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Competition in school inspires both academic vitality and mental stress

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A ton of new friends and new classes. A school full of events and experiences. A frightening future and overwhelming possibilities. For this generation, the one thing on incoming and current high school students' minds is the menacing academic competition, aptly named the GPA Game.

High school students can't help but stress over the excessive demands that an academic lifestyle calls for. Some students are pushing themselves past breaking points by doing rigorous Pre-AP, AP and IB courses and by piling loads of different extracurriculars, volunteer work and extra "cushion" courses on their hypothetical places.

Students often do this to reap the rewards of their hard-work: highest class rank possible by their senior year. But to what extent does a student have to push themselves to conquer the GPA Game?



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Football player reflects on the big game

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A special event in my life happened my senior year of high school. Before the playoffs we were 5-5 and third in our district. Our own students told us we would lose and Cinco Ranch was going to beat us again for the fifth year in a row.

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WHO ARE YOU WHISTLING AT?

Feminist Club leaders launch anti-harassment campaign

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You walk down the hallway and suddenly feel the sting. It's like a slap across the face, a shove from behind, a yank of your hair. You're trying to get to class, so you keep walking. But then you feel it again. Words that cling and claw at your back. You try to ignore it, ignore them. You turn the corner into an empty hallway and they follow behind you. It's just the two of you alone. Do you turn to say something or walk quickly to class?

Sexual harassment, or unwanted sexual advances or remarks, plagues high schools like ours, but the issue is often not faced. Founders of the Feminist Club, Seniors Rachael Yeldman, Allison Daniel, and Amanda Garcia, have gained the confidence and courage to acknowledge and educate the high school campus.

The problematic environment of the halls is faced every morning and afternoon, during and between all seven classes. American

History, Government, Economics, and Psychology teacher and Feminist Club sponsor Mark Chapman sees the problems students face in terms of sexual harassment at the school.

"The situation in the hallways is at best problematic. Sometimes it's downright hostile," Chapman said.

"Constantly you see boys inappropriately touching girls. I know that a lot of those girls don't want that to be happening. They don't feel comfortable saying leave me alone or they don't feel like the boy is going to listen."

This situation is what inspired the club's founders to start a campaign for awareness of the issue. Their goal is to inform the public that the current state of the halls is not okay and acknowledge that the problem is only the first step. Garcia was introduced to the problem by another teacher.

"We spoke to Ms. Segal, the yearbook teacher," Garcia said.

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Breast cancer luncheon stirs awareness for patients at Ben Taub hospital

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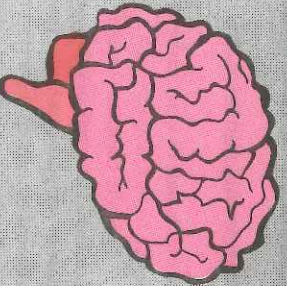
Pink! Ribbons, cupcakes, tablecloths, and more at Breast Cancer Awareness Club's luncheon. At an event the Italian club sold noodles, cupcakes and drinks, and the club gained money to donate to fund cancer boxes for patients at Ben Taub hospital, a top-rated hospital in the Houston area. With music and a pinked out multipurpose room, the atmosphere was lively and exciting when students filed in to pick up their lunch.

Included with the donation of \$8 was a choice of spaghetti or various kinds of alfredo pasta with a roll, salad and a vanilla or chocolate cupcake. Students sat at tables and chatted as they enjoyed their meal and club officers sold, collected and raised additional money for charity by offering an additional cupcake for \$1.

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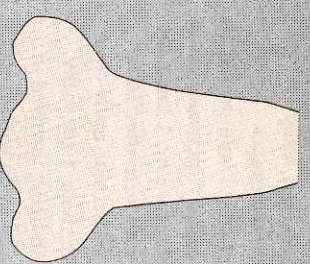
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