

GHS almost wins Scholastic Bowl

■ **SO CLOSE:** The team's best efforts lead them to second on both the essay-writing portion and the quiz section.

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This year's Scholastic Bowl, held on March 16 in the GHS Auditorium, was a promising feat for the Glendale High team. The competition was between Glendale, Hoover, Crescenta Valley, and Clark. CV won the contest by one point, bringing Glendale into the second spot. Hoover and Clark filled the third and fourth places respectively. The overall standings are CV with 87 points, Glendale with 86 points, Hoover with 59 points, and Clark with 56 points. The students that represented GHS were Kristofer Coffman, Carin Kellzi, Christopher Lyon, Amberly Simpson, and David Vartanyan. The quizmaster for this year's competition was Fritz Coleman, who is a weatherman at KNBC Channel 4.

In the battle of intelligence and knowledge, Glendale seemed to have steered towards a successful result early in the contest. Glendale struggled to maintain the lead throughout the competition. By crunch time, CV and Glendale were head-to-head. In the end, CV was able to attain a lead and win the competition.

There were different portions in the competition. There was the quiz portion, which has a format similar to the game show "Jeopardy!" There was also an essay-writing portion, which was held separately

a week before the quiz portion at the district office, wherein the contestants were given topics to discuss in essay format. The topic for this year's Scholastic Bowl essay-writing competition is whether humanity is making a positive or negative impact on the environment.

Glendale ended up being second in both the quiz portion and the essay-writing portion of the competition, both also by a very small margin. Glendale lost first place for the essay-writing competition by .1 point.

Though such standings were very aggravating for both the team and the advisers, everyone was still proud for the accomplishments that they have made. "We are both excited and frustrated," said adviser Mary Hazlett, "CV is a very strong team and to be able to compete with them makes us feel confident of ourselves."

Confidence and aggression are the keys to emerging victorious in the competition, but it is also significant for the team to have fun in the process.

The Glendale Scholastic Bowl team seems to have great prospects ahead of them. Every year, the team improves and expands its knowledge. This year's competition was a very close call. With the direction that the Glendale team is taking, they are on the road to winning the competition in the next years to come.



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INTELLECT: (Left to Right) Mary Hazlett, Shawna Metcalf, Carin Kellzi, Christopher Lyon, David Vartanyan, Amberly Simpson, Kristofer Coffman, and Kelly Palmer after they placed second in the competition.

Cheerleaders prepare to compete in Vegas

■ **HANDSTAND:** Cheer is getting ready and practicing diligently to place first in their upcoming competition.

BY ERIN HIGASHI
Staff Reporter

The Glendale High School cheerleaders will be going to Las Vegas for competition during the upcoming spring break. They will be in Las Vegas from April 17 to April 19 and will be staying at Planet Hollywood.

This will be the cheerleaders' second competition this school year and the first time they are going to Las Vegas. In September, they participated in a competition at Six Flags and received first place. They will be participating in a SHARP International Cheer competition. This time around, cheer will have more high-flying stunts, extreme tumbling, and a great dance routine.

Cheer is working harder than ever. With hours long of practices and more dedication, they are definitely aiming high. The squad is full of potential and the coaches are sure that their hard work will be worth it all.

They do have various things to work on though. When asked what the squad needs to work on most, Coach Noelle O'Brien said, "I think confidence levels need to be lifted when it comes to stunting because we have great technique, we just need the energy level to boost it. Also, the speed of progression should increase."

A vital component of cheerleading that the squad has been missing is their tumbling, but now one of their main goals is to pull that stunt off. Many of the girls are even attending gymnastic classes to strengthen their tumbling skills.

Fundraising is paying for all of the expenses. They have been working hard selling candy, cookie dough, and have been going to TV show tapings. They sell sour candies and chocolates and go to the TV show Catch 21.

Hopefully, all the hard work will pay off and they can score another first place and continue competing in more competitions. Coach Ali Oligny has full faith in her

squad and believes they can bring home various awards. "We can definitely win as long as everyone can stay focused because everyone has made so much progress and now we have tumbling, which is what our squad has been missing to give us a competitive edge," said Oligny.

Students salsa their way to the dance floor

■ **FIESTA:** Students enjoy one last dance before Spring Break to enjoy drinks, and dancing.

BY WILBUR RIVERA
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A night of dance and a mix of Spanish culture come together for an annual event. Sponsored by Spanish Club, Salsa Night was held in the cafeteria last Friday,

March 27 from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets were sold for \$7 with ASB, and \$8 without.

Over the past years, Salsa Night has proven to be a successful dance and those who attended were guaranteed to have a good time. Senior Anne Delgado said, "The DJ was great. I never stopped dancing, except to drink water."

A tropical/Hawaiian theme was the display for this year's Salsa Night, while drinks were sold by the door. Pina colodas and virgin margaritas made their comebacks due to the success from last year's dance.

In this year's dance, free leis were given out to the first incoming guests of the night. For several years, the same DJ has been setting the music for Salsa Night. But this year, a new DJ hosted Salsa Night's music. DJ Energy made his debut appearance at Glendale High. There was a variety of music being played during the dance. From Spanish music, to salsa, to modern English, Salsa Night offered a night for all cultures.

All cultures and all ages were welcome. But for those who did not attend Glendale High, they had to fill out a special form to attend. Students also needed to bring their student I.D. to gain entrance to the dance.

When it comes to expectations, the presidents of Spanish Club only want what's best for their fellow schoolmates. Fernanda Gonzalez, co-president of Spanish Club said, "Our goal is to get people to have a memorable night and leave wanting to come back next year. Salsa Night is all about dancing the night away."

While the number of guests exceeded their goals for the dance, money was not their main concern.

"When it comes to Salsa Night, we don't really focus on the profits. We care about people coming back on Monday and talking about how great Salsa Night was," said Gonzalez. This dance has proven once again to be a big hit, and will stay that way for the many years to come.

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IN BRIEF

* Glendale High's award-winning Dance Drill team walked away with an unprecedented 11th consecutive national title in Coed Dance from the United Spirit Association on Mar. 27-28 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Results:

- Coed Dance (Celine Dion medley): 1st Place
- Varsity Small Military (Slumdog Millionaire - "Jai Ho"): 1st Place
- J.V. Large Military (Mulan): 1st Place
- Large Hip Hop: 1st Place
- All-Male (Obama): 2nd Place
- Varsity Large Military (Supermodel): 2nd Place

* On April 8, 9, and 10, the Glendale High Harlequins will present three plays based on the works of William Shakespeare, entitled "Shakespeare Redux." The performances will take place in the auditorium. The plays will start at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are on sale now and will be available at the door for \$6 with ASB card and \$8 without.

* Claire Benoist and Angela Jeong performed in the superselect California All-State Choir.

* The "Dark Knightro" spring pep rally was held this morning in the north gym during a second period double assembly. Seniors dressed as Batman, Juniors were the Joker, Sophomores were Two-Face, and Freshmen were the Gotham City Police Department.

* Spring break will be from April 13 to April 17, and classes will resume on April 20.

* Alan Eberhart (GHS Class of 1975) was named the new Glendale head football coach.

* Open House was held on March 26 in the school campus.