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School awaits energy-generating parking lot

By Angel Gonzales
Staff Writer

The remodeled parking lot welcomed the upperclassmen on the first day of school. The new lot was built to replace the aging one, with innovative sunshades for cars that double as solar panels since Chevron Energy Solutions contracted the project. The parking lot is finished, but the solar panels will not be installed until March.

"We are supposed to start seeing a difference in our energy bills immediately," Principal Mary Jo Fosselman King said. "Saving money and energy is a good thing."

The panels are energy generating and will pay for themselves and the parking lot in only eight years.

"The solar [panel] system costs about \$2.4 million," TCUSD Chief Business Official David Jaynes said. "The savings will be about \$750,300 per year."

The parking lot is not only new but is filled with many innovative features. The lot contains a drainage system that collects storm water and filters it before it reaches the ocean. The storm drain will also keep

the lot from flooding during heavy rains.

"The new parking lot looks beautiful, and it is very spacious, but I dislike the stops. I like the old one better because of the diagonal parking since it is easier to park in," Senior Jaime Dea said. "But it is worth it because it helps us save on energy and it looks nicer."

There is criticism about the money spent on the parking lot, the solar panels, and school renovations. The school district cut paper and transportation and threatened to cut teachers. The district's saved money could not legally be used for paying teachers because the money is only meant to be used on long-term projects.

"I think our staff will be jealous that our staff parking lot will not be as nice," Ms. King said. "I know I am!"

The revamped parking lot has a downside though. The parking spaces are larger to accommodate bigger cars, but there are 20 fewer spaces now. Before, students have had issues where their cars had trouble fitting in the spaces. Now, there is a possibility of running out of spaces. As such, the administration has asked the staff to temporarily park only in the staff parking lot so to give more spots to the students.



PHOTO/ Debra Ma

Construction for the newly renovated parking lot began after the end of summer school and all of the solar panels should be up by March 2012.

NEWS BRIEFS

By Daniel Xu
Staff Writer

Art Mural

Earlier this summer, the Public Art Advisory Group of the City Council and the Temple City County Library agreed to install a mural on the west wall of the County Library. Art teacher Ms. Kim Cales, professional muralist Mr. Art Mortimer and 21 high school students painted the mural. The City Council paid for the expenses of the frame, paints, and art supplies.



PHOTO/ Debra Ma

Art students dedicated weeks of summer to finish the mural.

Tdap Shot

Starting this year, the law requires students to receive Tdap shots before school. The shot protects against Pertussis, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. These diseases, especially Pertussis, or whooping cough, have been widespread in California in the past year, and the contraction of these diseases has resulted in the shut down of several schools and a number of infant deaths.

Pink Slips Rescinded

Because of the budget crisis of the last three years, many are facing financial instability, and the TCUSD budget is also greatly affected. Compared to last year, our school budget is considerably smaller. Fortunately, the teachers who received pink slips last year will be able to teach again this year. However, because

of the smaller budget, there's no guarantee they will stay to teach in the future.



PHOTO/ Debra Ma

Ms. Rodriguez is able to teach new students again this year.

U.S. Helicopter Shot Down

Insurgents shot down a U.S. transport helicopter carrying 31 Americans and seven Afghans on a night raid mission in eastern Afghanistan on Aug. 6; none survived. Twenty-two were Navy Seal commandos and some were part of the team that killed Osama Bin Laden. Officials later identified the shooters as Taliban members.

Republicans compete for presidential nomination

By Kyle Evanko
Focus Editor

Next November, citizens across the country will once again vote for the next president of the United States, and some politicians have already declared their candidacy.

On Feb. 7 of 2012, the country will vote for one candidate for the Democratic Party and one for the Republican Party. The chance that Obama will win the nomination to run for the Democratic Party is quite high; in fact, only one other person, Randall Terry, has decided to run for the Democratic nomination.

"I would vote for Obama because he represents the change in the world that I want to see," Co-President of JSA Senior Kimbria Mitchell said. "I want a president that strikes hope into the American people, not fear, and Obama is a symbol of that hope."

As for the Republican Party, a little over 20 individuals have announced their candidacy, including Minnesota Representative Michele Bachmann, Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Texas Representative Ron Paul, Texas Governor Rick Perry, former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney, and former Governor of Utah Jon Huntsman.

On Aug. 13, citizens of Iowa voted in the Iowa Straw Poll, an election which is essentially used to provide a poll about who is in the lead for the Republican Candidacy. The results of the election placed Bachmann in lead with a 28.6% vote, Paul in close second, and Perry, Romney, and Gingrich in sixth, seventh, and eighth, respectively.

"The man that I would support right now that is currently running would be Jon Huntsman," Senior Justin Lin said. "Huntsman has had extensive executive experience, serving as the governor of Utah, like Romney. Huntsman was one of the most popular governors in Utah."

Many speculate that Bachmann may win the nomination. Some have called her the "new Sarah Palin" as she shares many of the same views with the defeated vice president nominee of the 2008 election. Bachmann is against same-sex marriage, rallies for the teaching of creationism alongside evolution in schools, and is pro-life (against abortion).

Although Bachmann is in the unofficial lead, Paul is very close behind. Paul is a liberal Republican. He believes states should regulate drugs such as marijuana, was against the strict "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy, and supports the free market.

August/September Ram Calendar							Sept. 1: First Day of School		
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S	Sept. 5: Labor Day	Sale, Band and Auxiliary Car Wash	Sept. 20: Back to School Night
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	Sept. 8-9: Class Assemblies	Sept. 22: Next issue of Rampage	Sept. 23: First Day of Fall, Staff Development Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Sept. 11: Patriot Day		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Sept. 12-16: Spirit Week		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Sept. 16: Spirit Rally		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	Sept. 17: ASB Stussy		

Dinosaurs take over L.A. Museum

By Chloe Lin
Feature Editor

Amidst the shadows and under the watchful gaze of taxidermied animals in the North American Mammal Hall at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, a large group of people are gathered together for one purpose: to await entry into the newly reopened Dinosaur Hall.

Children, teenagers, and adults alike file from one hall to the next in staggered groups to avoid overfilling the exhibit, going back in time from the mammal-dominated modern day to the age of the dinosaurs. An enormous Triceratops, nearly 25 feet long and assembled from four different specimens, is the first sight to greet visitors, followed by a stunning 68 foot long-necked Mamenchisaurus.

Eighteen other impressive complete mounts fill the two galleries that make up the exhibition, as well as over 300 fossils including eggs, skin, and footprints. Sprinkled throughout the exhibit are plenty of informational plaques for dinosaur amateurs, imparting easy-to-digest information about the creation of fossils or the different theories on the extinction of dinosaurs, as well as interactive screens allowing visitors to learn more about certain displays.

With the addition of videos interspersed among the bones, there is no shortage of things for people to explore, look at, and touch. Visitors are allowed to feel a few pieces of actual fossils,



PHOTO/ Chloe Lin

The newly refurbished Dinosaur Hall is double the size of the old exhibit and features both new and rearticulated mounts in an expansion of the Natural History Museum.

including a toe bone and part of a Triceratops frill. That is, of course, if they can manage to tear their eyes from the amazing dinosaur fossils.

The highlight of the entire exhibition is its Tyrannosaurus rex collection. Housed in the middle of the second gallery, the three specimens show different Tyrannosaurus life stages, from a tiny two-year-old to a 14-year-old. The largest of the group is a nearly full grown adult, one of the 10 most complete Tyrannosaurs in the world. Mounted nearby, side by side for comparison, are their fragile, fragmentary skulls.

Both rooms of the exhibition have upper levels with additional fossils and information. One particularly fascinating interactive display allows you to

play computer generated clips of how a Parasaurolophus might have sounded, based off a CAT scan of the interior of its skull. Although scientists can't be sure of the exact noises dinosaurs made, being able to hear a re-creation of their vocalizations is an amazing experience.

The only downside of the Dinosaur Hall is its immense popularity. Plenty of children are among the dinosaur admirers, as are tourists with cameras that one must take care to avoid. Tickets for timed entry must be bought online ahead of time to secure spots for the exhibit, and although visitors may buy tickets at the door, entry is not guaranteed. Tickets cost \$8 for youth aged 13-17, \$12 for adults, and include admission to the rest of the museum.

Quality burgers at a high price

By Jessie Chen
Staff Writer

As soon as I walked through the doors of Bun Bun Tea House on West Duarte in Arcadia, I felt at ease. The dim lights and décor gave the restaurant a relaxed vibe. Big black and white pictures of nighttime scenery of a large city hung on their burgundy walls. Everyone there seemed to be enjoying his or her food, so I was excited to try out the menu.

I was immediately greeted by a waiter who was very welcoming and polite. Since it was my first time, I had no idea what to eat. He kindly explained to me all the different kinds of dishes they had. I finally decided on what he strongly suggested, a Taiwanese Beef Burger. At first, I was skeptical about what made this "Taiwanese Burger" so special. When my combo order finally arrived, I was disappointed by the size. It was quite small for the \$9.25 that I paid. Dissatisfied, I took a bite into the food and was surprised by the little slice of heaven that touched my taste buds.

The quality of the burger caused me to overlook the price. The lettuce and slice of tomato tasted fresh, and the patty was the juiciest I ever had. What makes the burger unique is that its bun is sweeter, it has a slice of egg and a special dressing in the burger that brings out the flavor of the patty. All the ingredients compliment each other and the beef's juices take the burger to the next level. However, the fries and ice tea that came with my combo were mediocre.

As I was enjoying my meal, my waiter would come to make sure everything was going well. He seemed to genuinely care about my experience. Bun Bun Tea House offered a very pleasant experience that left me feeling full and very satisfied.

Don't be shy, it's karaoke time

By Kelley Yao
Staff Writer

Whether you wish to sing your heart out by yourself or with some friends, karaoke is a great way to pass the time. Try one of these private karaoke rooms the next opportunity you get.

Happy KTV

Happy KTV is on the border of Temple City and El Monte, in a cheery plaza right next to the Action Lanes Bowling Center. Although it is not within walking distance, traveling there by car takes only a few minutes. For \$12 per person, you and your friends can sing for five hours straight during Happy Hour, from 2:30-7:30 p.m. It includes a complimentary drink. After that, the price gets exponentially more expensive, and they charge by the hour, and by room and party size.

The stoic lady at the counter showed me to my room – the 32 inch television was already on and playing a Chinese music video. A smaller, remote-controlled television screen was by the wall. Besides English, the interface is available in Chinese, both simplified and traditional characters, as well as French.

If you are technologically inept, the remote will be confusing at first. To add onto the confusion, the organization of artists' names and songs is odd; I had to go through 25 pages to find Justin Bieber and noticed there were four different versions of "Baby," with varying qualities of music videos.

The service wasn't the best, as I wished the workers had been more approachable. The facilities were a bit rundown, and the disco ball in every room was annoying. The complimentary drink was only average. If I were to go back, it would be because it is nearby and I would go with a friend fluent in Mandarin during Happy Hour only.

10520 Lower Azusa Rd. El Monte

Energy Karaoke

A second option is Energy Karaoke, which is located on the second floor of a plaza in Alhambra. It is situated directly above a Yogurtland, with The Hat located right across the street; there are many eating options for before or after a few hours of karaoke. Driving there from Temple City would take a good 15 minutes, so make sure to arrange rides there and back.

A few steps away, I could already feel the pounding beats and muffled music through the door. The music was so loud that when I first spoke to an employee, I had no idea she was replying in Cantonese. It took a while for her to understand my questions, and then she called over another employee to answer them. Unfortunately, he informed me that all the rooms were filled – on an early Saturday afternoon. However, he offered to explain to me about the karaoke place.

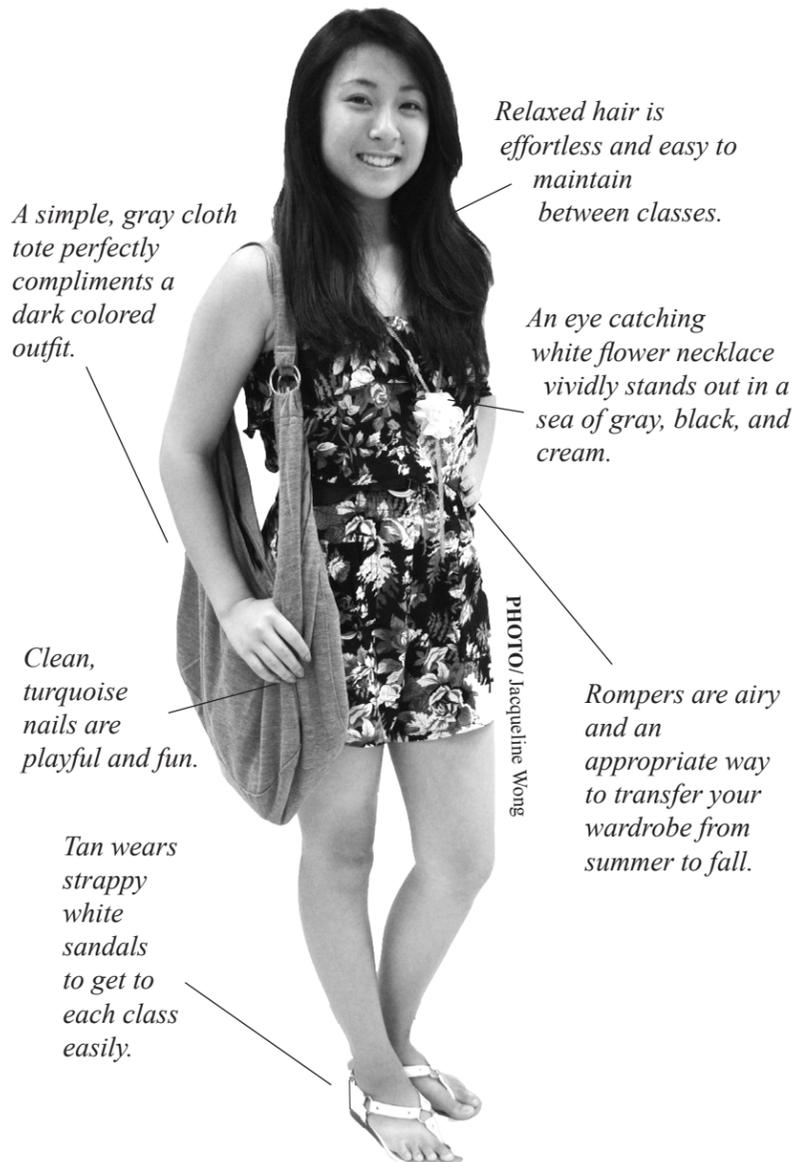
Inside, there is a touchscreen remote that can be used in all different languages. The downside with a machine like this is that if you're with a group, only one person can search for and input songs at a time. The song selection is vast and updated, though slightly less so in the English department. When searching for Bruno Mars, they only had a single song of his listed, "The Lazy Song." I liked that they had the high definition, legitimate music videos to accompany the song, rather than just plain text on a screen.

Their times and prices are the same as Happy KTV, and again with a complimentary drink thrown in. However, this time the employees were much friendlier and encouraging. Not only that, but the surroundings were bright and newly remodeled. Despite the distance, I would make an effort to come here for the nicer and updated equipment, but still during Happy Hour and with the same Chinese fluent friend.

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By Caroline Sun
Entertainment Editor

The start of school signifies the beginning of a year filled with different classes and a new, refreshing wardrobe. Junior Ariel Tan shows off her stylish side with accessories such as comfortable shoes to walk from class to class, and a slouchy tote to keep all her supplies for a breezy first month.



Relaxed hair is effortless and easy to maintain between classes.

A simple, gray cloth tote perfectly compliments a dark colored outfit.

An eye catching white flower necklace vividly stands out in a sea of gray, black, and cream.

Clean, turquoise nails are playful and fun.

Tan wears strappy white sandals to get to each class easily.

Rompers are airy and an appropriate way to transfer your wardrobe from summer to fall.

PHOTO/ Jacqueline Wong

America not ready to elect radical Republican candidate



By Hugo Wong
Staff Writer

With the Republican Primaries just around the corner in 2012, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann is one of the popular contenders for the party's nomination. But most Americans are not ready for such a radical Republican.

The country needs a leader who would unite the different factions, not a leader who would further divide a polarized nation. Bachmann, perhaps out of all the Republican nominees, is the most likely to create separation between parties. Bachmann has not appealed to the independent voters who will decide the outcome of the general election. If she earns the nomination, she will most likely lose to President Obama next year simply because of her extreme right policies.

Bachmann's agenda is anything but widely accepted. Even though most scientists consider

global warming a scientific fact, Bachmann claims that climate change is a complete hoax. Bachmann recently said that Hurricane Irene and the earthquake in Washington D.C. were a sign from God to cut spending.

I am a strong believer in questioning the idea of government and political accountability. Bachmann, however, attacks and ridicules her colleagues' personal allegiance to the United States. She brought up a proposition on network television to investigate left wing liberals in Congress to see if they are American.

Not only that, but Bachmann has been a prominent leader of the Tea Party, which has plagued our current government. She and her Tea Party caucus held out on raising the nation's debt ceiling, refusing to budge at the expense of the American people. And because she is such an adamant opposer of raising taxes, she refused to work with Democrats on a budget that could have appeased both sides. As a result of radicals like Bachmann, we have a medio-

cre budget deal and for the first time in history, our national credit score has been downgraded.

Presidents have to compromise and work with the opposing party to get things done. In spite of that, all I have seen from Bachmann is a stubborn Tea Partier who wants things done her way. Seriously, if Bachmann refuses to compromise today, then I have serious doubts she will earn the Republican Party nomination.

It is the job of Americans to stop radical people like Bachmann from hijacking our government by voting for a bipartisan candidate who is willing to compromise. We have to send a message to Congress that we want both parties to remain working together by stopping Tea Party radicals like Bachmann from derailing progress. Political parties work at their best when they are able to compromise and come to a solution that both sides agree will benefit the country. I think citizens will realize that Bachmann's ideals are too radical for this to happen.



Jess Sayin'

By Jessica Meza
Opinion Editor

A Missouri law limiting student-teacher communication outside of school signals the beginning of an age in which, sadly, the government has to outline what is professional conduct.

The Amy Hestir Student Protection Act, effective Aug. 28, prohibits Missouri teachers from communicating with students privately via texting or social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. This law is so vague, however, that teachers aren't quite sure how they are allowed to contact their students, which has led to teachers deactivating social media accounts in fear that they might lose their jobs.

State Senator Jane Cunningham, the act's main sponsor, claims the purpose of the bill is to protect children from explicit student-teacher conduct. Unfortunately, this assumes every teacher is a potential child predator and patronizes teachers by taking away their First Amendment rights.

"A lot of sexual relationships start with the most innocent text message," Senator Cunningham said. "How do I do this math problem?" or "I'm going to be late for practice."

Although this reasoning for the bill has good intentions, it leads to the slippery slope of the loss of personal freedoms and choices, and the need for government to dictate what is appropriate behavior.

It should be the job of school districts to set student-teacher social media policies. Ultimately, though, teachers should be the ones making professional decisions regarding student contact through social media without politicians deciding for them. I would hope that the majority of teachers and students would see things like unnecessary texting and calling as being unprofessional.

Teachers also argue that they are being punished for misconduct that the vast majority of them don't partake in anyway. Sadly, it's true: abusers will find ways to privately contact students, regardless of federal or state laws.

Invest in British youth L.A. Board of Supervisors grants



By Benjamin Chan
Exchange Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "A riot is, at bottom, the language of the unheard." Many unheard and underprivileged youth participated in the riots and widespread looting that shook London and other major cities of the U.K. in the first week of August. In the aftermath of the chaos, the British government highlighted many problems that need changing such as police response and community security.

As progressive as that may sound, the biggest change that needs to occur should be toward helping the underprivileged British youth, so that they do not have to resort to violence as a result of their current situation.

Most of the youths are jobless and live in the poorest districts of Britain. Those who come from such areas have to live with gang violence, drug abuse, and poverty. These unheard people at the bottom rung of society were acting out in response to their current situation. Allocating proper aid and welfare to better help these impoverished people will curb their desire to loot stores for goods.

If they had a proper education and jobs to occupy their time, they might not have destroyed property and attacked the police. Across England a staggering number of youth services such as afterschool clubs and sports facilities will close down by April due to cuts equivalent to \$1.6 million, leaving young people with nothing productive to do.

A loss of such scale here in America could be likened to losing all of our performing arts and extra-curricular activities here at TCHS and possibly throughout schools in California. One solution would be to provide more funding for British youth services to provide safer and productive environments for the youth.

Steps should also be taken to provide better opportunities to all youth, not just those of poorer parts of society. Youth empowerment for the goal of nurturing a sense of self-worth and a clear plan for the future could help turn young people's ideals away from breaking the law.

Proper schooling, financial aid, and youth empowerment are among a number of things that could improve the lives of British youth. If they had opportunities for the future, youth from all ends of society could become part of the solution, not part of the problem.

legal rights to man's best friend



By Bryan Wu
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Department changed the L.A. County Ordinance in August regarding canine attacks with the community's best interests at heart.

The recently changed L.A. County Ordinance currently states that, "A dog can be labeled 'potentially dangerous' if it threatens or attacks a person without provocation, or if it leaves its owner's property and injures or kills someone else's pet. A dog can be labeled 'vicious' if it severely injures or kills a person."

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted in July to allow the department to settle complaints through administrative hearings. This saves time and money and preserves the rights of animal owners to appeal attack cases to a judge, protecting the right of due process.

To my satisfaction, the new ordinance will assign only senior animal control officers to preside over hearings, and they will be expected to rely on medical reports, witnesses' statements and other evidence, rather than the word of the officer who investigated the complaint. As a result, neither human nor canine will be deprived of legal rights. Because of this ordinance change, I believe animal control officers will reach verdicts impartially.

I had always, until now, adored and saw dogs as loveable creatures that are loyal and gentle. I'm not saying that dogs are horrible, conniving creatures; I just thought that even if certain dogs got out of hand, they could be restrained by animal control. But, once I began to look deeply into the issue, I realized the needed lawsuits that must take place in order to determine a dog and owner's fate.

The changes that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors is making are sufficient to provide justice for both owner and victim. Dog owners and canine attack victims need to know that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors is trying to find a solution that will benefit both sides.

I commend the L.A. County Board of Supervisors for making numerous, flexible policies after so many years. I feel these changes are finally making a difference in the community.

Observing a dog's behavior is extremely important, and if owners feel that their dog is a threat to society, they should ask for professional help before the dog's hostile behavior continues to progress.

It is the owners' responsibility to keep an eye out for their dog. When a person buy new pet, he or she should be aware about the risks they may face.

The number of canine attacks could be reduced if owners keep an eye on their dogs' behavior frequently. Violent behavior in dogs can be prevented, and so can lawsuits.

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World-class role models we shouldn't look up to

By Justin Ulley
Sports Editor

All too often in the world of sports we hear about the misdeeds, legal issues, and controversies of athletes.

A recent example would be Plaxico Burress. A famous NFL wide receiver, Burress was recently released from prison after serving a two year sentence. Back in 2008, Burress was in a night club when he accidentally shot himself in the leg with an unlicensed pistol that was tucked in his waist band. His injury was non-life threatening, and within two days of his release from the hospital, he turned himself into the police.

Burress was charged with unlawful possession of a handgun, and sentenced to two years in prison in 2009. Burress has had other run-ins with the law, including two domestic disturbances, both ending in temporary restraining orders against him.

Other examples of controversial athletes include Tiger Woods and his many accounts of adultery. Unfortunately, many of these players are role models to young kids. Aspiring young athletes should not have to look up to professional athletes who have had run-ins with the law or other unfavorable controversies, and say "that's what I want to be like when I grow up." These athletes should know that they might be a role model to the next world famous golfer, or the future number one wide receiver in the NFL. They should know that their actions directly affect the athletes of the future, and they should think about this before they decide to commit some misdeed.

These athletes' controversial issues would not be in the public spotlight if they were not world-class players. When Burress and Woods accepted their multi-million dollar salaries and multiple endorsements, they accepted something else as well; they took on the responsibility of being role models to young, aspiring athletes. If they did not want their personal and legal issues disclosed to the public, and the responsibility of being a role model that goes with it, than they should have not taken the job.

Fall season sports review

By J. Aguilar & M. Collins
Staff Writers

The Rams approach this new season with confidence, ready to display their talents, renew their rivalries, and seize league titles.

Cross Country:

As the season approaches, the Varsity Cross Country team continues to practice countless hours to prepare for the upcoming season.

The team has been very dedicated to its sport, and is on its way to achieve the goals set for this year.

"As a team we would all like to complete our goals," Sophomore Austin Situ said. "Of staying injury-free, continuing to grow as a team, and replacing the spots our graduates left open."

Girls Tennis:

Many returning members of the Girls Varsity Tennis team have been improving their swing this summer as they practice until their season starts.

The players are also confident that they will have a great season this year with the addition of new members.

"The new members adapted quite easily and have proved to be a great help," Sophomore Joy Huang said. "We have no doubt that this year we have a good chance to win league."

Girls Volleyball:

Bumping, setting, and spiking the



PHOTO/ Michael Collins

Practice makes perfect: Sophomore Joy Huang strikes the ball back at the competition. Girls Tennis is one of the teams that have improved this summer.

ball are some of the key fundamentals that the Girls Varsity Volleyball team has been trying to perfect this summer.

"Our team has been practicing two or three hours a day, five times a week," Sophomore Paulina Lin said. "Our fundamentals have improved and we are more experienced this year."

The team is positive that they will improve their record of four wins and six losses last year to a successful record this year.

Football:

Last year, Rams football ended the season with a record of three wins and two losses, tying for second place in the Rio Hondo League. This summer the players went through an intense training program that they hope has prepared them for the sea-

son. "I think we're very prepared this year," Junior Austin Esparza said. "Especially when compared to last year, since our coaching staff wasn't even established during spring."

Along with this preparation comes the primary goal to win league this year.

Boys Water Polo:

The boys, who finished last year with a league record of 4-4, have also been participating in a summer program.

"The team went through an intense summer program that lasted through the six weeks of summer school," Junior Adrian Rodriguez said. "We had two or three practices a day, five days a week."

The team hopes that this program helps them for the upcoming season.

Budget crisis concerns student athletes

By Janelle Capwell
Staff Writer

Athletes face the possibility of lack of bus rides to and from games due to insufficient funds, despite the donations during registration.

Due to recent budget cuts, the transportation donations are critical for athletes. A donation of \$100 has been requested from all students to help support this program in the past years, but despite these donations, some sport teams may still not be provided with rides this coming year.

In previous years, donations have been sufficient to provide buses for all athletic teams for their away games. This year donations are not as plentiful. Contributions to the fund are more crucial this year due to the budget crisis.

"Since we are \$15,000 in debt for transportation, buses may not be available for every team," ASB member Senior Kylie Raacke said. "Sports that play in spring may not have funded transportation available for next season."

Many athletes, especially those who participate in a spring sport, are not happy with the possibility of not having funded transportation for their away games this year.

"I think if we do end up getting cut from taking the bus, it would be extremely difficult for us to find rides," Varsity Softball player Sophomore Jazmine Lewis said. "Our parents are at work and not everyone on Varsity has a car yet or we don't have enough cars to take our whole team."

Many athletes agree that bus rides are a time when



PHOTO/ Justin Ulley

Hard times: The possibility of no bus transportation for some athletic teams this year is slowly becoming a reality.

they can bond with their teammates. These short rides are sometimes what make a team into a family.

"If buses were not available to us next season, we wouldn't be able to make memories of the times we spent together," Girls Varsity Basketball player Junior Heidi Li said. "I wouldn't get the chance to prank everyone and make them laugh."

ASB is also doing what it can to help the athletes by informing every student and parent about the urgency of the situation.

"One of the things ASB already did was push for the \$100 donation for transportation at registration," Varsity swimmer Junior Carrie Kuang said. "I think it would help a great deal if every athlete pays the donation or any amount for the matter."

Because this issue can potentially harm the performance of the players, coaches are also concerned. Carpooling students to and from away games will be time consuming as well as waste gas. The safety of the students who ride in the cars of their fellow teammates and coaches might also be an issue.

"In terms of liability, it will be a joint effort on the part of the parents and coaches to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system," Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Rebekah Schaller said. "Away games and tournaments are a key component of a successful sports season."

Students, staff and parents are continuing to do everything in their power to try and help our athletes to ensure the future of their transportation for the upcoming seasons. Donations are greatly appreciated during this time.

Sports Schedule



Football

Sept. 02 v. Gladstone 6:00 p.m.	Sept. 08 @Arroyo 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 15 v. Alhambra 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 23 @Arcadia 7:00 p.m.
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Girls Tennis

Sept. 01 v. South Hills 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 06 @San Gabriel 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 07 v. Arroyo 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 13 v. Pas. Poly @ Cal Tech 3:15 p.m.
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Cross Country

Sept. 08 @Crescenta Valley Park TBA	Sept. 16 @Estancia High School 5:00 p.m.	Sept. 22 @Lacy Park 3:30 p.m.
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Girls Volleyball

Sept. 01 @Flintridge Prep 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 06 v. Pasadena Poly 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 08 @Rosemead 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 13 @El Monte 3:15 p.m.
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Boys Water Polo

Sept. 12 @Arcadia 3:30 p.m.	Sept. 13 @ El Dorado 3:30 p.m.	Sept. 15 v. John Burroughs 3:15 p.m.	Sept. 28 @Ayala 3:15 p.m.
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