

## Economy influences future of student and intern

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California budget cuts deprive students and staff of future opportunities.

Taryn Wright, an intern for counselor Britny Stewart is considering her options as a high school counselor. Wright's career choice stems from her own experience in high school.

"I just had a really good school counselor. She really pushed me to my full potential, and I wanted to do that for someone else," Wright

said.

However, job openings for school counselors are limited. These receding opportunities parallel challenges faced by seniors.

Although he originally intended to go to college and major in Criminal Justice, senior Eduardo Vasquez has chosen to go into the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and eventually join the Air Force.

"The reason why it would kind of hard to go to college is I'll get a degree, and since the economy is so bad, they're not hiring a lot of

probation officers, I won't have a career," Vasquez said.

By changing his career plans, Vasquez hopes to make a more profitable future for himself.

Like Vasquez, Wright continues to pursue other ways to further herself in her career.

"I'm thinking about nonprofit organizations, just getting some volunteer work to make myself more marketable," Wright said.

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## What's Choppin'?

### New Leaf Club

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New Leaf Club, created by junior Julien Malard, is a branch of the Environmental Club. With the thought of dividing the club into different groups, Malard came up with the idea of "New Leaf," a club that specialize and focus more on community service.

"[The club] also focuses on telling students more about the environment and spreading the awareness," Junior Lisa Ramie said.

### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 11**  
Veteran's Day- No School

**Nov. 10**  
Christmas tree orders due

**Nov. 20 @ lunch**  
Thanksgiving rally

**Nov. 23-27**  
Thanksgiving break- No School

**Dec. 3-5, 7-11**  
The Odd Couple

**Dec. 7-14**  
Toy Drive

**Dec. 12 @ 8-11**  
Winterball

## CSF allows non-members on trip to university

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The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) allowed non-club members to attend their field trip to UC Santa Cruz, Oct. 30 due to a decline in member interest.

Club president Emily Khuc decided to open the trip to all interested Washington students, in order to cover the various costs such as transportation.

Senior Chris Valdez was one of the students who benefited from this decision.

"I thought that the UC Santa Cruz trip was very well planned. The tour was informative and the campus was great. Everything was organized well, and I definitely want to join CSF in January," Valdez said.

The trips gave students an opportunity to take a campus tour as well as attend an admissions

presentation and experience the dining hall. Students were able to get a realistic view of typical college life at UC Santa Cruz.

The annual trip is meant to give college-bound students, especially seniors filling out their applications, a chance to visit a college campus before applications are due in November.

"[Visiting the college] gives students a much better idea of what's going on and what the environment of the campus is like...also it's more convenient and nice to go on the tour with your peers rather than your parents," Khuc said.

Khuc does not foresee the field trip being open to all students in the years to come. The annual field trip is considered one of the privileges of being in the club, along with the banquet in the spring and scholarship eligibility senior year.



Photo by BRITNY STEWART

Participants who went to UC Santa Cruz pose for a group picture. CSF allowed non-members on their trip.

Any students interested in joining CSF can apply for membership in at the beginning of the second semester in February.



Students eat their lunches in the amphitheatre during the Halloween rally. There were over 500 students present. Photo stich by CHRISTELLE XU

## Halloween rally draws largest crowd in 20 years

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The amphitheatre packed 500 to 600 students for the Halloween rally, and almost 800 students and faculty members were fed.

"The Halloween rally at lunch on October 30th attracted the biggest crowd I have seen in all my years at Washington," activity director Helen Paris said.

There were barely any seats available for students who came late to rally. The Halloween rally has been a tradition at Washington High School for the past 20 years.

Unlike other schools in Fremont who usually have international kitchen for a week, Washington hosts Barbeques throughout the school year. The rally is funded by money from ASB cards. Most

of the money collected through the buying of ASB is returned to students in the form of rallies. Students purchased food for a \$1.00 without a costume and \$.50 with a costume; teachers in costume got food for free.

In general, the Halloween rally usually consists of a costume competition, pumpkin carving and bobbing for apples.

The Halloween costume contest contained a wide range of costumes, from a Roman goddess to Po from Teletubbies.

First prize for pumpkin carving went to junior Kaitlin Loob, and senior Alex Tyler won first prize for apple bobbing.

The funniest costume went to the costume group, "Irony," with two prisoners and a cop.

The most creative costume was sophomore Alex Rich's hitchhiker.

The spookiest costume award went to the mimes, senior Emily Hues and senior Dylan Jarvis.

For the first time at lunch time, there was a live performance by a new R&B group called New Era who sang a couple songs to end the largest Halloween rally in Washington history.