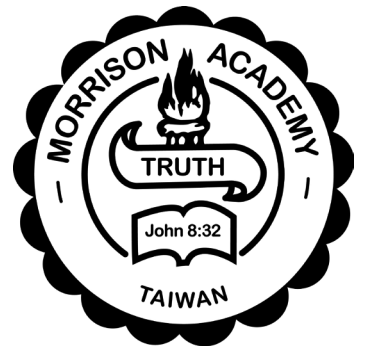




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A Banquet Scandal

By: Jasmine Teng

On the 28th of February, MAK's annual high school banquet was held at Han-Hsien International Hotel, after months of arduous planning by the Student Council. A long-standing problem had wracked the minds of the members of Student Council, however. Many students had petitioned for inclusion of an open dance floor at the banquet, yet request after request was shot down by the Morrison Board, quoting the Morrison-wide policies of no dancing unless it is "limited to educational, health, or performance purposes." Disappointed yet optimistic, the high school nevertheless had quite an enjoyable time at the banquet. "It was quite a memorable night!" quoted Ann King, a junior who attended the banquet.

However, the night ensued in a scandal that stunned many and sent shockwaves throughout the school. For the first time in seventeen years, two Morrison students have been suspended for inappropriate conduct at the banquet. The couple was accused of dancing in a "provocative way" so as to induce indecency, immorality, impurity and giving off the appearance of being "exclusively paired off." The waiters at Han-Hsien have declined to comment on the issue, but the SharkPost staff received the chance to interview one of the defendants, who has chosen to remain anonymous.

When asked about the incident, the defendant frustratedly said, "I swear - I was just trying to steady her! I didn't even do anything inappropriate! She started falling forward because she was about to drop her plate, so I just pulled her arm back. Was I supposed to just watch her fall flat on her face? And now I'm suspended? Incredible. Absolutely incredible." No further details were available, as the defendant stormed off mumbling about the inequality of the criminal justice system.

However, Mr. Torgerson, who confronted the couple at the banquet, had a very different perspective of the incident. "The students were dancing in an immodest way that was not glorifying to God. The student was not a qualified dance instructor and had no reason to be dancing with her. His hands were touching the girl inappropriately on her arms in a blatantly lascivious display, and the Morrison policy clearly bans all forms of 'intimate touch, such as public displays of affection or hands anywhere besides waist or shoulder.' I am deeply disappointed in him. I thought he would know better than to do something like that."

Because of the two radically different perspectives, we decided to get some more viewpoints on the issue.

"I think it's a brave rebellion against the unjust Morrison dance policy. I'm glad that this issue has been brought to awareness. Everyone needs to know about the sad, cruel truth that the Morrison policy hides in its endless pages of rules and regulations. We are the new American Revolution. This is the age of revolution - the Dance Dance Revolution

of 2015. For years now, Morrison has been stripping students of the right to dance. It is a fundamental human right to be able to shake our limbs about to pursue joy, and if a revolution is needed, so be it! Dance, my young, spirited, revolutionary peers, dance against the inhumane deprivation of human rights! Give me liberty, or give me dance!" declared an APUSH student, also a prominent dance activist, shaking her fists.

"What?" responded Joseph Luther, a junior. This insightful quote gave us a more accurate understanding of the incident.

The details of the scandal have yet to be solved. A temporary suspension of one week has been bestowed upon the accused student for his punishment, but he swears that he will be back for revenge. As a result of these incidents, rumor has it that when upon the stumbling of the female, male students are now practicing the method of catching the female student by the fingers to avoid all possible skin contact. It is said that a student even attempted to lasso a girl back onto her feet; successful trials have yet to be recorded.

As if one scandal wasn't enough for the night, it was also reported that Samuel Stephenson had been sent home for showing too much midriff. Alas, what a tragic (yet deliciously scandalous) night.

252 Dance

Dance can be wholesome, enjoyable, healthy and glorifying to God. Dance at Morrison Academy is limited to educational, health, performance, celebratory or worship purposes. The school may provide opportunities for students to develop an appropriate appreciation and skills for dance.

Dance on campus or at a school-authorized event will adhere to the following principles.

Dance at school events should be the type of dance that is taught and learned.

Any dance that is part of a school social event should focus on building social confidence, encouraging the participation of everyone, and on the enjoyment of learning the dance style selected for the event. Since a school social event includes a variety of activities it should not be promoted as a "dance."

Participation is limited to currently enrolled students. Students and staff will show deference for those with differing personal convictions about dance.

The following are prohibited at a school-authorized event that involve dance.

- Sexually provocative behavior such as, grinding, bending over, or straddling of legs
- Exclusive pairing off or the appearance of exclusivity
- Intimate touch, such as public displays of affection or hands anywhere besides waist or shoulder
- Dancing outside a designated dance area
- Immodest attire as defined by the Student Handbook.



Love Unhatches

By: Ray Kung

According to witnesses, disaster struck in the Hatcher residence when a petty disagreement about the greatest show on Netflix turned into a full blown World War III.

An inside source has revealed that the root of this heated dispute stems from Love's passion for political drama and Hatcher's fervor for the *Real Housewives* franchise. During a casual conversation at the dinner table on a Tuesday night in March, in between bites of Hatcher's savory homemade lasagna, Love and Hatcher hit a rough patch as they couldn't agree on the greatest Netflix show. Love insisted on *House of Cards*, which some say is one of the best political dramas since *The West Wing*. The allure of protagonist Francis Underwood and his ability to use political secrets to oust his enemies prove to be so tempting that even one of the smartest teachers at MAK forgot the importance of always agreeing with his fiancée. On the other hand, Miss Hatcher was completely immersed in the drama revolving around the *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* and found it impossible to relate to what her fiancée saw in *House of Cards*.

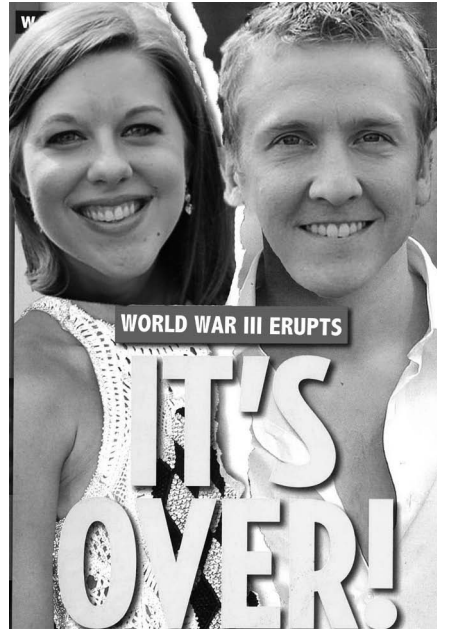
The inside source confirms the dispute. "There was definitely intense fighting going on; I

could hear them screaming one floor down. Pots and pans were smashing onto the floor, glass was shattering; I could even hear Love trying to distract Hatcher with one of his complex math formulas."

Another anonymous source also revealed that, "ever since the fight, the two have refused to talk to each other, and we're not even sure if the wedding is still on anymore." Moreover, this altercation between the two former lovebirds caused a rift through the entire student body, as teachers and students were forced to take sides between *House of Cards* versus *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. The hallways are filled with crying students, wailing that this fight broke the school. The entire student body hopes that both Love and Hatcher can put aside their differences in taste for Netflix TV shows and find common ground. Hatcher, in her only interview on the Sharkshow following the argument, states: "I need someone who will accept me for who I am, and the *Housewives* is such a big part of my life that I just really don't see myself marrying someone who doesn't agree with the fact that it is the best show on Netflix." A prominent English teacher, following the release of this interview, commented, "I don't see this couple getting back together at all.

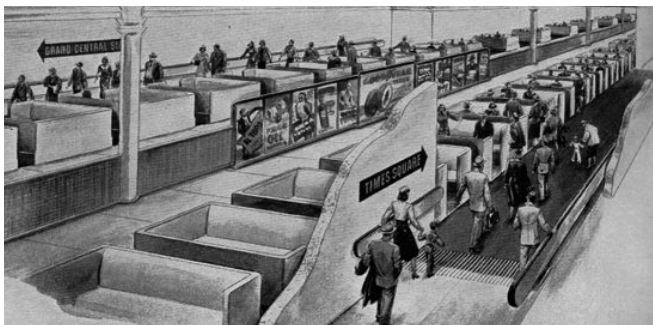
The damage is done on both sides. The best we can hope for is that both sides can remain cordial and that time will mend the relationships between Team Love and Team Hatcher."

Both camps have remained silent for the past 24 hours and have refused interviews of any sort. Will the hottest couple in MAK history since Ethan and Callie remain an item? Or has their young love completely unhatched? Our prayers go out to all those affected by this traumatic incident, and may the love between Mr. Love and Ms. Hatcher pull through during this time of great tumult.



Introducing Sharkways—The Only Transportation You Need

By: Sabrina Tsai



"I am happy to give you the official announcement that Morrison Academy Kaohsiung will have its very own Sharkway," Jasmine Teng, president of the Student Council proudly stated as she sat down in Newkirk's office for the monthly MAK update. Yes, you read that right. You know those moving walkways we love in the airports? We'll be getting those installed in the middle school hallways, the gym, and the high school hallways.

Teng explained its inspiration. "Well, this all started on the way back from our Malaysia Basketball trip. Our flight was delayed from Malaysia to Hong Kong, and we were in a rush, and so the flight attendant had to give us a short cut. As we were walking quickly from one end of the massive airport to the other, Samuel Stephenson pointed out how the big of a help the walkways would be at MAK, especially for late people."

Sophomores might recall last year's P.E. class and the recurring sight of Jeffrey Chen racing against the clock each morning. It turns out many students share this problem of being late. "It's not like we try to be late," Nathan Lee said slowly. "It's just that sleep is so important, you know?"

This is an excellent idea, but dangerous at the same time, especially if you've seen our students in the hallways. All new technology in MAK must be approved by the Morrison Board, and at first, Tim McGill, Morrison's superintendent, was

against the idea.

"Parents entrust their children to us, and we all know how much kids like to run," he pointed out. "We can't even stop students from running in the hallways. What do we do when they start running on the moving walkways?"

It was Elisa Cheng, secretary of Stuco, who came up with the brilliant solution. When we speed on the road, we get tickets, so why not just do that for the Sharkways? A speed limit would be set, and offenders would have to pay a fine ranging from 5,000 NT to 10,000 NT.

A brilliant solution indeed, but how do you enforce something like that? We're Taiwanese after all; breaking traffic laws is our specialty. Stuco consulted different experts, but ultimately it was Mark Griffin, the genius tech guy at MAK, who provided the answer. Students would be required to download apps on their phones that will sound deafening alarms if they go faster than the 10 spm (steps per minute) limit. Jasmine explains that since it is a moving walkway, there really is no need to walk like we used to before. (P.E. will be a required course for all students to save students from the problematic issue of obesity). The only way to stop the alarm was to have a patrolling officer or a Stuco member's fingerprint touch the home button.

These new walkways are still in their planning stages, and construction won't start until finals week. Good luck writing essays while having to listen to the ruckus, students! The school will be opening another summer course on "How to Walk Slowly."

"It'll be finished before school starts next year," Mr. Lin stated, "but we need another permit from the government, which we hope we can get sometime around August. But we predict students won't be able to use it until 2016."

MAK Seahorses

By: Ann King and Mr. Torgerson

After much deliberation, the Morrison athletic directors have decided to change MAK's mascot from a shark to a seahorse. The shark has been MAK's mascot for decades. The athletic directors made this decision to promote harmony between the three campuses, as MAK's shark mascot is of great contrast to MCA's Mustang and Bethany's Bronco. MAK picked the seahorse out of many candidates in order to retain the marine element of the mascot and to add an equine element.

A seahorse is a small marine fish in the genus hippocampus, which comes from Ancient Greek; hippo means "horse" and campus means "sea monster." Many students oppose having a seahorse as the MAK mascot because it sounds much weaker than the shark and is an animal typically dominated by others. "Aren't seahorses mostly food for other species?" Asked Emirlyn Yang, a ninth grader. "This is terrible." Mr. Campbell responded simply with etymology. "Based on the Ancient Greek definition, a seahorse is intimidating, too."



Diving Into The Rooftop

By: Evan Hsu and Mr. Torgerson

After months of discussion among the Aquatic Fun Committee, the Morrison Board has unanimously come to a major decision: MAK is going to have a swimming pool on the rooftop of the brand new high school wing.

Word of the news has driven Mr. Griffin into action, and he has personally asked to build some advanced technological facilities into the pool. Along with a high diving board, Mr. Griffin poured out his other ideas. "I would want underwater Wi-Fi," he excitedly said, "so people can use their phones and devices while swimming." I was completely stunned. "I would also want large screens on the bottom of the pool so swimmers could watch videos and movies." Sound will be clear above the water since underwater sound will be muffled. Snorkel tubes will be available so you do not need to gasp for air in between scenes. Cup holders will also be installed on the side of the pool for Tea and Magic Hand beverages.

MAK's pool is scheduled to open on May 4th and will be available every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school from 3:15 - 5:00 pm. It will also be open over the summer. As many have experienced, summer in Taiwan brings lots of rain. Glass ceilings and walls will be constructed to allow students, teachers, and parents to swim out of the rain. Insulators will warm the pool though the winter. The pool can be accessed via the ladder in the new staff work room.



An Honor for All Time

By: Mr. Torgerson

In their January meeting, the System Administrative Committee voted to erect a statue in the new high school courtyard honoring MAK's Mark Griffin. The decision came after two hours of debate over whether the statue should depict Griffin or Robert Morrison, the school's namesake. The final decision came as a delight to the Griffin family. Ryan, the youngest Griffin child, was overwhelmed with emotion. "My dad is the coolest," he whispered through sobs of joy, as his sister Maggie nodded in agreement. Emily Griffin was more skeptical. "I like my dad and all, but it seems like maybe Robert Morrison is just a little more important, you know?"



When asked about the choice of Griffin over Morrison, Garrett Freeman, the Taipei principal and member of the Committee, was to the point: "Robert Morrison was significant, certainly, but Mark [Griffin] is just better looking. I don't think high schoolers would really want to have to stare at Morrison's sideburns every day at lunch." Matt Strange, the Director of Curriculum, took a different angle. "Looks didn't have to do with it for me. They look so similar no one will notice the difference. To be honest, I wanted to slap some sideburns on Griffin and call it a day."

The commission for the sculpture has been given to local artist Chang Tai Tai, who is working to combine classical elements with a modern feel. In the sculpture, Griffin will be depicted on a Greek column, holding a laptop while running. "I wanted to combine Griffin's computer brain and his physical prowess," said Chang. "But the piece also represents technology with the laptop and human progress with his fit look and stylish headband. The statue represents both the genius of Griffin and humanity as a whole." The unveiling of the statue is scheduled for Monday, May 23.

Trampoline Basketball

By: Nathan Lee

In response to numerous requests from the students of Morrison Academy Kaohsiung, the school's athletic director, Ken Campbell, sent an appeal to the System Administrative Committee in Taichung for funds for a trampoline basketball court. The appeal was sent in early February. Before the appeal, the school's faculty had to undergo many days of rigorous meetings to decide whether or not to send the appeal up to Taichung.

"When I was a young boy I always dreamed of dunking. Sadly, I never quite reached it, and it is one of the only true regrets I have from my youth. With the installation of the trampoline court, I hope we can give all high schoolers and even the faculty at MAK the opportunity to realize their dreams," Paul MacDonald, the first grade teacher known for his athletic prowess, stated.

Despite MacDonald's strong support of the new court, many teachers weren't so avidly supportive of the proposal. "Where are we going to get the funds?" questioned Gabriel Choi, the principal of

Morrison Academy Kaohsiung. "Funds could be distributed from the new weight room," proposed MacDonald. At this remark, the weight-lifting instructor, Campbell, got up from his seat.

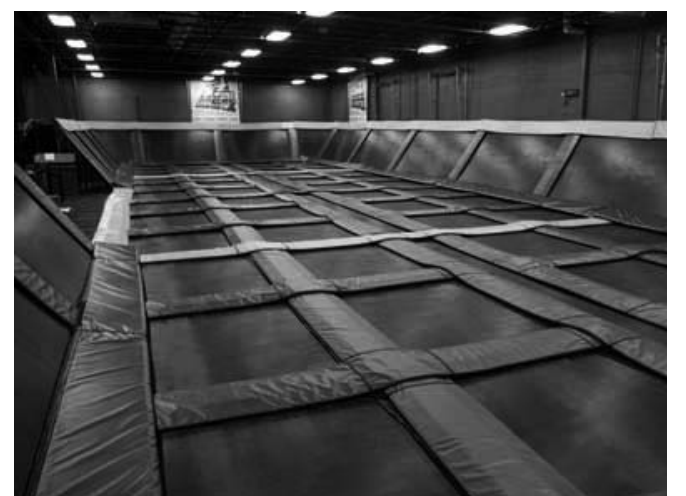
"Success in sports comes from hard work and sweat," Campbell informed the meeting attendees. "What kind of attitude in life are we instilling in our students if we just give them a court where the ability to dunk is easily attainable without the proper weight training?"

"For me the real dilemma is where do we put this thing?" responded Choi. With this remark, the meeting concluded with an almost unanimous affirmative vote for the new court and only one anonymous, negative vote.

On March 10, the System Administrative Committee finally approved the proposal for a trampoline basketball court at Morrison Academy Kaohsiung. Construction plans to remodel the old, worn-out outdoor elementary courtyard into an indoor trampoline basketball court have already been

finalized.

"I hope they add a helicopter that sprays ice cream water into my mouth everytime I dunk!" declared Nathan, one of the 1st graders in Mr. MacDonald's class. The new court is expected to be completed near the end of June and hopefully will be available to students and faculty by the start of next semester.



Up, Up, and Away with Varsity Quidditch

By: Douglas Scott



With the end of the school year fast approaching, Morrison Academy Kaohsiung has made the unanimous decision to institute quidditch as the newest varsity sport for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Quidditch will become the second high school varsity sport at MAK, preceded only by volleyball. The high flying sport of quidditch has been soaring in popularity around the world, lifting off in the U.S. and Australia. Morrison Academy Kaohsiung will be joining Morrison Academy Taipei, Kaohsiung American School, Taipei American School, and I-Shou International School in a Taiwan wide competition called TAMPQ (Taiwan Association for Muggles Playing Quidditch).

Morrison's high school students are just as pumped for the introduction of quidditch next year. Joseph Luther, a current junior, said, "I have dreamed of being a Seeker every night since middle

school, and I would be honored to represent MAK next year." Kent Hsieh, a fellow classmate of Joseph, was more blunt on the matter, stating: "I want to be a Beater. I like hitting people."

High school students are not the only ones grabbing their brooms in preparation for the start of the quidditch season, however. Mr. Griffin was overjoyed upon hearing the news, spewing out that he would "love nothing more than to be a Quijudge," the referee overseeing a quidditch match. He is not alone with this wish, as Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Chan have both already expressed interest in the job. However, not everyone is as upbeat about the announcement. Mr. Torgerson was more critical of the idea of a varsity quidditch team next year, saying that "it will pull people away from the soccer team. Soccer has been one of the pillars of the MAK sports program, and I think all who want to institute quidditch as a varsity sport are bonkers." Mrs. Laytham was also against it, stating that: "It will make my life a misery. I already have enough on my plate dealing with all the sick students in the school. The last thing I need is to have to attend to the flock of students who are sure to get injured playing quidditch."

Due to the popularity of quidditch in

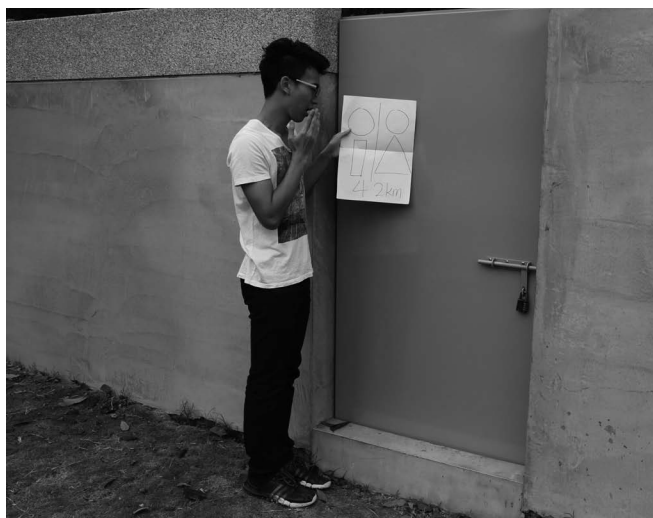
MAK, Mr. Choi has decreed that "tryouts will be held later this year and practices will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, above the soccer field during soccer season." He also said that any student who wants to participate must buy a Nimbus broom, either the Nimbus 2000 or the Nimbus 2001. Any student possessing a Firebolt will automatically make the team with the position of their choice.

So, high school muggles, be sure to grab your broomsticks and fly out to the soccer field to tryout for the MAK Varsity Quidditch team, starting on May 14, 3:15 P.M. All late students will promptly receive a bludger to the head.



Nature's Calling

By: Kent Hsieh



KAOHSIUNG, TW – Upon receiving the complaints from high school students in March, MAK's Board of Administrators has decided to grant the new high school wing another bathroom in addition to the one that is situated next to the gym. The original plan was to have it built on the existing tennis courts but the head of constructions, Mr. Chang, discovered, in the nick of time, that the numerous lines across the court jeopardized the feng shui of the entire school. Allegedly the original blueprints for the new bathrooms displayed a two story baroque building with marble steps spiraling upwards into individual stalls, each equipped with automatic-flush ceramic toilets. However, in addition to the predominating issue of feng shui, the school could only afford to build a lavatory that was half a story high, so the construction was delayed, and the plans were revised.

"It was difficult to accept," exclaimed Mr. Chang as he shook his head in disbelief. "If the lines

had pointed southeast instead of northwest then it would have been fine."

Feng shui master, known more commonly as Feather, also confirmed that the problem is indeed dire in the following excerpt: "Yes. It is."

Fortunately, after a month of searching, the school was able to find another location just a couple meters away from the original location that met the standards required for the washrooms. The surrounding vicinity contains various shrubberies, which are ideal dividers between stalls, and a tranquil stream which flows from east to west. After thorough inspection of the foundation around the area, Mr. Choi, the current principal at Morrison Academy Kaohsiung, authorized construction to begin.

"The dirt is stable enough for students to stand on, and the sewage system is entirely eco-friendly," explained Mr. Choi. "We value the lives of our students above all else. As our motto goes: 'You can't do squat if you can't squat.'"

High school English teacher Mr. Torgerson revealed to reporters that "The original plan was to have the sound of flowing water playing in each stall to relieve students' stress levels during breaks, but now that [they] have a natural source of water right next to the students, [they] can cut back on costs and maybe bring back the stone gargoyle that was decommis-

sioned due to the budget cuts."

In addition, the high school STUCO, as of March 14th, will be providing bathroom tours to familiarize students to the new facilities; this event, however, will only be available until April 1st.

Although the blueprints have been finalized and the construction has been authorized to begin in April, not everyone is content with the new bathrooms. John Lin, a former MAK high school student, expressed his discontent and jealousy by drawing stick figures in the ground on the site of the construction as a form of graffiti. The school quickly realized the need for certain security measures to ensure the safety of the students. A couple students have also gone out of their way to place booby traps around the area. The Board of Administrators is still deciding what to do with the rogue pranksters.



Drinking Fountains Protest Overwork

By: Joseph Luther

Jason Chou, an MAK junior, received an unpleasant shock when he went to fill up his water bottle on Friday, March 6.

"I was at one of the water fountains next to the bathrooms near the gym. I pressed the button like I always do. But no water came out. Then I looked up, and I noticed that the fountain's display was turned off!"

Chou's unfortunate ordeal is the latest in a series of inconveniences experienced by high school students at the drinking fountains. The high school fountains, particularly the one farther away from the door to the gym, have shown recent reluctance to dispense water. They may be protesting their overuse that has arisen this school year, and many fear that they may compromise social stability by initiating a strike.

Ever since the high school wing opened at the beginning of the year, these fountains have been used by students, teachers, and parents a lot more than usual. Sympathizers with the drinking fountains understand it to have been a draining experience.

The fountains have expressed their discontentment by dragging their feet in their job. In the space of one week in January, the fountain far from the gym (and the more expressive of the two) sporadically flashed the letters LLL and refused to open its tap until people returned an hour or so later. The meaning of this message has yet to be de-

termined. During Games Day, the fountain nearer to the gym exhibited this same behavior. The most extreme outburst so far, however, was the powering off on March 6 that Jason Chou and other students were subjected to.

"I've mostly recovered from the incident," said Chou in a Skype interview on March 7. "I was confused at first, but then I just went to the other fountain, and things were better after that." His signature orange water bottle, an icon of high school life, is still in use at the time of publication.

A cutoff in local water supply could lead to hard times. High school students like Chou would have to walk an extra half a minute to refill their water bottles. To make matters worse, the only feasible alternative water sources are the drinking fountains in the middle school wing, and the potential influx of high school students could worsen relations between the two camps.

To better understand the fountains' motives, a practicing medium who specializes in communication with office appliances offered her help to the SharkPost.

"I can't make out most of what they're saying, but they definitely seem frustrated," said the medium, who only gave her stage name, Aquarius. "This one vibration I'm hearing roughly translates to 'We must resort to extreme measures.' But it could also mean 'My hovercraft is full of eels.' I'm not sure which."



In the meantime, high school students and teachers are encouraged to bring water from home in the mornings, so as to lighten the demand placed on these drinking fountains. "You can't be too careful," concluded Aquarius.

Mr. Newkirk Considering Shaving Off Legendary Beard

By: Niki Huang, Mr. Torgerson, and Jasmine Teng

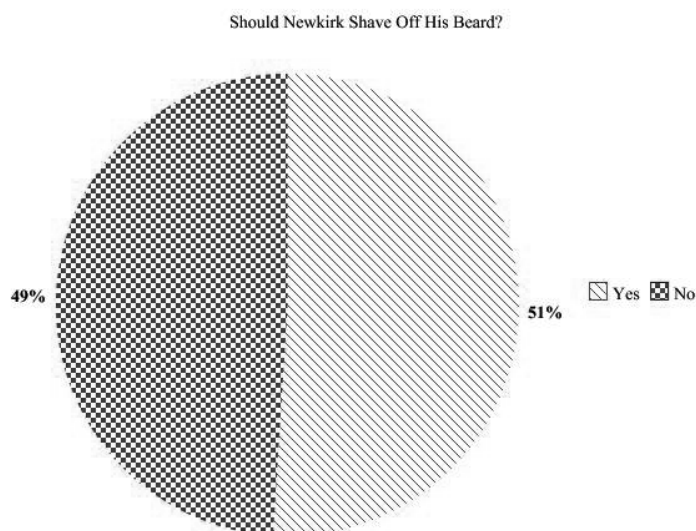
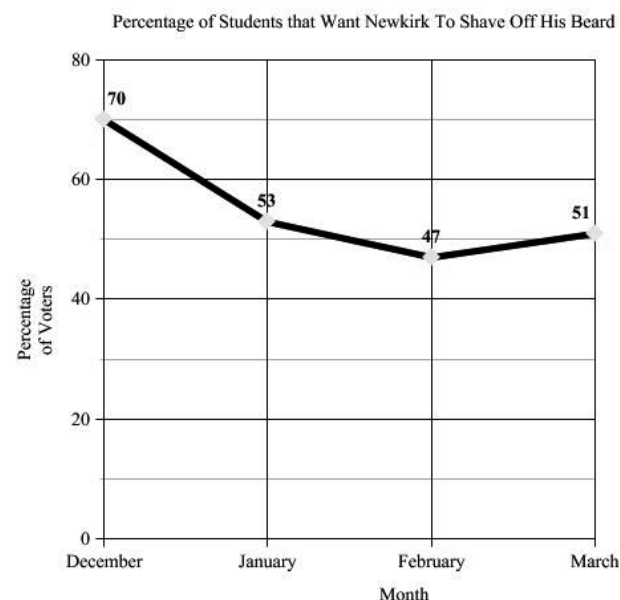
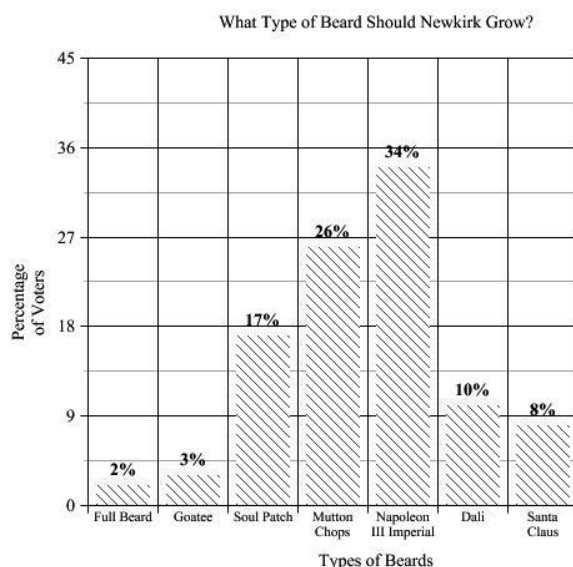
After years of pondering, Mr. Newkirk still has not decided whether or not he should shave his beard off. He has been thinking about it regularly in his office, especially during lunch while eating a sandwich and checking emails. He finally built up the courage to announce his final decision during this past combined chapel. However, as soon as chapel began and the worship team began to sing the song "Jesus Loves Me," Mr. Newkirk began to back up saying, "No, Jesus loves my beard, I think I should keep it."

In an exclusive interview, Mr. Newkirk revealed the reasons for the inner turmoil he faces every day. "I can't celebrate No Shave November, and I can't dress up for any other characters for Halloween except for a pirate. I really want to participate; however, I feel constrained by this beard of mine," said Newkirk. "Not to get too deep on shaving my beard, but shaving it would be a symbol of liberation, a chance to reinvent myself."

For the past two weeks, there have been debates all over the school on whether Mr. Newkirk should shave his beard off. Elementary school students have been betting with M&Ms and candies on what Mr. Newkirk's final decision will be, while the middle and high school students have been discussing this issue furiously during lunch, leading to many arguments.

To compile some data on Newkirk's beard, SharkPost staff asked some AP Statistics students to conduct research, and here are their results.

"According to the data, there is a consistent trend of high demand for Newkirk to shave off his beard, especially in December, presumably because the students need some cheering up during finals season. Furthermore, research indicates that a significant percentage of students prefer Newkirk to style his beard Napoleon III Imperial style." (See image on right for reference.)



First Grade Teacher Uncovers Dead Body and Local Legend

By: Christine Lee and Mr. Torgerson



On March 20 MAK student Gabrielle Liu accidentally discovered the skeleton of “Albert” while meandering around the perimeter of the track after cross country practice. “I was just walking around the school grounds, exploring the place, discovering new things, when I stumbled over a stick. When I sat up to inspect myself for injuries, I thought a sharp object poking my side might have been a broken rib, but I was wrong. It wasn’t MY broken rib. It was the broken rib of a dead man.”

Liu immediately rushed for help and found Mr. MacDonald. The choice was fortunate as MacDonald has a degree in criminology and experience with MacFunerals, a multigenerational legacy

of mortuary science in Washington state. “I quickly began digging up the dirt that covered up the remains,” said MacDonald. “Finally, when I dug everything up, I sat back in amazement at the unearthing of an old, yellow skeleton that was actually quite well-preserved.” MacDonald dated the corpse to the 1840s, and the pair took the news to Mr. Choi. It was received with a shock.

Paling for a moment, Mr. Choi described the story of Morrison’s ancient “legend of the missing man,” explaining how the corpse was likely “Albert,” missing acquaintance of Robert Morrison himself. To this day, it is still unclear of how Albert met his untimely demise, but the legend remains.

Morrison Academy, founded in 1952, was named after 18th century missionary Robert Morrison. Many people associated with the school are unaware of one of the dark moments of Robert Morrison’s life: his association with a missing person.

In 1837 here was a man who lived in a shack among the sugar cane fields in the area. He was a quiet man, always keeping to himself in a world of his own. One fateful day, he went out to buy some

fruits at the supermarket and stumbled upon Morrison. They hit it off pretty quickly, and soon Albert, as the quiet man was called, learned of Morrison’s vision of building a school. As such a friend would do, he sold the land to Morrison, and so came about the school all of us are now very privileged to attend.

Morrison soon forgot about Albert. With his sole focus on constructing the school, he had very little time. After several years, Morrison’s work load began to lighten up, and he finally remembered he never properly thanked Albert for his generous contribution towards the creation of Morrison Academy. But Albert was never to be found. Morrison’s search was futile and ended in despair. Once again Albert was moved back into the deep recesses of his mind and forgotten. This leaves us with the question, “What happened to Albert?” To this day, it is still unclear of how he met his untimely demise. A full study of the bones is forthcoming.

Following the interview, Mr. Choi told of another missing friend of Morrison’s, Charlie. It is said that he was last seen sleeping in under a tree near the playground at the rear of the school.

Old Man Discovered Living On MAK Campus

By: Alice Lin

MAK is a tiny campus. Almost all of the students have been to every place on the campus grounds, but there is one place that is often ignored. Near the running track, behind the grey wall, there is a small house that looks like a storehouse, temporarily built for storing tools used during the construction of the new high school building. No one knows that it has actually been there for over 20 years.

On Games Day, February 27, I was sitting behind a tree next to the storehouse to escape the noise of the team cheers. The door suddenly squeaked, and as a deformed wooden stick waved in the air, a hunched figure tottered out of the house.

“What a beautiful day,” said the old man in Taiwanese while yawning. He had a wrinkly face, sunken, pensive eyes, and a spectacularly shiny bald head. Not very far from the house Mr. Campbell shouted with his energetic voice, welcoming the U.S. team to perform their team cheer.

“Wow, what is up with these crazy foreigners, holding so many strange events almost every month?” the old man murmured to himself as he peeked at the crowd through a hole on the wall. BOOM, the sound of the fireworks set up for the U.S. team’s cheer scared the old man so much that he screamed in his cracked voice and dropped his walking stick.

“Oh my! Don’t they know that is illegal? I’m, I’m going to sue them for noise pollution and ask them to pay me compensation for mental distress, these insane aliens!” He scowled at the happy

U.S. team members, waving his hand in dismissive disgust.

As the elementary kids lined up in different lanes on the track, the old man unlocked his gate and drew closer to the crowd. Meanwhile, I remained in my hiding spot behind a large tree. Standing on the side of the track, he was so skinny and dwarfish that no one noticed his sudden appearance. The starting gun fired, and the race began. One elementary student, Ryan Tsai, was trying very hard to keep up with the other competitors beside him. Sweat dripped down his forehead and blurred his vision. Just then, he spotted the old man through the corner of his eyes. With a large grin, the old man waved at him and said, “Li huh!” Ryan was so shocked to see the toothless mouth and creepy smile that he tripped and fell on the track.

“Son, are you okay? What happened?” exclaimed Ryan’s mother, while hugging her son tightly and frantically checking if he was hurt. Ryan just continued to stare at the far distance with his eyes widely open in shock. Nowhere to be seen, the old man’s laughter echoed from somewhere behind in the woods, so horrifying that the birds in the trees fled the scene.

As Games Day concluded, I continued my reconnaissance and watched as the old man snuck into the MPR. Suddenly, a booming voice asked. “Hi, are you searching for your kid? The kids are all outside playing at the elementary courtyard,” Mr. Newkirk, probably thinking that the old man was some kid’s grandpa, kindly asked. The old man

jumped and instantly ran into the library just to find somewhere to hide, leaving Mr. Newkirk with a puzzled look on his face.

Remaining after school to watch the old man, I witnessed many of his strange tricks. He boldly strolled into the student store to steal some string cheese and A&W then went into the computer lab to play League of Legends. Finally, he walked all the way to Mr. Torgerson’s room. I saw him grab many copies of *Jane Eyre* and rip several pages out of the large novel. Satisfied, the old man returned back to his house and started a fire with the pages. I returned home, stunned.

The following day Jeffrey Chen, student store manager, angrily blamed his classmates for not keeping their inventory. Mr. Torgerson shouted at his English III students over the abused copied of *Jane Eyre*. And now, whenever these kinds of situations happen again, MAK students and faculty know who to blame for it.



Running In Circles

By: Samuel Tsai

"I was just flying my newly stole-, er, borrowed quadcopter," explained MAK tech genius Daniel Chiang, "when out of nowhere, a strange array of circular patterns popped up in the usually prosaic pineapple fields across the road." It was immediately verified by the local farmers that mysteriously during the night the infamous crop circles have made yet another appearance in our already much too perplexing world.

With the notorious crop-circle-creating aliens at it again, the discovery of these extraterrestrial patterns have led to a multitude of theories and finger pointing. Former world burger eating champion, now a locker opener/counselor/executioner/janitor at MAK, Mr. Matt Newkirk, has given his opinion on the formation of these strange shapes in the fields. "It is most likely, from my observations, that these aliens were not aliens at all, but naughty students seeking a chance at infamy," he deduced with a calm, and authoritative voice. "We should round up all of the students and interrogate them to see which of them committed the crime and what has caused them to commit such an inhumane act." Under the 1968 Anti-Alien Act (AAA), passed by the intergovernmental corporation, the League of Nations, "...all who take part in aiding extraterrestrial maneuvers,...and those who.... falsely....crop circles....shall be sentenced to... discarding two

cards per turn.....without delay." This is a serious crime, and as Taiwan was the first to sign the AAA, it should only be natural for this country to severely punish those who violate it.

With an equally accusatory theory, former student of MAK, Kevin Chuang, returning on a visit, gave his own opinion upon this mystery. "I think Samuel did it," he pointedly exclaimed when asked. "I mean, he's all about conquering the world and stuff!!" His accusation is now being taken under consideration, especially in the light of the fact that his accused subject has taken no attempt in denying his involvement in these crop circles within three seconds of his accusation.

Mr. Chiang is currently off trying to find a member of Akatsuki, after posting on Facebook "SOS-dan, the world is collapsing, I need to contact Nagato....!" While anime fans cheer for his quick, decisive move in world preservation, non-anime watchers are scratching their heads, pondering upon yet another mystery that has spawned from extraterrestrial sources.



The situation is currently under MAK security investigation, and while the dangerous culprits may be on the loose, along with the pineapple fields giving off a strange odor, Officer Ken Campbell, former NahVey S.E.E.L., assures that "the radiation has been sort of contained, and there is no reason to panic, yet...."

For more information on aliens infiltrating MAK, visit: <http://goo.gl/9ILEK0>.

EDA's New Amusement Park

By: Chantal Liu and Jasmine Teng

After much discussion, MAK Sharkpost sources have confirmed that E-DA has decided to open a second amusement park in the unused land behind MAK due to the incredible success of the previous amusement park. Construction will begin on April 20th of this year.

Like its successor, the amusement park will feature lots of excellent rides, this time including the Euthanasia Coaster, which would take lives "with elegance and euphoria." A description of this ride has been generously provided by its creator, roller coaster expert Lee Chong Wei: "Sure the coaster might lead to death. But it would be a good way to go out. It's final turn puts 14 g of force on the passengers. If you can survive that I'd say you're definitely awesome enough to keep on living." Separate tickets for this ride are required, but are priced at a cheap \$3000 NT. Bundle deals priced at \$6000 include a coffin, a burial spot, and a priest to bless your soul before you embark on your lethal ride.

Another interesting feature of the highly anticipated park is an exact replica of the maze from The Shining to provide for the entertainment of any visitors who have a specific desire to get lost with the odd idea that Jack Nicholson is chasing behind them with an axe. But no worries. 24-hour food stands will also be established inside, in the likely case that you fail to find an exit.

The best part about the amusement park is the "It's A Large World" ride, a blatant rip off of Disney's "It's A Small World," where passengers and other small innocent children get the fantastic opportunity to ride through an abandoned underground tunnel as shrill voices, emitted from wooden mannequins, sing melodies that will proceed to haunt them even into adulthood. Commenting on his experience, Mr. Gregg stated, "Had we stayed another minute, I think my brain would have exploded. Maybe people who get a kick out of wee beady eyes and creepy music liked it, though."

It all sounds fantastic! MAK students anticipate having so much fun every day after the park opens. The grand opening of the amusement park will be on May 29, 2015, the last day of school.

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New Dress Code: Nuns and Priests

By: Nini Lee

The tide of protests over the Morrison dress code has never ceased to end. Students (especially female) often get caught for wearing shorts that are more than 5 inches above the knee. In order to reduce further conflicts caused by the dress code, the Morrison board has decided to establish a uniform policy where all female teachers and students must dress like nuns and all male teachers and students like priests.

The purpose of the uniform policy not only is for reducing disputes between teachers and students, but also is designed to achieve equal opportunities wherever possible, to ensure that the students enjoy a corporate identity, to provide safe and functional clothing and footwear, and to minimize any personal risk to the health and safety of students and staff. “The new standard for uniforms does much to enhance the learning environment for the students,” said one of the board members. “School is for learning, not for fashion shows.”

During the meetings, one of the student representatives argued that wearing such a uniform in Taiwan’s roasting weather would cause the teachers and students to have heatstroke. The board rebutted the argument by pointing out that there are countries warmer than Taiwan that have nuns and priests following the religious dress code as expected. They ensure that the provided uniform will come in the lightest and thinnest cloth possible to prevent the chance of any symptoms caused by high temperatures.

For ALL students and staff:

- Habits and robes must cover the entire body; only the hands and face may remain visible
- Material must not be see-through
- Habits and robes must hang loose so the shape or form of the body is not apparent
- Habits and robes cannot be decorated and must not attract attention in any way
- Clothing must be in plain black and without any design
- Footwear must be wholly black and have a safe and suitable design to ensure the safe movement of students around the

site. No open-toed shoes, sling backs, sandals or flip-flops are permitted in any weather. Straps must extend half way up the leg.

For women:

- Headscarf must be plain back and cover all hair from sight
- White is only allowed at the front of the headscarf and on the clothing from neck to chest.

For men:

- White is only allowed on the clothing at the front of the neck.
- Facial hair is not permitted

The color black represents simplicity and is free of distraction or notice, ensuring that the wearer does not stand out. The color white represents purity, and that the wearer is pure of any unclean thoughts, actions, or behaviors. Students are allowed to wear clothing purchased outside of school, but must abide by the policy. Uniforms are available in the main office for purchases, replacement of loss, or lending for students whose clothing does not fit the requirements. The new uniform policy applies to all school times (8:00 A.M. to 5:00

P.M.) on all school grounds, including sports practice, club time, or any school-sponsored events. It is waiting to be announced and will be carried out starting April 1st, 2015.



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