$1000 of their Bistro revenue in hopes of catalyzing positive growth. Committee Leader Penelope Grapsas '22 said in a press statement issued last Friday, "A little seed money for necessary expenditures can transform a good club into a great club."

However, abiding by their strict conservative fiscal policy, Student Forum passed off selection responsibility to Upper Division icon, Riju Datta '20, granting him a single week to interview representatives from six pre-approved clubs. The representatives, Leana Fraifer '20 of Math Club, Sloane Daley '20 of the Phoenix, Charvi Sharma '20 of JV Tennis, Rachel Kline '20 of Robotics, George Doster '20 of Innovation Club and Teryn Terenzi '20 of Chinese Club are the best and brightest from their respective extracurriculars.

The contestants met on Monday, March 9 in the Writing Center before receiving their interview schedule from Datta. The room was filled with leftover roses from French Club's Valentine's Day sale. Dramatic music from an English class screening of *The Great Gatsby* softly made its way into the room, adding to the ambiance.

"I'm not here to make friends," said Doster, immediately after taking his seat between Kline and Sharma. Weird looks were tossed around the circle of contestants

Terenzi revealed that "she wasn't worried about the others," that she "knew none of them were serious enough to make a commitment."

Datta entered shortly after, donned in his Beatitones suit with an envelope in hand. As the contestants fell silent, he welcomed them all and told them he was "excited to get to know each and every one of them better." Then, he placed the envelope on the table and left, the door dramatically creaking shut behind him.

Kline lunged for the envelope, wiggling the letter free before any of the other contestants could blink twice. "It's a group interview," she said. Kline said, "Riju wants to meet all of us at the Catonis Pool at 3:45."

At 3:45, all contestants but Terenzi were present. The group stood poolside, doing their best to guess what Datta had planned for them. At approximately 3:48, Terenzi came blitzing through the gate, apologizing profusely for her tardiness, claiming that "something came up." Her reaction elicited many annoyed scowls and stares. It looked as though Kline would confront her when Riju entered, holding three roses in hand.

"Today," Riju said, "I am going to get a generalized concept of your dedication to this process. I want to know how badly your club wants these funds. So, we will be having a cannon-ball contest. The three of you who make the biggest cannon-ball will move onto the next round,

where we'll break into individual interviews. Sound good?"

The contestants were hesitant, but as soon as Doster made his way towards the diving board, they quickly fell in line. As he launched himself into the water, Sharma critiqued his form, claiming that she was "the best athlete in the group," then went on to explain why JV competition tennis was the most important extracurricular at Berkeley and needed the \$1000 grant to buy senior banners and transportation to their matches, which were all away. As she rambled, Daley stood on the side of the pool, practicing her dive motions.

Things were going swimmingly, until Daley drifted too close to Sharma, knocking her into the pool with a splash. When Sharma surfaced, she looked at Fraifer, accusing her of pushing her in on purpose. Fraifer sputtered, infuriated by the accusation. It was at that moment that Datta approached from the other side of the pool, carrying a single rose.

"Contestants, I've made my decision," said Datta. The contestants lined up by the gate. "I hate drama, and I'm disappointed by what I've seen here today, but that doesn't change the fact that I don't think any of your clubs are ready to receive this grant. Therefore, I've decided that I'll be taking the grant and using it to build a moving sidewalk between the junior lot and Buc Stop. Thank you for your time. Go Bucs."



RIJU'S ROSES: Posing with red roses, the club representatives, including Fraifer, Sharma, Terenzi, Doster, Kline and Daley are prepared to woo the incredible Datta (in front) in hopes of winning the grant.

Charvi Sharma

WARREN LEAVES VARSITY BASEBALL TO PURSUE BIG DREAMS

BY RAJ GHANEKAR
Section Editor

Berkeley Varsity baseball coach, Richie Warren, is known for his throwing and batting prowess. However, The Fanfare discovered a secret new passion of Warren's - wiffleball.

Even at the age of 38 and 15 years removed from his college days, that love of playing wiffleball still stands strong in his heart. For this reason, Warren plans to enter the 2020 American Whiffleball League (AWBL) draft and play major league wiffleball, something that for him has always been a lifelong dream.

Warren has always been quite the powerhouse on the field. He led the country in Little League as a middle schooler with an ERA of 0.35 and his high school club team, the Brandon Boomwhackers, with an ERA of 0.5.

Many people had to ask, "What could have gone wrong? What prevented Warren from going to the AWBL straight from college and making his mark on a pro team immediately?"

Warren addressed these questions in a recent press conference.

"When my college career was over, I had a bunch of teams



Raj Ghaneekar

THE END OF AN ERA: Warren holds a press conference to bid a final farewell to the Berkeley community. "I am thankful for all the support Berkeley has given me as I embark on my wiffleball career."

reach out. The Nantucket Minutemen and the Raleigh Rhubarbs both reached out and offered me deals. But my heart has always been in education, so I decided to follow that path."

Despite Warren giving up his pro dreams back in college, he has picked them up and apparently has used his practices at Berkeley to show

pro wiffleball scouts that he really has not lost a step.

"They have noticed my BP, my batting practice throwing percentage... I don't give up any hits in batting practice. If our guys can't hit off of me, then no one can," said Warren.

Warren says that he plans to "not only pitch every five days but also bat in the lineup." He additionally feels that he can return to teach-

ing once he has finished a long stint in the AWBL. "I'm 38, but I still got 20 years easy in the league."

Warren said that the love of educating others trumped his dreams of achieving wiffleball greatness after college. This time, Warren says, he will make sure that he picks wiffleball and plays his heart out in the pros.

MOLLY STEVENSON ACCUSED BY PETPA OF PLASTIC ANIMAL ABUSE

BY KENDYL KIRTLEY
Section Editor

Every student who has taken one of Molly Stevenson's history classes has witnessed her daily moment-of-mindfulness ritual: the smashing of a light-up hedgehog toy on a desktop, followed by fifteen seconds of silence before a day's class load. The plastic hedgehog illuminates the room of groggy-eyed students.

It was a shock to the Berkeley community when the People for the Ethical Treatment of Plastic Animals (PETPA) filed a lawsuit against Stevenson for alleged plastic animal abuse.

"It's plastic!" Stevenson insisted when questioned by The Fanfare about her reaction to PETPA's claim. "I'm a history teacher- I'm an expert on trials. I can tell you they have no case." Berkeley's ethics teacher Christine Ortega Gaurkee had a differ-

ent take on the lawsuit. "I mean, I see where PETPA is coming from," said Ortega Gaurkee. "In my class, we debate controversial topics. I can see plastic animal abuse as an up-and-coming controversy." Berkeley Law Club representative Bill van de Groep '20 is coming to Stevenson's defense. He will represent Stevenson in court and argue that the PEPTA's allegation was unfounded, due to the hedgehog toy being inanimate.

"I'm determined to win this case for her," said van de Groep. "In fact, winning this legal battle against PETPA will make a much-needed statement: there's a difference between plastics and porcupines."

The Fanfare will continue to provide coverage of the lawsuit as PETPA v. Stevenson progresses. The question on everyone's minds: did Berkeley spark a new ethical controversy? Readers will have to wait and see.



Kendyl Kirtley

INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY: Despite the accusations levelled against her, Stevenson will continue to teach at Berkeley for the duration of the trial. Until the allegations of plastic animal abuse have been proven against her, she will also continue to make use of the light-up hedgehog toy in daily classroom meditation.

History's Mysteries Embarks on Journey

Berkeley's Newest Club Sinks Their Teeth Into a Possible New Conspiracy Theory

BY MARA XIONG
Co-Editor-in-Chief

History's Mysteries, one of the newest clubs at Berkeley, has recently dedicated itself to a search for former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln. The club, which meets every Thursday to discuss different conspiracy events in history, stumbled upon a new possible conspiracy after discovering the novel *Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter* by Seth Grahame-Smith.

Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter is a fictional novel that portrays Abraham Lincoln as a secret vampire hunter. In the novel, Lincoln must not only navigate the horrors of slavery and the Civil War, but also prevent the vampires from using these human conflicts to enslave all of mankind. Toward the end of the novel, Lincoln - spoiler alert - is turned into a vampire, because he is deemed "too interesting to die."

While scientific evidence and dozens of eyewitness accounts have generally allowed historians to reach the consensus that Abraham Lincoln is, in fact, dead, Jade

Christopher '20, the club president of History's Mysteries, believes otherwise.

"I know Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter is only supposed to be a fictional novel, but fiction (and conspiracy theories, for that matter) comes from inspiration. Inspiration is often derived from reality. Who's to say that the author wasn't just being creative when he wrote in his novel that Abraham Lincoln is now a vampire?" Christopher said.

Christopher and the rest of the club recently embarked on a jour-

ney to find the supposedly-deceased Lincoln. Armed with only wreaths of garlic (administration, sadly, confiscated their wooden stakes), they set out to investigate Lincoln's grave. While no suspicious paranormal activity was ultimately present, Christopher states that this does not mean that this new conspiracy has been proven false.

"We're going to keep looking... searching... It's a great activity for the club. And who knows? Maybe one day we will find a vampire Abraham Lincoln."



VAMPIRE HUNTERS: Many club members have been skipping class to track down vampire Abraham Lincoln, much to the dismay of their teachers.

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CHESS CLUB CHALLENGES SEIVOLD

Epic Battle for Seivold Center for Early Childhood Education

BY JACK LASLEY
Staff Writer

Wizard's chess has always been a popular activity for young witches and wizards at Hogwarts. The recent match between the chess club and our beloved headmaster was one that you couldn't have missed. Headmaster Joseph Seivold went head to head with the president of the chess club, Dylan Sunjic '20, for ownership of the Seivold Center. The match took place just a few days before the start of the second semester on a giant chessboard, located on the mound.

Before the fight of a lifetime, Sunjic said, "I don't believe in psychology. I believe in good moves," a quote also said by chess player Bobby Fischer.

The match was intense, with early losses on both sides, followed by Sunjic taking and destroying Seivold's queen. Seivold did not back down, however, retaliating by taking several pawns and both of Sunjic's knights. The match continued on for another hour, with each king close to the middle of the board and a few pieces on either side remaining.

The following moves have been greatly exaggerated due to the excitement of the match, but it is said that Seivold's king was able to force Sunjic to allow his knight to be captured. Sunjic was placed in a checkmate, losing the match and the chances of owning the Seivold Center, both gone with the destruction of his king.

After the battle, Seivold said, "This match was a way to bring the community together. Now that the event is over the students and teachers are closer than ever." After the match, five of the biggest remains of the pieces floated into the sky, watching over the school for all time.



CHECKMATE: Quickly into the game, Sunjic realized how much he underestimated Seivold's knowledge of both chess and the wizarding world.

JIMMY STIFLER ACCUSED OF PLAGIARIZING

BY TESSA FULLER
Chief Financial Officer

In a shocking turn of events, Jimmy Stifler '20 has been accused of plagiarizing his famous six-word story.

"I thought it was obvious that it was mine," said Jackson Derrick '20. "But I didn't really want to come forward and accuse Jimmy of stealing. I love that guy. However, I also love credit. So, I tried repeatedly guilt-tripping him in front of the whole school so he would come forward and declare me the true author. Alas, his conscious lay dormant from fall through winter, so this spring I'm melting his facade. The story is mine."

Stifler, who has declined to comment, is facing an Honor Council trial next week, where the legitimacy of Derrick's claims will be assessed.

Honor Council Member Sean Florek '20 said, "It's just a shame, you know, when it's revealed that our heroes aren't who we think they are. I just really thought he wrote it. The whole school thought he wrote it. Jimmy's the man, I mean, I'm really hoping that this case reveals his innocence. For the kids."

If it's proven that Derrick is correct, Derrick's name will replace Stifler's in the Phoenix's 2020 publication.



STIFLER'S GHOSTWRITER: The school erupts into chaos as students start to take sides on the Stifler-Derrick Debate.

FUNDING TRIP MAY BE A MAJOR HURDLE

Soccer Team Set to Participate in 2020 Summer Olympics But Lack of Funds Pose a Problem

BY JACK MOUCH
Web Editor

Soccer, the most watched sport in the world, is one of the 33 events scheduled for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. This year, the Berkeley community has one special team to root for, the varsity boys soccer team.

"I think we have a serious shot at making it to the championship," said Tim Cooper, the men's varsity soccer coach.

"Our team has really put in the time, and I can see the Bucs taking down a strong Brazil or France," Bryson Forsmans '20 said.

When asked how the Bucs will beat the world's best in the Olympics, Captain Dominick Lee '20 said, "Well, we've beaten Jesus. So this should be a breeze."

Approximately 350 people from the Berkeley community are anticipated to travel to Japan to cheer on the team. There will be a celebratory dinner at Chuck E. Cheese the night before the extensive air travel. If the soccer team makes it past the first round, Athletic Director Bobby Reinhart has agreed to award the team a game of laser tag.

"I'm looking forward to facing the Olympic competition. I think I can score on any goalkeeper on Earth even with my left foot," said Lee.

The team plans to fund their trip to the Olympics through a GoFundMe account. They have set up an ambitious fundraising goal of \$70,000 by June. So far, the team has raised \$12 in donations.

"If we are unable to hit our target goal by the end of April, we might need to start some bake sales," said Forsmans.

When asked how the team will make it to the Olympics, Lee said, "To qualify for the Olympics, we have to beat the EPIC School for EPIC People (ESEP) along with IMG Academy. If we can beat them, I'm pretty sure we can beat anybody."*

* After further investigation, the Fanfare found that ESEP filed for bankruptcy in 2016.



SOCCER CHAMPIONS: Lee '20 stands amongst soccer greats, as he prepares to defeat him in the Summer Olympics.

TEACHERS ON TIK TOK

English Teachers Reach Their Students by Using Tik Tok for End of Year Assessment

BY CATHERINE AMBURGEY
Section Editor

Every year, more and more English teachers are embracing alternative assessments instead of final exams. Whether it's the 'zine for tenth graders or the passion project for ninth graders, teachers realize the capacity for alternative assessments to assess English skills in a creative format.

In order to test student's literature proficiency, while capturing the zeitgeist of the 21st century, the English department unanimously decided that Tik Toks would be the hippest medium for this year's alternative assessment.

Unlike the antiquated methods of test taking and essay writing, teachers agreed that Tik Toks can test student's creativity and speaking skills.

Honors English teacher, Ashley Wilson, summed up the effectiveness of the new alternative assessment saying, "I believe that Tik Toks are the only medium that can perfectly capture the complexities of American literature. One can feel the eternal sickness of the Fisher King more potently when he's experiencing the circuitous motions of the renegade dance."



THE GREAT LIL HUDDY: TikTok star, Lil Huddy, lusts after Charlie Damelio at one of his famous parties.

Open Container Scandal Rocks Upper Division

BY SLOANE DALEY
Social Media Editor

No one is a stranger to the annual Gasparilla convo presentation. Every year, the speaker touches upon the open container policy, which states that anyone under the age of 21 will be arrested if found in possession of an open container with an alcoholic beverage. Berkeley has its own open container policy - the open milkshake policy.

A long coveted tradition at Berkeley is that of the senior milkshake, a frosty treat to incentivise seniors to stay on campus for lunch and reward them for surviving four years of grueling academic trials and tribulations. Recently, faculty have made it a point to emphasize that anyone other than seniors found with possession of a senior milkshake will be sent to Berkeley's own form of prison - after school study hall.

Last weekend, 9th and 10th Grade Dean Zoe Anderson busted five underclassmen for being in possession of an open oreo milkshake container. Anderson wants to know: How did these underclassmen gain possession of a senior milkshake?



Sloane Daley

MILKSHAKE MISCHIEF: Luke Haddad '21, McCauley Bair '21 and Zoe Bandes '21 were reported as three of the five students implicated in the open container scandal. Fanfare has yet to discover the identity of the other two.

The five students are awaiting an audience with the Honor Council. As they prepare for their milkshake trial, they are currently being detained in after school study hall.

The Fanfare has reached out to all five students. One of them, an underclassmen who prefers to remain anonymous, vehemently denied the charges. "I wasn't even drinking the milkshake! My senior friend went to the bathroom and asked me to hold the milkshake!" He exclaimed.

When asked about the case, Sage expressed their disappointment with the five underclassmen students. "We are deeply saddened by the unlawful consumption of frozen dairy. Never in a million years would we have thought this would take place on our campus. In no way does this incident uphold the values of Sage. Our recommendation to the Honor Council will be that students be put on a senior milkshake blacklist for the rest of their time at Berkeley."

Unfortunately, Fanfare has yet to gain more information about the case, but we should know more regarding the fate of the five unlucky underclassmen as the trials unfold this week. Live tapings of these trials can be seen on the Berkeley Broadcast Network. Class meetings have been called in place of advisory to reeducate all students in each grade on the importance of not sharing or accepting milkshakes from seniors.

In the wake of this scandal, Berkeley has advised all its students, "Keep your friends close, and your milkshakes closer."



NEW BEGINNINGS: Starting this month, milkshakes will be served in clear glasses.

New Discovery: Brandt's Secret Diet Coke Bunker

BY KAITLYN MANG
Staff Writer

Tom Brandt, English faculty member, is known for his obsession with Diet Coke; he is almost never seen without one in his hand. He always tells his students, "A Diet Coke a day keeps Shakespeare away!"

One day, his H Block English class wanted to know how he never ran out of Diet Cokes. So when Mr. Brandt went to the bathroom, they decided to explore his mini-fridge on his desk. There, they discovered a shocking surprise.

There were mini lego figures guarding what seemed like an entrance to a secret bunker. When the legos moved from their positions in sync, they revealed a huge laboratory that constantly made a new refreshing can of Diet Coke every five minutes.

The secret was out! Mr. Brandt is in fact related to John Pemberton, the founder of Coca Cola, who gave him the secret formula to Diet Coke.



Samir Saeed

SODA SHOCK: Mr. Brandt's AP English Language and Composition seniors walked in on him emptying his secret Diet Coke bunker. "I couldn't believe my eyes," exclaimed Mara Xiong '20. "I knew he loved Diet Coke, but not this much." When asked why he emptied his bunker, he responded, "I'm tired of hiding my secret. Let the whole world know about this."

THE GREAT BERKELEY BAKE OFF: HAYES VS. RAMSEY

BY EMMA REILLY
Section Editor

Ask any of English teacher Daniel Hayes' advisees or students what their favorite memory of him is, and they'll all respond with his cooking extravaganza. If you were lucky enough to attend, you would have stuffed yourself with candy, pancakes and other delicious treats made by Hayes before exams and Winter Break.

Though most of the Berkeley community believed this to be a one time event, Hayes had other plans. Following the success of his cooking, Hayes decided to enter a cooking competition against the one and only, Gordon Ramsay.

Gordon Ramsay, world renowned chef and host of such shows as *Kitchen Nightmares*, *Masterchef* and *Hell's Kitchen*, has been known to troll mediocre cooks on Twitter. His competition against Hayes, however, has been the first time where he's competed against one of these "amateur" cooks.



Emma Reilly

A HEATED ARGUMENT: During the competition, tension between the two cooks often resulted in Ramsay's notorious yelling which Hayes promptly reciprocated each time.

Televised on the Food Network and the BBN, *The Great Hayes-Ramsay Bake-off* gained limited views due to its uncompetitive nature.

Initially, Berkeley students had decided to place bets on who would win to make it more interesting. This failed, however, when everyone picked Ramsay.

Before the event, Hayes was seen listening to his "Pumped-Up" playlist, stretching and blowing bubbles. He was determined to win and was convinced that he could. His advisees, however, had some different predictions.

"I love the guy," said Antoine Van Veen '21, "But he's crazy if he thinks he can beat Gordon Ramsay." "He literally just made pancakes and had some candy out. I don't think he's prepared for this," said Isabella Malmqvist '21.

"Seriously, Mr. Hayes. You think you can do this?" asked Lilani Watson '21. Despite the barrage of negativity, Hayes and Ramsay met in the Berkeley Café, donned their aprons and armed themselves with their kitchen utensils. With the sound of the buzzer, the competition commenced and the pair had an hour to cre-

ate the best full course meal.

It was clear from the start that Hayes knew only how to make pancakes which quickly became a problem when he needed to complete the assigned task. At the end of the hour, the two presented their dishes to Headmaster Joseph Seivold.

For his appetizer, Ramsay had made brussel sprouts with pancetta. Afterwards, he made his famous beef Wellington with crème brûlée as the dessert. Hayes, however, had prepared a candy salad, pancake burger and tower of other sweets for his dessert. Seivold didn't even have to try the dishes to decide the winner.

Though he lost to Ramsay, Hayes is still very enthusiastic about his cooking skills.

"I think I did a great job and I did the best I could," he said, "I plan on going up against Guy Fieri next!"

CAUGHT: SCIENCE TUTORS SUPPORT FLAT EARTH THEORY

BY CAROLINE WEHRELL
Staff Writer

This past Thursday, Berkeley's Science Tutors were caught supporting the flat earth theory at one of their lunch tutoring sessions. Anushka Patil '22 uncovered the secret when she entered G225, seeking help with her chemistry homework.

"When I walked into the room, everything was normal except a poster of flat earth on the board," said Patil. She pointed to the poster, but Rachel Kline '20 jumped in front of her and yelled, "Watch out there's a bee!" While various other Science Tutors shielded the



Samir Saeed

CAUGHT IN THE CHEMISTRY ROOM: Dr. Leonardo, a well-known chemistry teacher at Berkeley, is spotted advocating the flat earth theory to science tutors at lunchtime.

freshmen seeking help with their Honors Biology homework from the board, Dr. Chris Leonardo, the head of science tutors and science teacher, leaped over the desk and ripped the poster down, hiding it beneath his chair.

The administration was immediately contacted to report the event but was too late because when investigated; they found nothing.

It was not until a garbage bag was discovered floating

in the pond and anonymously turned into the front office that the accusations were proven correct.

The very wet garbage bag was filled with candles, flat earth posters and books such as *Flat Earth Clues: End Of The World*, *The Earth Is Flat: Be Afraid, Very Afraid (Illuminati Secrets) (Volume 4)* and *Zetetic Astronomy: Earth Not a Globe*.

Kline and Leonardo continue to deny the accusations, but students are still waiting for the administration to take further action.

Hardy Defeats Ghost of Straz

Hardy Transformed From Yoga Teacher to Ghostbuster to Fight Straz's Ghost

BY MARA XIONG
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Faculty member Ann Marie Hardy is quickly amassing an awe-inspiring reputation. A yoga instructor as well as an English teacher and academic counselor, Hardy recently called upon her vast knowledge of yoga techniques to officially become what Berkeley needed most at the time - a ghostbuster.

At the beginning of March, rumors floated around that a ghost had been haunting the Straz Family Fieldhouse. During the recent pep rally, many students complained of disturbing chills in the air and insane cackling in the bathrooms. These complaints, however, went largely ignored - until spring break.

Over spring break, Clara Jergins '20, Alex LeRoux '20 and Sam Hoffman '20 all decided to sign up for a "Yoga Extraordinaire" Hardy had planned in the Straz. Unfortunately for the three, the Ghost of the Straz decided to make an appearance when they walked upstairs.

Angry at being disturbed during its two precious weeks where students would not be in school, the ghost pounced. LeRoux and Hoffman were able to duck out of the way of the incoming spirit's first attack; Jergins was not so lucky.

The angry spirit swooped in on Jergins, lifting her off her feet and suffocating her slowly in a vacuum. Hoffman grabbed his fellow yoga disciple and tried ushering her to safety, but was immediately thrown against the wall and knocked unconscious. Just as LeRoux seemed ready to faint from fear and all hope seemed lost, Hardy appeared.

"Aha!" Hardy yelled, waving an accusing finger at the ghost. "I knew there was some otherworldly spirit haunting these halls! I could sense your chi while I was meditating!"

Standing in her Warrior Pose, she immediately went on the offensive with a kalaripayattu roundhouse kick. The ghost wailed, shocked that a mere yoga instructor could strike its intangible body. With a roar, it detached from Jergins and lunged for Hardy. The yoga instructor-turned-ghostbuster immediately shifted from her Warrior Pose into a Tree Pose, and the spirit's attempts to throw Hardy off-balance instantly became futile.

"You know why I can pierce your body?" roared Hardy. "Because I'm a yoga teacher. My chi has been purified with mindfulness techniques designed to destroy your kind!"

With renewed fervor for protecting her charges, Hardy decided to unleash her ultimate yoga technique - the Bow Pose. Contorting her upper body and ankles to form a bow shape, she grabbed a nearby broomstick and, using her awesome lower-body strength, shot the broomstick like an arrow into the ghost's heart. The broomstick, infused with Hardy's awesome chi and launched with the strength of her cannonball legs, shattered the evil spirit into a thousand pieces.

The Fanfare interviewed Jergins and Hoffman from their hospital beds.

"Ms. Hardy saved my life that day," Hoffman said. "I owe my life to yoga."

Jergins seconded Hoffman. She said, "Without her knowledge of yoga, I would be dead."

Hardy reflected on her experience. "As a parent of a child applying to college soon, I often worry about safety... I worry about self-defense classes my daughter may need to protect herself against potential muggers. Now, though, I see that the best kind of self-defense is yoga. It obviously works to fight the spiritual - who's to say what it can do against ordinary people?"

Magical Mayhem: Muggle Turned Wizard

Mr. Dillard accepts job as Minister of Magical Sports and Games

BY MEGHNA BUKKAPATNAM
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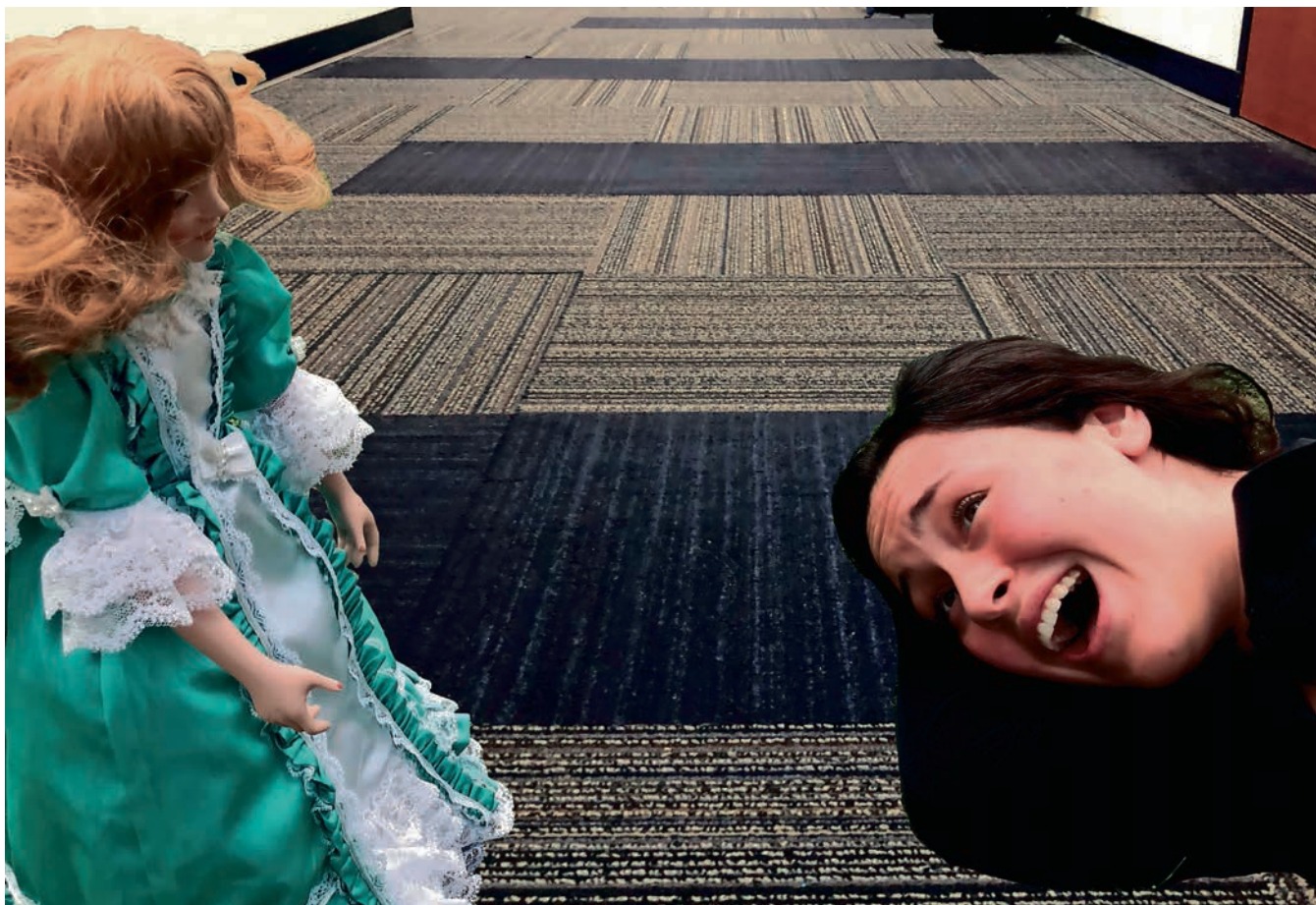
Ron Dillard's resignation letter sat open on Headmaster Joseph Seivold's desk, complete with Dillard's signature clearly boasting brand new ink from his quill. Rumours had long been spreading across campus that Dillard would quit Berkeley to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming the Minister of Magical Sports and Games at Hogwarts, but it still came as a shock.

Dillard found out about the job opening only one week ago, but it did not take too much convincing to accept. The job details entailed teaching three Quidditch classes a day, a one semester seminar on Spell Safety and conducting the new Hogwarts Orchestra.

The Upper Division Orchestra felt betrayed and declined to comment on the incident. The Fanfare sent an owl regarding the sudden resignation to Dillard at the address of platform 9 and 3/4, but it was returned unopened.



FEELING MAGICAL: Dillard, Berkeley's Strings director, excitedly awaits the Hogwarts Express. He is scheduled to meet Dumbledore before starting his new job on Monday.



APPARITION APPEARANCE: The Ghost of the Straz appeared after school and attacked Clara Jergins '20. Luckily, Jergins escaped the murderous ghost.