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Paper or plastic, that is the question

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AC Transit is in the process of transitioning all its paper passes to the TransLink Card. Senior marketing representative Cristina Ebojo is preparing outreach events for schools and other public places to get students registered for the TransLink cards. There is one planned at the Fremont Main Library, March 23. The outreach events inform AC Transit riders who do not know about the cards or how to get one.

"There is a little advertisement on the bus, but it doesn't give directions on how to get one," junior Amber Yao said.

The TransLink Card is a plastic card personalized with the student's picture and name. It can be loaded with e-cash or a 31-day youth pass. To qualify for a Youth TransLink Card the rider must be 5 to 17 years old and show proof of name and age.

Ebojo says that the cards should be more efficient and reliable.

"If you bend [the paper passes] or place it near a magnet then when you go to swipe it, the machine can't register it. The cards will help a lot," sophomore Katie Majumdar said.

TransLink Cards cannot get demagnetized. There are multiple ways of loading them and can be easily replaced.

"In our test runs we have found that tagging a TransLink Card can result in faster boarding times compared to paying with cash or paper magnetic strip passes," Ebojo said.

TransLink cards are normally \$5, but AC Transit will be waiving the fee until June of this year.



Photo by JIMMY YOUNG

Junior Lara Mrgic sings a sweet song at the annual talent show to an enthusiastic crowd. Ballin considers the show one of the best talent shows yet.

Talent Clash

Showcase of talent explodes on stage

NOELLE FUJII
A&E Editor

The 18 different talent show acts brought an array of different performances in the cafeteria, Feb. 25 and 26. Both nights sold approximately 100 tickets.

Drama teacher Matthew Ballin was pleased with this year's show.

"It was great," Ballin said. "One of our best."

Talents ranged from music to poetry to dancing. Each performance ended with loud applause from the audience.

Junior Kimberly Valdovinos dropped her fan as she danced to Lady Gaga's "Paparazzi," but she didn't let it affect her performance. The audience stood and applauded for her as she ended her dance.

Junior Mario Rappa was the emcee. He introduced each person and his or her talent and added some comedy in between. He rehearsed some of his jokes, but he improvised most of them. Friday's show had a few technical difficulties, so Rappa had to take the stage until they were fixed.

"It was scary [during the technical difficulties] at first," Rappa said. "But in the end it was fun."

The performers enjoyed being on stage.

"I think [the talent show] was good. Everyone performed well," senior Lorenzo Dominquez said.

Freshman Aileen Liang played the piano and sang "Gravity" by Sara Bareilles.

"I was nervous at first, but it was

good later," Liang said.

Sophomore Kelsi Ocon performed solo on Friday when the night before she performed a duet with sophomore Kenzi Rushton because Rushton was out of town. Her performance was still followed by applause.

Sophomore Taylor Loosli favored the second act over the first act.

"I really liked the singers," Loosli said. "They really blew me away!"

Freshman Alice Pham thought the show was fun to watch. Her favorite performances by the Magical Unicorn Rainbow Cruise-Ship and the performers who played guitar solos.

The entire show streamed online during the show and can be found at whstheater.com.

Seniors line up at Chipotle

HARRIS AFRIDI
Reporter

Senior class treasurer Ben Rich organized a Chipotle burrito fundraiser from 5 to 9 pm, March 11. This was the second fundraiser Washington had with Chipotle.

"Students come in with their flyers; we count them off, take our share, and give the rest to Washington," Chipotle manager Jose Corgorno said.

Chipotle donated fifty percent of the proceeds to the class of 2010.

"Every one [one word 'everyone'] loves Chipotle and the

senior class needs some money," Rich said. "We're very grateful to Chipotle for helping us out."

"If we can reach out to Washington High School, it's a pleasure for us," Corgorno said.

This fundraising event at Chipotle was followed by an earlier event where Chipotle gave WHS students free burritos. While this fundraiser drew in a less crowd than the free

burrito event, people did show up to give back to Chipotle's generosity.

I really love Chipotle burritos. I hope they do this more often!

Judy Wu

cruise, senior week, graduation and other things that modern adolescents enjoy. WHS plans to use the money wisely because they want teenagers to be cool.

Scrivener gains superiority

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Reporter

The Scrivener, the school literary magazine, won the Superior award in National Council of Teachers of English's Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines.

Of the 425 schools across the United States who submitted entries, 26 received the highest award, 81 Superior, 207 Excellent and 48 Above Average.

This program is open to all high school and junior high schools throughout the United States, Canada, Virgin Islands and to American schools aboard.

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Photo by CHRISTELLE XU

The Haiti T-shirt Huskies are selling to help Haiti. Haiti experienced a devastating earthquake Jan. 12.

Shirt sales funds Haiti



SARAH DELANDA
Reporter

ASB is selling T-shirts to aid Haiti after the Jan. 12 earthquake. The fundraiser began Feb. 8 and all profits will go to the "Hope for Haiti" organization. More information can be found at hopeforhaiti.com.

"We're trying to target funds towards kids in Haiti," ASB secretary senior Cindy Chen said.

The idea for selling shirts came from seniors Breana Meagher and Jocelyne Yamaguchi as well as sophomore Caitlyn Yamaguchi. The concept was one of many emerging ideas for how to raise funds. There were plans for a "Quarters for Quake" fundraiser as a challenge to other school leaderships to see who could raise the most money within a week. Because other schools had already committed to their own fundraisers, the collaborative idea fell flat.

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