

take it to the streets

HUNDREDS GATHER AT CAPITOL IN SUPPORT OF TRANS YOUTH

Beyond the Austin traditions of barbecue and live music on Congress Avenue, you will often see groups gathered on the south lawn of the Texas State Capitol calling for political action. McCallum students joined this practice as they demonstrated at the Capitol on March 1 to protest directives to classify gender-affirming care for minors as child abuse.

"Everyone deserves to feel more accepted, loved, and understood," Elena Ulack¹⁰ said. "It's important to listen when people talk about their experiences and spread their knowledge."

Mac students were not the only ones who made the trek to the Capitol for the day.

"There were hundreds of people

there," Ulack said. "They were even coming from places outside of Austin."

At the protest, parents, trans youth, and activists took turns speaking to the crowd. Diversity in speakers also translated to those listening.

"We were a noticeable group of young people among the adults," Ruby Laware¹⁰ said. "It felt like the lawmakers needed to see us to believe that the directive was dangerous and unfair."

Though off the school campus, the spirit of McCallum was brought to the rally.

"I feel lucky to be a part of such an empowered school community," LaWare said.

 Meredith Grotevant



PROUDLY waving trans and queer pride flags, several McCallum students troop alongside the hundreds of protestors who gathered on March 1. Legislation to ban gender-affirming treatment for teenagers was introduced in February leading to an outburst of protest from the transgender youth and other allies.

 Chris Lee



ON the open water, Chander Tripathi⁹ and the rest of the Mac Angling Club enjoy a group trip to Lady Bird Lake to fish. The group fishes almost every weekend, and the trips are an escape from everyday life for Tripathi. "We're a unique group of kids, and we all share the common interest of fishing," Tripathi said.  Avi Zeifman

ANGLING CLUB
SPEND A DAY
ON THE LAKE



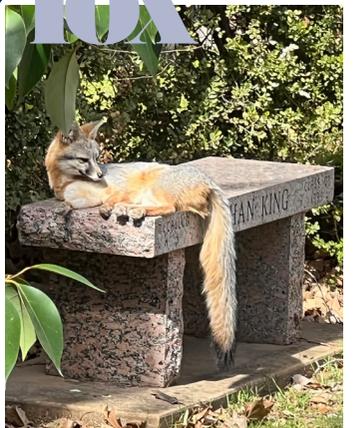
hook, line, sinker

friendly fox

A FAMILIAR FRIEND
PAYS A VISIT

IN the middle of a copper lab, in Mr. Ely's chemistry class, the local school fox paid a visit. The fox, who has made several surprise appearances around campus, is now well known among students. Maggie Coulbourn¹⁰, along with some of her classmates, rushed to the window to get a closer look at the furry friend. "We saw the fox sitting under a tree and people came over to take pictures," Coulbourn said. "Everyone was excited to see the fox back and moving around."

 Robert Ely





MARCHING together, Saylor Barton¹², Sorcha Wilson¹², Zoe Rabinowitz¹², Jessenia Shiguango Holtz¹², Gus Lindell¹², and Stone Nickas¹² join protesters at a march in support of trans youth and families at the Capitol. Many Mac students left school to protest an order by Gov. Greg Abbott which calls for people to report children receiving gender-affirming care as abuse. [Chris Lee](#)



HOLDING signs at the front of the capitol, students gather around public speakers, showing support for the recently restricted trans youth. Tensions in Texas rose following Abbott's legislative, leading to the Tuesday march where a diverse group of hundreds showed up to protest. [Elena Ulack](#)



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**SAYING
HER FINAL
GOODBYE,
HISTORY
TEACHER
LEADS HER
CLASS ONE
LAST TIME**

HISTORY teacher Kristen Wachsmann says her final farewell to her eighth period AP World History class. Wachsmann has taught World History at McCallum for three years. "I was shocked. It was very unexpected" Lanie Sepehri¹⁰ said. While many students were saddened by this unexpected news, they also understood that it was not an easy decision for Wachsmann. "I was so sad for her because I know how much she loves teaching and I know how passionate she is," Sepehri said. [Devin Neal](#)

STRUMMING his guitar, Ethan Kuhlken¹¹ preforms his solo titled "Fantasia". The Guitar concerts give Kuhlken the opportunity to perform his pieces that he picks with his private teacher. The concert had performances that varied from group to solo pieces, and it was the guitar program's 2nd all program concert of the year. Guitar is rewarding for Kuhlken, "It's very perfect, everything you do can be perfected and it sounds really good when you have it, and I like listening to myself play." Kuhlken said. [Francesca Dietz](#)



TUNING her guitar, Ellaiden Margrave¹⁰. Though most of the excitement comes from the on-stage outcome, there is a lot of preparation leading up to a solo performance. "I try not to play my solo a lot before a concert. I find it makes me more nervous," Margrave said. "I play pieces that I enjoy playing or make up my own music to kind of calm me down the night before." [Ruby Laware](#)

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