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SPAIN INVADES MIS

Exchange Students from Spain visit MIS

Mateo Diaz and Laura Ruiz



MIS and Spanish students cheer on the Atlanta Braves on September 6th. (Cameron Young)

On September 2nd, Spanish students and teachers flew to Atlanta, welcomed with cheers and signs from their MIS hosts. Among the students were familiar faces from MIS's January visit to Spain. For some Spanish students, it was their second time in the United States. Julia Arias, one of the Spanish students, said, "I went to New York when I was ten and I had a really fun time." (cont. on page 3)

LEONARD'S LETTERS

Dear Leonard,

My time management skills need some work I keep having to stay up late finishing assignments I forgot about. This has really affected my sanity and I need some help. How can I get better at managing my time?

Sincerely, Tired & Stressed

Dear Tired & Stressed,

Time management is an important skill, but can be tough to learn. Try to keep track of your assignments and break them up into smaller tasks. Remember not to overwork yourself, and take breaks when needed, as it's important for your mental health. It may take time to find out what works for you but talk to other people about what strategies work for them. Hope this helps!

-Leonard 

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Parents and students at the Bash. (Tristan Rezaie)

TEACHERS DUNKED AT BASH

Willa Nichols

On September 22nd, the MIS Back 2 School Bash was held to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Younger guests had the opportunity to jump in the bouncy castle. High school students volunteered to run the activity stands, including sand art, face painting, musical cakes, and most anticipated of all: the dunk tank. The dunk tank featured many teachers and administrators, including the Head of School, Mr. Ashley Scott. (cont. on page 2)



WHERE ARE THE DRAGONS AT DRAGON CON?

Rex Jamison

Dragon Con 2023 was held from August 31st to September 4th in Midtown Atlanta. More than 70,000 people bought tickets for the annual convention, a big increase from the 40,000 visitors last year. On Saturday 80,000 people watched the parade, often considered the highlight of the convention. Hundreds of people in costumes, joined by a fleet of custom cars and floats, made their way down Peachtree Street.



A Star Wars fan dressed as a “Maul dalorian” gestures during the parade. (Cameron Young)



A reveler dressed as “Dragon Con” leads the parade. (Cameron Young)

The atmosphere was that of a diverse community of people coming together to share a common interest in nerd-dom. There was no shame or judgment, just people embracing their true selves and enjoying life. MIS student Cameron Young ('24) said: “The overall experience was very fun. I didn't get to spend as much time there as I wanted to. I really enjoyed seeing everyone dress up though. To be completely honest I only went to the parade and I loved the atmosphere. I didn't have time to do other things, especially with the Spanish students here. The vibes of the parade were very enthusiastic, especially compared to last year. It felt like everyone was back in a way. I saw some familiar faces and the whole affair felt quite enjoyable.” While the pandemic presented a serious challenge for the survival of Dragon Con, it was comforting to see Atlanta's festival of fandom come back with a roar.

(Teachers dunked; continued from page 1)
Audrey Buresh ('27) landed an especially good dunk on Mr. Richard Pettypiece towards the end of the Bash. Students, families, and friends were invited to partake in the Bash. Most activities and snacks cost five tickets or less, while some were available for free with the purchase of a bracelet pass. In addition, anyone could purchase Italian ice from the visiting food truck. All attendees had a great time participating in the event. Thank you to all of the faculty and staff that made this fun Bash possible!

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Spanish Exchange students pose with Ashley Scott and Ashley Moore. (Cameron Young)

(Spain Invades; continued from page 1)
Arriving over Labor Day weekend gave the Spanish students and their hosts a chance to explore Atlanta's most popular attractions such as the Georgia Aquarium, The World of Coca-Cola, MLK's birthhome, MLK's burial site, parks, festivals, and farmers markets. On the following Tuesday, they were given a schedule and a Chromebook. MIS wanted to give the Spanish students a realistic US schooling experience. "The way of teaching seems very creative to me, although at the same time very strange," Arias said. "During this week, although it is true that I have not fully understood the system of schedules and subjects, I have learned a lot of vocabulary and other new things that we do not learn in Spain, such as sign language."

On Wednesday, MIS and Spanish students went to Truist Park to watch the Atlanta Braves play the St. Louis Cardinals, who won 11-6. The clear and sunny weather was perfect for the occasion. It was a new experience for the Spanish students, since in Spain they do not have the opportunity to watch baseball games. Toño Marino, a Spanish professor, said "I didn't know the game would be interrupted so often to do games or other entertaining activities." "Honestly, during the game I didn't fully understand how the game was working," Arias said. "But I loved the atmosphere and the experience, the music, the games, the food, and spending time with my friends and family." (cont. on page 4)

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MIS and Spanish exchange students pose following a soccer game on September 11th. (Elaine Benfield)

(*Spain Invades*; continued from page 3) On Monday, September 11th, the Americans played against the Spanish (and Cameron Young, '24) in a soccer game at Ridgeview Park. The Spanish won 2-0 and were rewarded with an Italian soda. Both teams received the warm support of their fans, brightening the atmosphere and bringing good vibes to the game. After school on September 13th, Kay Lipson hosted a pool party at his home. Everyone was invited, including American and Spanish students, teachers, and even parents. It was an afternoon during which everyone enjoyed the atmosphere. We want to thank Kay and his family for hosting the pool party and creating a memorable afternoon for all.

September 15th was the last school day that Spanish students spent at MIS. A potluck was held in which both families and students provided food. The meal had served as a farewell to these two wonderful weeks of class. MIS student Jordan Myles ('24) had this to say about the Spanish students' departure: "I'm going to miss them, I plan on keeping contact because they are my besties. I made many new Spanish student friends." *The Lynx* wants to thank every Spanish student for coming to MIS. We look forward to keeping in contact with our new friends. We wish you a safe flight back to Spain, and we hope you come back soon!



TRUMP FACES 91 CRIMINAL CHARGES

Cameron Young

Former President Donald Trump was indicted by a Fulton County grand jury on August 14th, along with eighteen co-defendants, on charges related to an attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election. The presidential candidate appeared at the Fulton County jail on August 24th to surrender to authorities and have a mugshot taken before posting his \$200,000 bail.



Former President Donald Trump appears in a booking photo. (Fulton County Sheriff's Office)

I interviewed students and faculty around MIS about Mr. Trump's legal woes, and here's what they had to say. To read the interviews, see pages 6 and 7.

EDUCATION IN UKRAINE DAMAGED BY WAR

Tristan Rezaie

The ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia has severely affected the availability and adequacy of education in afflicted regions. According to UNICEF, over 5 million children have experienced disruptions to their education as a result of the war. The Borgen Project, a non-profit dealing with global poverty, estimates over 3,000 educational institutions have been damaged throughout the conflict.



Ukrainian service members walk near a destroyed school. (Viacheslav Ratynskyi/Reuters)

Most parents have opted to take their children out of school and place their children in online schooling, but recent attacks to energy infrastructure have caused widespread blackouts, leaving students unable to digitally connect with their teachers. In addition to the lessened accessibility of education, Russian-occupied areas in east Ukraine have experienced drastic alterations to their curriculum. Ukrainian teachers are forced to teach classes in Russian language, and pro-Ukrainian materials, media, and books have been prohibited. According to the Institute for the Study of War, an American research group tracking the war, Russian authorities have brought in over 750,000 pro-Russian books for Ukrainian students, and students' devices are being checked to prevent "extremism". Only time will tell what the long term effect on the children of Ukraine will be, but the trauma and disruption brought by the war will leave a lasting impact on the people of Ukraine.

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What do you think of Donald Trump's indictment in Fulton County?



Donald Trump appears in a cameo in Home Alone 2. (Twentieth Century Fox)

Charlie Pinkerton ('27)

"I think him being indicted in Fulton is fine. I think it could happen anywhere. It's just big that he has been [indicted]."

Alex Benfield ('24)

"It's definitely pretty surreal that he had to go to a courthouse like twenty minutes from my house where I've grown up. I definitely think it has huge implications for American society."

Mr. Pettypiece (Faculty)

"I think it's clearly been well-researched and well-documented. The people who are taking charge of the case certainly took their time and care in putting it together."

What effect, if any, do you think the indictment will have on Atlanta?

Mr. Pettypiece (Faculty)

"I was curious to see when the indictment was read, and then when Trump himself came to receive his charges, I was expecting more people."

Alex Benfield ('24)

"I think depending on how his election plays out and how his trials before the election play out, like there could be some rioting. I don't really see a world where Trump supporters just let him go to prison, or Trump lets himself go to prison."

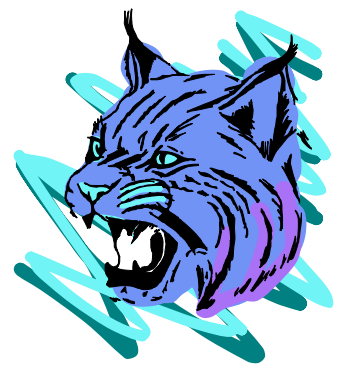
Charlie Pinkerton ('27)

"I doubt it will affect Atlanta. I think unless some people are super invested."



Trump appears at a separate arraignment in New York in April. (Reuters/Brenden Mc Dermid)

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Trump speaks to reporters after surrendering at the Fulton County Jail. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

How would you describe or caption his mugshot?

Mr. Pettypiece (Faculty)

"It's very New Yorker, this is the satire of the New Yorker done for it. The art expressing reality and the reality driving art, the line seems to blend between the two with this."

Alex Benfield ('24)

"Looks like the Grinch went on a rampage and got imprisoned for a couple days."

Charlie Pinkerton ('27)

"He looks angry he got caught."

Only time will tell what effect Donald Trump's indictment will have on Atlanta, America, and the world, but it will certainly make for an interesting if not unprecedented election cycle.

Do you think his indictment will affect his prospects of reelection?

Alex Benfield ('24)

"I think this one, not really, because it's the fourth one, but in total, I definitely think in the Republican party it has increased his support, but every single other group it's reduced his support. I think he is extremely unlikely to win if he does get the nomination."

Mr. Pettypiece (Faculty)

"Well, there's an interesting effect you hear about amongst news agencies, reporters, people who are running polls around the country, that seems to suggest that those who traditionally align with conservative ideals seem to be galvanized into support of Donald Trump. So it seems to be increasing his chances of winning against the other candidates for the Republican nomination."

Charlie

"I don't really know his prospects for the presidency."



BOMB OR BIRKEN-STOCK?

Katie Murphy Reviews: *Barbie* & *Oppenheimer*



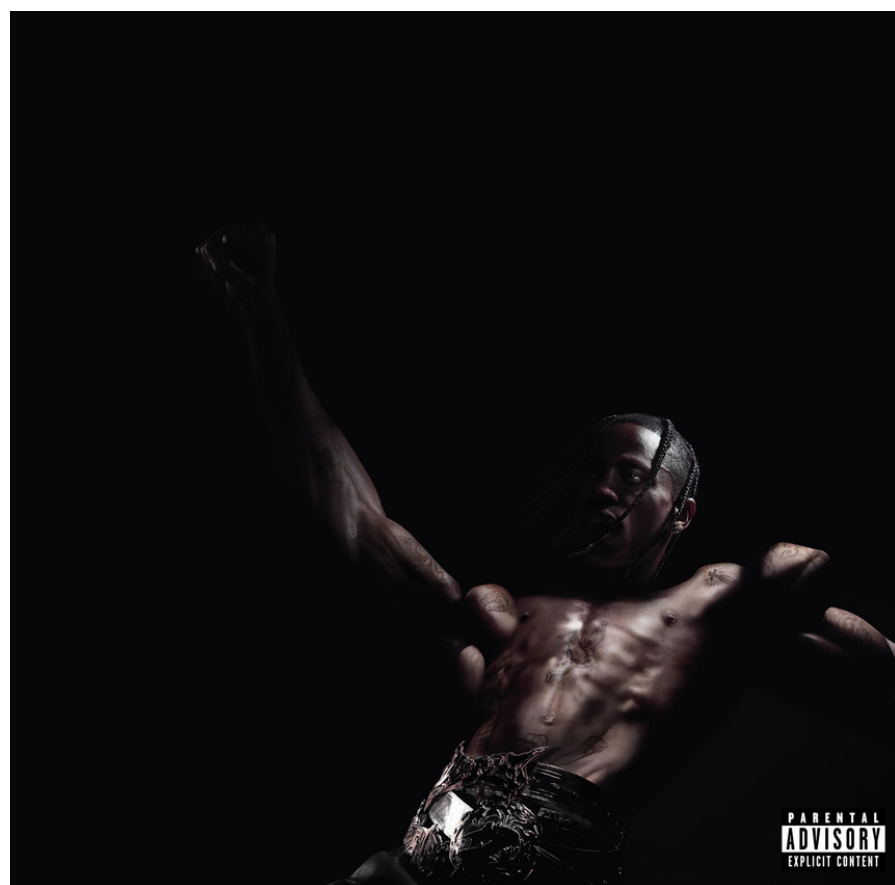
Barbie and *Oppenheimer* released on the same day (Universal/Warner Brothers)

Barbie follows the adventure of Barbie and Ken, as they follow their hearts and enact changes in Barbie-land. At first, the movie seems to be great; however, looking deeper, the movie fails to convey its theme in a meaningful way as it attempts to distract the audience with meaningless scenes (e.g. Allen’s fight with the Kens). The movie flattens important advancements in women’s rights, patriarchy, and capitalism. (cont. on page 9)

TRAVIS SCOTT FAILS TO ATTAIN UTOPIA

Noah Harden

Five years after his critically acclaimed *ASTROWORLD*, Jacques Bermon Webster II (A.K.A. Travis Scott) finally released his newest album, with it dropping to a decidedly mixed reception. While being generally popular, some critics think it is a hollow shell of what Travis Scott once was. As said by Alphonse Pierre, “The hollow spectacle of *UTOPIA* is not enough.” (cont. on page 9)



UTOPIA Album Cover (Cactus Jack Records).

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Visual in Travis Scott's New Album, UTOPIA
(Complex)

(Travis Scott; continued from page 8) But is it good? As a connoisseur of *ASTROWORLD* and *Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight*, it feels like much of his signature energy is gone. The production feels like a step up, with the beats sounding atmospheric. However, the singing still feels stale, resulting in a product that can feel underwhelming. Because of this, Travis Scott is still semi-irrelevant. But don't take it from me; take it from the numbers.

(Bomb or; continued from page 8) Still, *Barbie* has its merits. The actors, from Margot Robbie as Barbie to Micheal Cera as Allan, were all skilled and brought life to characters that were previously merely words and ideas (and, of course, dolls). The skill of the actors wasn't the only thing that brought the movie to life; the impressive technological elements, the individual dollhouses, the charming outfits, and behind-the-scenes details also helped.

According to *Audience Review*, the movie is rated a solid 3.0 with 12,843 reviews. Many fans loved it for the nostalgia and the hilarity, while others disliked it for its plot and lack of key elements in women's rights. I'd rate this movie at a 3/5, worth it for the visuals and the skillful actors, but less so for the plot. (cont. on page 10)



Weird Barbie presents Barbie with a choice.
(Universal)



Ken living his dreams in Barbie Land
(Universal)



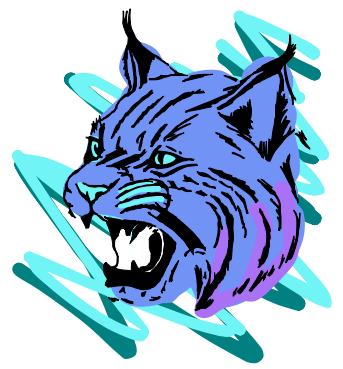
Oppenheimer and Einstein meet by a lake (Warner Brothers)

(Bomb or; continued from page 9) *Oppenheimer* is a biopic following the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, highlighting the invention of the atomic bomb and the events that followed.

The movie is rated 3.6 out of 8,854 reviews from *Rotten Tomatoes*. More people tend to be leaning towards the positive reviews of this movie as compared to the negative reviews. The movie was stunning. The visual effects at the beginning of the movie and those scattered throughout emphasized the scenes. Two quotes of the movie really highlighted the plot:

“Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to man. For this, he was chained to a rock and tortured for eternity.” and “Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.”

Actors Cillian Murphy, Florence Pugh, Josh Hartnett, Emily Blunt, and Robert Downey Jr are all skilled. They played their roles and depicted the life of Oppenheimer well. The technological elements helped depict Oppenheimer’s character alongside the actors. In addition, the stunning visuals and sound effects helped emphasize the life of Oppenheimer and the challenges he faced. The mix of sounds and visual effects left mixed impressions on the viewers. The flashing lights and the crescendos of music allowed the dissonance of Oppenheimer’s character to be shown. The black-&-white contrasting with colored footage gave the movie extra depth and showed the passage of time.



Fashion Fever

Fashion weeks hit New York, Paris, and Milan

Nadia Woodard

“September is the January of fashion,” says Candy Pratts Price, former editor of *Vogue*, and it couldn’t be more true. New fashion collections were released this month in New York, Paris, and Milan. The three fashion weeks will see new collections from staple brands like Coach, Fenty, Michael Kors, and Jason Wu as well as a slew of emerging names. Gucci is returning this year with a new creative director, Sabato De Sarno, after the previous creative director, Alessandro Michele, left abruptly a few months ago. Sarno has worked at Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, and Valentino. While working at Valentino, Sarno previously worked as the right hand man to famed Italian fashion designer Pierpaolo Piccioli.



Peter Do, the new creative director of Helmut Lang
(Erik Tanner)

The industry and fans of the brand are excited about his new upcoming collection and hope Sarno will be able to continue the new life that Alessandro Michele was able to breathe into the brand before stepping down. (cont. on page 12)

PUZZLES



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(Fashion Fever; continued from page 11)
Gucci isn't the only big brand changing leadership. Peter Hawking became the new creative director of Tom Ford this April and will debut his first collection, at Milan Fashion week. Hawking became director after the company was sold to Estée Lauder for 2.8 billion dollars and Tom Ford stepped down from the position.

While those companies prepare new directors and fans nervously await their new collections, Moschino continues to search for a new director after Jeremy Scott stepped down after a decade at the company. With its 40th anniversary coming up, the brand decided to put four stylists together, Katie Grand, Carlyne Cerf de Dudzele, Gabriella Karefa-Johnson, and Lucia Liu, to create what was described as a season inspired by “archives extravaganza.” But by far the most exciting new designer to watch is Karoline Vitto, who created a platform for herself at Fashion East and worked with the support of Dolce & Gabbana. This season she will do a show with two other designers involved with the Fashion East platform, Michael Stewart and Johanna Parv with their collection focusing on the power and beauty of women and the female psyche.



Peter Hawking, the new creative director of Tom Ford. (Tom Ford)

The established fashion brand Coach will celebrate the ten year anniversary of their creative director Stuart Vevers' leadership. The most anticipated event will be Ralph Lauren's new collection, their first on schedule for New York Fashion Week since 2019.



Linda Evangelista, Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, and Cindy Crawford on the runway in the 90s, the cover of the new docuseries “The Supermodels” (Apple TV)

The Lynx | MIS Birthdays



Willa Nichols, August 2

Happy π th Birthday! I'm pretty sure you have all of your teeth, so, congratulations on that. You don't have gills! And no flippers. So should you by some chance find yourself floating in open water without land in sight, remember not to breathe the water. Good luck!

Bella Schrier, August 2

Happy 38.4th birthday! When I think about people, I think, wow, that Bella. She is definitely a person. No way that's a stack of 3 ferrets in a trench coat. Like, I've never heard you hiss...? Good luck!

Jordan Myles, August 18

Happy (?)th birthday! You are a Vertical Boy! You should rest assured that when our interdimensional overlords come to reap our ethereal bondings, yours will be the most vertical of ethereal bondings! Thank you for wearing shoes!! Good luck!

Paul Nagy, September 2

Happy 72nd Paul! You have arms (I assume), and wear lots of pants as well as shorts and maybe skirts. I don't judge. Hair is on your head and on your face. Remember to think thoughts today. Good luck!

Talia Auslin, September 10

Happy 16th birthday! I think I speak for everyone when I say that we are all happy that you have skin. I mean, can you imagine if you didn't. That would be so embarrassing for you. Good luck!

Hani Assadi, September 15

Happy birthday! You were such a great teacher! We have all been enjoying Physics and Algebra so much. The MIS family is so happy to have you here.

Travis Platek, September 15

Happy $y=mx+8$ th birthday, Trevor. We can always count on you to wear clothes. Thank you. Good luck!

Jordan Spindel, September 19

Happy 29th birthday! You have hair that has color. Sometimes you have shoes. Sometimes no shoes. So quirky! Remember to make a wish when you blow out the cake on your birthday candles! Good luck!

Emmalee Ogle, September 23

Happy 97th birthday! You are less vertical. Go to 75.874 N x 78.12 E and follow the first crow you see to its nest. There, nestled amongst the detritus and variously collected items that accompany its precious eggs, you will discover your true nature. Good luck!

Ivan Sowatzka, September 26

Happy 4th birthday! When I think about you I am definitely thinking! Surprisingly, there is no arm hair on your face. Consider that you are likely to be the first casualty in the inevitable interdimensional invasion. Think fast...