
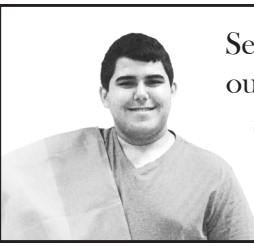



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Tax plan to prevent education budget cuts

By Cody Luk
Photo Editor

The season of college admission results is already stressful enough for seniors every year, and the news of the California State University system's plans to freeze enrollment for next spring and waitlist all fall applicants definitely causes more worries for underclassmen.

Governor Jerry Brown's plan to raise sales tax by one-quarter cent and to increase levies on annual incomes of over \$250,000 can raise about \$6 billion for California. If the plan does not pass, eight Cal States will accept only a few hundred students from community colleges and the rest of the 23 Cal States will not be accepting new students for spring 2013.

This will affect the average 70,000 students that apply and the 16,000 students that enroll in the spring. Community college students waiting to transfer to a Cal State will have to postpone their plans if they do not apply or get into the eight Cal States that are accepting some students.

For the fall 2013 term, Cal States will waitlist or reject an average of 700,000 applications and final admission decisions will be determined based on the tax proposal, government funding and state budgets. Chancellor Charles Reed also has the power to reduce enrollment anytime without the California State University Board of Trustees' approval.

"It concerns me because I have a little brother, and it may lessen his chances of going to a school other than a community college," Senior Darren Yang said. "I feel like Cal States give a good education to students, and if they freeze enrollment, then students will have to choose between a community college or a UC, and there is a big gap in between the two."

The California State University system is the largest in the state, but on top of the \$750 million budget cut for 2011-12, there is a risk of an additional \$200 million budget cut if the tax proposal fails. Tuition has also increased every year for the past six years. A 9 percent increase for 2012-13 was finalized in Nov. 2011 and the tuition for most Cal States is now at almost \$6000, excluding campus fees, housing, books, transportation and personal expenses. Tuition for 2002-03 was a little over \$1500, which marks a \$4500 increase within the past decade.

"I'm concerned for the state budget because those not getting into UC's and Cal States will be going to community colleges, which are already crowded," Guidance Counselor Ms. Martinne Gonzalez said. "This also causes more students to be interested in private universities, which is good for those that can afford it or received enough financial aid, but if not, then there will be more debts and that is a big burden as well."

Current juniors are concerned about next year when they apply for colleges. Most students choose to apply to public colleges instead of private colleges because of lower tuition.

"The news of Cal States waitlisting applicants in the fall makes me feel concerned and also because they may be raising tuition again and making it even more expensive," Junior Brittany Bravo said. "I don't want to graduate from college with a lot of student debt because it will be difficult to get a job while being stressed with loans."

However, out-of-state students will most likely be unaffected because Cal States charge them more and will not benefit from decreasing their numbers. They pay about \$15,000 versus in-state students' \$6000 cost.

The University of California system is also looking into reducing fall 2013 enrollment if the tax proposal fails.

They admitted 43 percent more out-of-state and international students than the previous year due to budget cuts as well. Like Cal States, out-of-state UC students pay a much higher tuition than Californians. UC's are also looking into increasing the percentage of out-of-state students to a 10 percent within next few years.

"It is bad for the incoming seniors, and I feel that Cal States shouldn't do this because when they bring in students, they are bringing in money," Senior Terrence Sun said. "I feel it's unfair for everyone because out-of-state students are probably facing the same problem in their home states. For California students, they are either facing a harder time getting into Cal States or [will have to] risk paying more to go out-of-state."

Whether Cal States will freeze enrollment and waitlist qualified applicants will be based on voters' decision on the tax plan. The tax proposal does not yet have enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot. If the proposal does not get on the ballot or if it does not pass, California public schools will be facing a \$5 billion budget cut.

Union fundraises for sick Cloverly janitor



PHOTO/ Daniel Xu

The California School Employees Association ran the car wash and bake sale at the District office parking lot on April 21 to fundraise money for Cloverly Elementary school's custodian Shane Sexton. He developed pancreatitis and was unable to work. Sexton is feeling better and returned to work on May 1.

May/June Ram Calendar							May 3-4: Brighter Side Extravaganza	May 28: Memorial Day
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S	May 7-17: AP Testing	May 29: Drama Senior Showcase
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	May 8-9: CAHSEE Make-ups	May 30: Senior Awards
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	May 10-11: CST Make-ups	May 31: Dragonflicks Film Festival
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	May 13: Mother's Day	June 1: Renaissance Assembly, Powder Puff Football, Battle of the Bands
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	May 19: Prom	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	May 24: Choreo Showcase	
							May 28-June 1: Spirit Week	

NEWS BRIEFS

By Daniel Xu
Staff Writer

Bachelor and Bachelorette Auctions

Excited bidders cheered as the students walk down the aisle during the Bachelor and Bachelorette auction fundraiser on April 26 and 27 during lunch. The highest bidders will have a lunch date with his or her bachelor or bachelorette on May 10. Biology teacher Ms. AnnMarie Hwang and English teachers Ms. Dawn Neufield and Ms. Elizabeth Botello participated in the event as well.



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

A student raises his hand to place a bid on Seniors Dana Tran and Carrington Taylor in Room 601.

Renaissance Assembly Guidelines

The administration confirmed that there will be a series of changes to next month's Renaissance Assembly. In the past, some students behaved disrespectfully during the event; therefore, the administration has implemented a code of conduct that forbids seniors to taunt, insult or make impolite gestures towards one another.

Spring Show

TCHS and Oak Auxiliaries swiftly ran to their starting places at the beginning of the Temple City High School Annual Auxiliary Spring Show on April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition to Auxiliaries, Pep Flags, Song, Drumline, Fusion, Flags and the Gold Jazz Band performed in front of an excited crowd in the gym.



PHOTO/ Daniel Xu

Choreo performed its award-winning routine "Egyptian" in front of friends and family on April 28.

Temple City Welcomes New Mayor

Vincent Yu is serving as Temple City's new mayor this year. Before, he was elected in 2009 as mayor pro tem, which is a step under the mayor, and served a term of one year.

Former mayor Tom Chavez contributed to the Rosemead Boulevard Enhancement Project, implemented a new code of ethics for City Hall and responded to last year's windstorm. Yu plans to continue leading the community similarly by increasing the city's service. Yu will serve as mayor for one year.

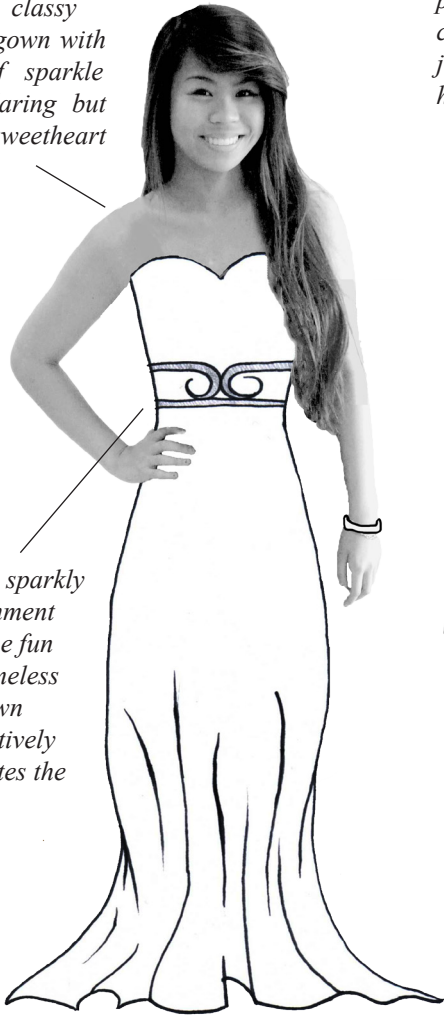
Prepare a perfect prom fit *Springtime at the Huntington Library*

By Cynthia Lee
Staff Writer

As prom season rolls around once again, excited students begin to plan their outfits for one of the most important nights of their lives, scoping out the latest trends and fashions in order to coordinate an equally unforgettable ensemble. Senior Patrick Lamb and Junior Stephanie Chau each show off their individual styles, demonstrating their unique senses of fashion and giving a glimpse of their respective dates' outfits.

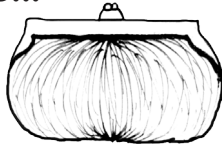
Chau opts for a white, classy evening gown with a bit of sparkle and a daring but elegant sweetheart neckline.

A simple, sparkly embellishment adds some fun to this timeless white gown and effectively accentuates the waist.



Remember Girls...

Clutches are a staple during prom season, and Chau carries a modest one with just enough room for all of her essentials.



Skinny ties work well with fitted suits and are all the rage this season, with Lamb's white one offering a bold contrast to its dark surroundings.

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Lamb's fitted pinstripe jacket gives his dark outfit some edge, and his skinny, black dress pants complete it.

PHOTOS/ Kyle Evanko

By Chloe Lin
Feature Editor

A thousand different shades of yellow, orange, pink, red and white blossom among the walkways and arbors of The Huntington's Rose Garden, where the flowers have recently begun to bloom. The Huntington's 120-acre grounds are a lovely sight to see no matter what the season is, but the flowers have a particular vivacity in the spring.

Like the roses that have just made their reappearance at The Huntington, the beloved Japanese Garden reopened on April 11 after a yearlong closure. During that time, The Huntington refurbished the aging infrastructure and Japanese House, in addition to installing a new teahouse, tea garden and waterfall. Other highlights include a bonsai tree court, Zen Garden and moon bridge.

The nine-acre Japanese Garden is always a beautiful place to visit, and the renovation makes it all the more attractive. Unfortunately, this meant that people packed the pathways on my visit. There isn't a lot of seating available, and the wisteria arbor offers a lovely view but is very crowded. Climbing the steps by the entrance and up to the Japanese House quickly gets tiring, especially in warm weather.

If you start craving some air conditioning, head over to the changing exhibitions. The Ancient Chinese bronze mirrors are on display until May 14 and is worth checking out if you're paying The Huntington a visit. There are only about 80 mirrors on display in one room, but the development of styles and patterns displayed is intriguing.

Nearby the building that houses the mirrors is the "Visions of Em-

pire" exhibit, which is open until July 23 and contains maps, letters, diaries, ads and stereographs relating to transcontinental railroads from 1840 to 1880. Although the topic is interesting, I found the actual exhibit lacking. It also seemed that a long explanatory paragraph accompanied every item on display. I wanted to like this exhibit, but I think the walls of text are too much for someone not all that interested in trains.

Although the temporary exhibits were somewhat lackluster, and the day a little too warm for me to fully enjoy the gardens, the rest of The Huntington was fantastic and always worth a visit. I particularly enjoyed its collection of American art in the Virginia Steele Scott Galleries and the impressive 18th century portraits in the Thornton Portrait Gallery.

There is always so much to do and see on the extensive grounds of The Huntington. There are collections of art and furniture spanning from the fifteenth to the twentieth century, a history of science hall, rare manuscripts, a humid and realistic recreation of a rainforest housed in a gigantic greenhouse and many more themed gardens.

When visiting, be sure to wear sensible shoes for walking the garden paths and dress appropriately.

The Huntington

Weekend prices:
Adult prices: \$15
Student prices: \$10

Weekend hours:
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Take a study break with Taiwanese brick toast

By Elliot Wu
Chief Financial Officer

With AP tests right around the corner, most students spend their remaining time intensively cramming for their exams. Naturally, the perfect study party requires the ideal snack. This recipe is a popular Taiwanese dessert that will be sure to impress.



PHOTO/ Elliot Wu

Consisting of bread, butter, egg, sugar and powdered milk, the recipe list is deceptively simple.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup non-fat powdered milk
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, cubed
- pinch of salt
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 ½ inch thick slice of bread

The main ingredient is the bread, and it can't be the kind you would find at the supermarket. It has to be a very dense, Asian style toast. And to top it all off, it can't be pre-sliced, because the slices made at the bakery are not thick enough to accommodate the other ingredients to come. What I do is go early in the morning when the local Asian bakery opens, rush in and ask for a loaf of bread before they slice it. I usually go to the Honey Bee Bakery in the plaza on Oak and Las Tunas. It shouldn't cost more than two dollars.

Why bother with getting a different bread at all? Well the Asian style toast is perfectly square, something I've yet to see in a bread from the supermarket. The crust is a little tougher than that of regular white bread, which creates a crunchier texture. Also, the denser crumb of the bread makes it more durable to the ingredients to come. Any other kind of bread wouldn't be able to withstand them.

Once you have obtained your bread of choice, cut a 1 ½ inch (more or less) slice off of it. Next, score a pound symbol (#) deep into the bread, but not all the way through. This will allow the ingredients to permeate deep into the crevices of the bread and make its own filling. Put it on a plate and set it aside.

Preheat your toaster oven to 350 degrees.

Assembling the paste is a snap. Simply throw in the butter, powdered milk, sugar, egg yolk and salt into a bowl and combine them thoroughly with your fingers. It will take around five minutes of continuous kneading and should become a yellow paste.

This paste is good for two batches, so take half to put on the bread and store the rest covered in a refrigerator.

Spread it all over the bread, making sure to cover the very edges and corners. If some seems to disappear into the bread, that is good because it means you've scored your bread correctly. Bake in the oven for six minutes, then turn it around 180 degrees and bake for another six minutes. Serve immediately; brick toast does not do well over a long period of time.

While decorating is not necessary for the forever alone dinner, brick toast is a blank slate just waiting for adornment. Sprinkle on some powdered sugar, toss on a handful of diced fresh fruit, drizzle some condensed milk or drop on a dollop of Nutella. What you end up with is the perfect snack for a study group.



PHOTO/ Elliot Wu

Garnishes that provide a contrast in color, as well as a degree of freshness, work best with this dish.

New summer school tuition policy is fair



By Kyle Evanko
Focus Editor

Recently, I've been hearing many complaints from my peers concerning the new remedial summer school policy and that it is extremely unfair. And although at first I was in agreement, it turns out it's not as bad as it seems, and I am now in favor of the new policy.

The rumor going around is that now if you fail a class, you have to pay to take it over the summer to make it up. That's not entirely true. The only circumstance in which you'd have to pay for a course is if you passed with a "D" or higher and wanted to get a better grade or take an entirely new course. That means for those who fail with an "F" grade will still be able to attend summer school free of charge using funds from TCUSD, while those with a "D" will be required to pay as a "D" still earns credit.

In fact, it is illegal for any school to require money from a student if he or she failed the class with an "F." This is how it has been for years; this isn't changing.

Last year, students who earned a "D" or higher and retook a class for a better grade didn't have to pay; this year, they do. Since a "D" or higher letter grade still earns credit for the high school student, retaking the course for a better grade is purely optional (many students do so to improve their transcript for a better shot at college).

Now, the thing that I didn't know is

that the Temple City Schools Foundation, a completely separate, third-party group, funded classes for those who wanted to improve their grade.

With the economic times and pinching of both TCUSD's and TCSF's funds, TCSF can no longer provide the funds to run those classes, and students must pay the cost of \$500 for a year-long course over the summer.

I completely agree with this change. It is wonderful that a separate organization striving to protect our city's education has been providing these funds over the years, but they are in no way obligated. Times are tough, and they just simply cannot provide any more. In fact, many of the other school districts have been charging for the same make-up courses for years; we were just lucky enough to have received help in the first place.

So students need to stop blaming the district for "making me pay because I failed" because not only is that untrue, the district worked hard to even provide summer school for us this year. Originally, the district faced not being able to offer summer school at all.

But, fortunately, the state provided the district with some specialized funds, and our district pushed summer school through and made it work.

I know the district hasn't necessarily always been on the students' side, but this time is different. Be thankful we are even having summer classes this year and study a bit harder next time to not get that "C" or "D" in the first place.



By Jessica Meza
Opinion Editor

Jess Sayin'

Kim Kardashian:
Future Mayor
of Glendale

A sex tape, ample assets and an affinity for making hideous faces while crying: Kim Kardashian has definitely got my endorsement for the mayor of Glendale.

On April 21, Kardashian expressed serious interest in becoming the mayor of Glendale on her sister's reality show, saying, "it's, like, Armenian town." The fact that she's probably one of the most famous Armenian-Americans makes her just about perfect for the job.

Celebrities are no strangers to public office. Consider our Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Former President Ronald Reagan, who were both celebrities before their political careers. But their experience is nothing when compared to Kim Kardashian's natural talent and superior intelligence.

Among her many qualifications that include sex tape stardom, being famous for no reason and recording a song that everyone forgot after three days, she is completely hairless.

"I am Armenian, so of course I am obsessed with laser hair removal!" She once famously said, "Arms, bikini, legs, underarms...my entire body is hairless." After all, the smoothness of one's skin is most definitely an indication of one's leadership abilities.

Additionally, a mayor of a city definitely needs to be committed to his or her city. After all, who wants a mayor that would leave his or her city hanging during a crisis? Kim Kardashian definitely fulfills this requirement; I mean, she's only been married twice. And her latest marriage lasted a whopping 72 days. That's more than two months!

Just imagine how the city of Glendale would look after Mayor Kardashian takes office. Everyone would eat fabulous meals, smell good and look stylish. Who needs a mayor that actually takes care of a city when every bed in Glendale could double as a tanning bed and plastic surgery clinics could replace grocery stores?

Not only that, but she definitely knows her way around the business world too. She and her sisters have their own fabulous clothing line at Sears and another one on the popular television shopping network QVC. So while your parents buy a new new power tools, you can pick up some clothes from the Kardashian clothing line.

Unfortunately, there's no way that Kardashian can directly become the mayor because elected city council members decide who, among them, becomes the next mayor of Glendale. However, because of her ample qualifications and her Armenian descent, the odds may certainly be in her favor when the time comes for her to run for city council.



CARTOON/ Jacqueline Wong

FOR THE RECORD

Sports: In the article, "Baseball to compete in tournament," *Rampage* mistakenly wrote that the Rams were undefeated.

Lower the drinking age to nineteen



By Jessie Chen
Staff Writer

The United States is one of the few countries that has a minimum legal drinking age of 21. The vast majority of countries now have a drinking age of 18. So why do we make it 21? It's not like this law protects us. On the contrary, I think it encourages dangerous behavior. So I propose that the drinking age be lowered to 19.

In the past few years, I have noticed unhealthy trends, popular among young people that drink alcohol. Some have been so desperate to get drunk that they try methods like soaking tampons in vodka and then using them. I find the latest trend of drinking hand sanitizer particularly ridiculous and disgusting. Teenagers don't have access to alcohol, making them jump at any chance to try some.

Lowering of legal drinking age would be beneficial to the security of youth. If they are allowed to drink, they wouldn't have to use these dangerous methods to try alcohol. In fact, many college presidents from prestigious schools like Dartmouth, Duke and Johns Hopkins have been lobbying for a lower drinking for several years

now. They argue that it would reduce binge drinking.

It would be much safer for underage students because many may be afraid that they will implicate themselves for reporting an instance of alcohol poisoning. Since drinking would be open, people who need treatment could get help more easily.

When we think of alcohol in college, we think of shady parties in basements. But, permitting youth to drink could promote responsible drinking in social settings like sipping a little red wine at an art gallery.

A reason why American teenagers drink so recklessly is because they learn from their friends. In Italy, young people learn how to handle alcohol responsibly from their parents and they have significantly less drinking related problems. Monkey see, monkey do.

Also, by decreasing the drinking age, we take away the thrill of breaking the law that often incites young people to try drinking. It would normalize drinking leading to moderate consumption.

Upping the drinking age has not protected our youth. Instead, it has been counterproductive. If we really have the future generations' best interest at heart, the best decision to make is to lower the drinking age to 19.

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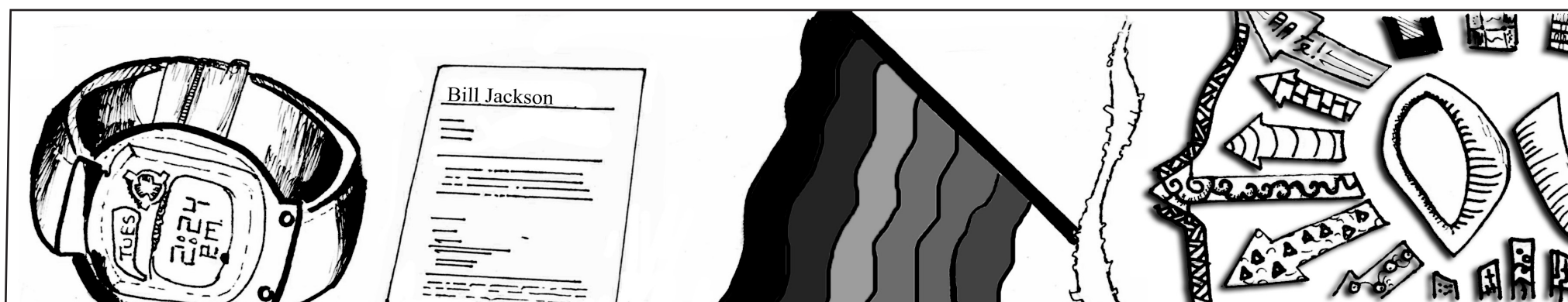
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Liu heads to Taiwan for college and to be with family *Stand out in interviews*

By Bryan Wu
Staff Writer

Applying for college is stressful enough, but attending school in another country is a whole other story.

With mixed feelings, Senior Aki Liu plans on attending college in Taiwan in hopes of majoring in medicine. Liu's decision to go to Taiwan wasn't easy.

Although she got accepted into UCLA, being there for her family is a top priority.

"My dad's a diplomat from Taiwan, and he had a three year term here in Southern California," Liu said. "It just so happens that his term ends when I graduate. Because of that, my parents persuaded me to move back with them and attend college in Taiwan."

Liu has already applied to National Taiwan University, Taipei Medical University and Kaohsiung Medical University.

"If I do get accepted into a medical school, it would take me about seven years to graduate," Liu said. "I would love to come back to the states for graduate school."

Liu had a lot of experience moving around. She was born in Taiwan, and, when she was two, she moved to San Francisco and stayed there for six years. She then moved back to Taiwan after finishing second grade. Liu stayed there for four years, and, after sixth grade, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia and lived there for three years. She then came to Temple City for her sophomore year.

Heading to a different country seems like an adventure, but when it comes to leaving friends and relatives here in America, Liu will have to adjust once again.

In terms of staying in touch, Liu will rely on social networking sites, sending letters or packages back home and chatting on the phone.

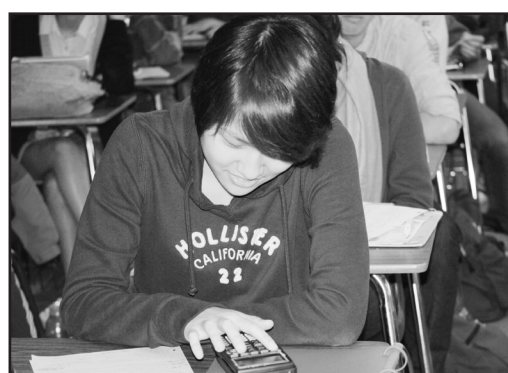
Aside from leaving friends and family, one of the benefits of attending an international college is the cheaper tuition. For Liu, paying \$7,000 for a college in Taiwan is more manageable than signing a check for \$15,000 or more for UC's.

Looking from a financial perspective, going to a college outside of the country seems like the best way to go, but there is always the issue of culture shock. However for Liu, culture shock is the least of her worries.

"I think I might have a bit of trouble in school the first few months because everything would be taught in Mandarin," Liu said. "But in terms of culture, I've lived in Taiwan for a few years, so I don't think adjusting to the social environment will be that big of a problem."

The important thing to remember is that admission varies for different international colleges. It's important to do extensive research if you are serious about applying to a college out of the country.

"I think it's a really cool experience," Liu said. "I think going out of the country is a bit more exciting. It's a chance to go out there and see more of the world."



PHOTO/ Kelley Yao

Senior Aki Liu takes challenging courses like AP Calculus AB to prepare for her studies in medicine.

By Kelley Yao
Staff Writer

Summer jobs are rare to come by these days. Therefore, if you find the perfect job opening—one that is close to you, with a decent wage and gives you just enough time between shifts to hit the beach—how will you land that coveted job?

The key to getting your foot in the door is a fantastic resume. A resume should be simple, yet engaging enough so that it holds the reader's attention. Make sure to list all of the relevant items near the top.

"If you have a resume with experience that is related to what you're doing," counselor Ms. Maria Ioele said, "or if you're fluent or even conversational in a foreign language, that would be great."

Before the interview, it's good to know the company and job requirements. Check out the place beforehand and observe the people who may be your future coworkers and see what the job constitutes. Make sure that you are informed about the company, what they offer and as a bonus even the company mission statement and values. Companies prefer to hire people that genuinely enjoy their products and services.

Mistakes that people usually make in the interview can be easily avoided with a bit of foresight and common sense: don't lie, be polite and dress nicely. Be appropriately attired for the position. Again, even if you wish to work at a restaurant, don't arrive in a T-shirt and jeans.

"You don't have to go in a prom dress, but nice attire, definitely," Ms. Ioele said. "Even if they are going to work at a place where they allow jeans, it doesn't look good."

Remove the more outrageous piercings and cover up tattoos. For the girls, make sure that jewelry and nail length are reserved. On the other hand, if you're interviewing for a sales position at Hot Topic, maybe eye-catching jewelry and nail length will give you a boost.

During the interview, stay composed. Body language is extremely important; don't jiggle your leg because that may indicate nervousness. Be sure to sit straight, make eye contact and smile. Cracking a few jokes to lighten the mood is fine, but taking it beyond that is a definite no. Some places may require potential candidates to take math and English tests.

What makes or breaks an interview, however, are your responses. There are generally five questions that interviewers are sure to throw in.

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why do you want to work here?
3. What are your qualifications?
4. What are your weaknesses and strengths?
5. What positive qualities will you bring to the company?

"I think that sometimes students look for the perfect job, but we should have an open mind," Ms. Ioele said. "Experience is experience, and having that diverse background will really help."

Distinguish yourself with bold fashion statements

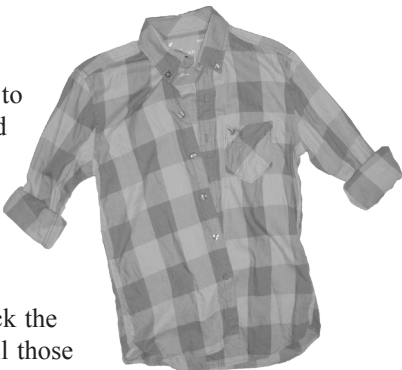
By Adrian Dang
Staff Writer

As I walk around campus, I can't help but notice a variety of styles, from those who try to blend in and wear what's "in" at the moment, to others who want to do the exact opposite and stand out.

From head to toe there are several things you can do to make your style unique among the crowd. Here's a list of clothing and accessories which will help you catch the eyes of others.

Button-Ups:

You don't have to save your collared shirts for formal occasions. Roll up the sleeves for a more casual look, or you could un-tuck the bottom and undo all those buttons for a more carefree appearance. Don't hesitate to stray from solid colored shirts either; swap out an ordinary blue dress shirt for a plaid black, white or blue one to add an extra splash of color to your outfit.



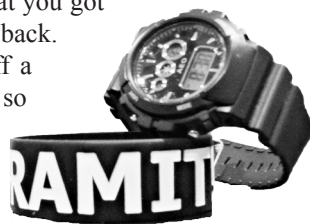
Another alternative to add more colors would be to wear a contrasting color t-shirt underneath an open button-up, which is sure to grab the attention of those around you.

One amusing combination I've discovered, which I like to call the Clark Kent, is to wear a Superman t-shirt underneath a button-up shirt, then pop your button-up open as fast as possible and pump your chest out to reveal the Superman symbol underneath. It's quite corny and will get you a few awkward glances, but the amusement and attention will be well worth it.

Watches and wristbands:

These small accessories do make quite a big difference. There are two types of watches you can pick from: digital and analog. Digital watches tend to be offered with more childish designs, so you can bring back nostalgia of the 90s with a Reptar watch that you got from a Happy Meal awhile back.

Analog watches give off a more formal impression, so wear one of those if you want to be noticed as someone sophisticated or if you just want to look classy. Remember, you don't have to shell out a lot of money for a watch that'll stand out. Buying a G-Shock doesn't necessarily make you unique, but it does mean



you spent around \$100 just for a watch.

Wristbands are limitless in a variety of styles and colors. You can show off your school pride with a TCHS wristband, or proudly wear a friendship bracelet a close friend made.

Color choice:

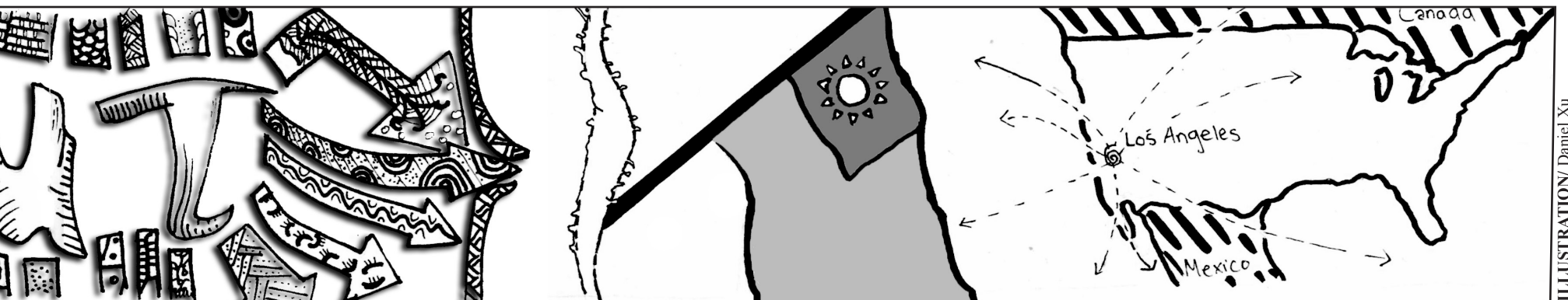
Colors are a key factor in standing out. Commonly seen colors like grey, dark blue and black are dull. In order to stand out I suggest going with more unique colors such as maroon, teal, red and lighter greens.

Make sure you don't wear colors that are too bright, like hot pink, which cause people to squint their eyes in pain when they see you under the sunlight.

Don't feel limited by any of these choices, and feel free to add your own personal touches with pins and necklaces. Show off your school pride by topping off with a green or gold hat. You can also swap out a bland pair of dark blue jeans for some gray jeans or khakis. Also, try wearing a pair of faded jeans for a unique style.



PHOTOS/ Adrian Dang



Senior Agajanian proudly shows true colors

By Janelle Capwell
Staff Writer

Adorned with rainbow buttons, bracelets and pins, Senior Andrew Agajanian walks down the hallways with his head held high, proud to be an openly gay American teenager.

Coming out to peers in high school is not something that every gay person is capable of doing, but for Agajanian, the support of friends and family made it easier. He first came out to his best friend during his sophomore year.

“At first, I was a little bit scared about [coming out]. I didn’t know how everyone was going to take it; I had talked to my mom, and she was for it,” Agajanian said. “After I came out, a lot of people accepted me, and it felt good.”

Announcing his sexual orientation has affected him in more than one way. It has put his life in perspective, allowing him to be more comfortable in his own skin, instilling confidence and vigor.

“Coming out has freed me; it’s enabled me to become more in tune with myself and more in tune with people around me,” Agajanian said. “For me, it’s this new thing that I discovered about myself. You discover a lot of things



PHOTO/ Janelle Capwell

After coming out, Senior Andrew Agajanian joined both Advanced Drama and Brighter Side Singers. about yourself throughout your life. I think it’s just another step in life’s path.”

As an openly gay teenager, sometimes life can get confusing and difficult. When times get tough, everyone needs a support system. For Agajanian, his mom is the leader of his support team.

“My mom has always been a person I can go to. We have a really great relationship, we talk a lot, we have our own moments,” Agajanian said. “She has taken me to West Hollywood for Pride Parades. She has really done a lot.”

Opening up to society has given Agajanian the courage to get involved in extracurricular activities that he normally would not have joined if he weren’t comfortable in his own skin. He is currently a second year member of Advanced Drama, a first year member of Brighter Side Singers and he has been a member of the Gay Straight Alliance for two years.

Coming out taught Agajanian lessons that will help him face challenges throughout his life. He is now able to overcome everyday adversities.

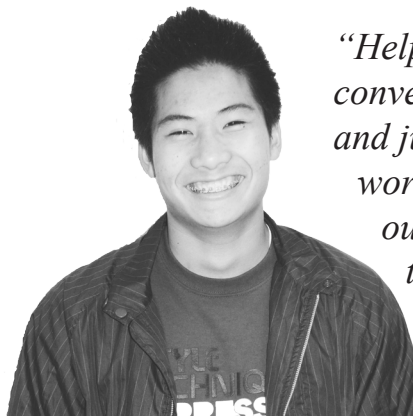
“No matter how hard it gets, no matter what the day throws at you, everything will be better. I know I have had my ups and downs,” Agajanian said. “I have had periods where I was horribly down on my luck. Now at this time, I’m elated. I think that as long as you wait it out, everything will get better.”

For information on how to react if someone comes out to you, visit www.dosomething.org/actnow/actionguide/how-deal-when-someone-comes-out-you.

Go out of your way for a smile

By Angel Gonzales
Staff Writer

Outgoing people are friendly and approachable. Being a friendly and optimistic person isn’t hard to do, and it’s easy if you try. Some people try to talk to others out of their inner circles, while others greet strangers with a pleasant smile at homeless shelters.

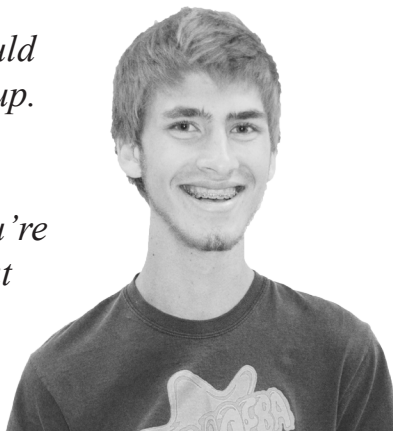


“Help out wherever you can. Start conversations with random people, and just think that we can make the world a better place if everybody was outgoing. I go to homeless shelters to learn how to be friendly with everyone.”

~Junior Brandon Kuo

“It someone isn’t outgoing, you should talk to them until they start to open up. Be pleasant, smile, compliment and encourage a person. If you are in an uncomfortable situation, act like you’re having a good time. Be excited about whatever you are doing.”

~Senior John Wardlaw



“Don’t be a shy or awkward person and say ‘hi.’ Eventually they’ll open up, and you’ll be friends. You shouldn’t force yourself to be outgoing to try to seem cool, you should do it to meet new people and be an example to others.”

~Sophomore Celene Chang



PHOTOS/ Angel Gonzales

Off the Wall...

Anecdotes and Observations

Humphrey Lin
Editor-in-Chief



Kindergarten: the devilish years between beast and human-hood. Although I never want to relive those nightmarish days of potty training and finger-painting, I’ve got to say that Kindergarten has taught me some of the most important lessons in my life. Of the few grains of knowledge I have obtained during my short 17 years on this planet, Kindergarten has provided me with the most essential. I learned that cats are not dogs, that crying doesn’t get you anything except a spanking and the list goes on. But one extraordinary thing I learned was that people love to hide.

For whatever reason, kids seem to have an affinity for crawling into dark, tight spaces and disappearing off the face of the earth temporarily. Hide-and-seek in Kindergarten was an exhilarating experience. To avoid being discovered, my fellow tiny peers would find the smallest crevice in the most unlikely places to hide in, without any real concern for personal safety. On more than one occasion, Timmy would bang his head, and his crying would give away his location.

Some people, like Johnny, liked hiding for another reason. Too many times I have walked into what I presumed to be a deserted room, only to have him jump out from behind the door and make me burst into tears. Then, I would tell on him, and he would get spanked.

My brother was an excellent hider, but another type. He didn’t find tight spaces to crawl in, but rather, he would hide his prized possessions from the greedy fingers of the outside world (well, predominantly me). For this reason, my mom, my dad and I would frequently stumble upon candy bars on bookshelves or coins and rolled-up bills in Kodak film cases. But this habit caused him quite a few heartbreaks. He would forget about his secret candy bar, and as the summer heat came in it would turn into a sticky, gooey mess. Other times, my parents would throw away these “empty” film cases, much to the dismay of my brother.

In a way, we’ve never really outgrown our good old Kindergarten habits. We still love to hide, whether to avoid getting discovered, to scare someone or to conceal our beloved trinkets.

Alright, so why is this one of the most important things I learned? Well if you don’t get anything else out of this article, remember this: no matter where or what you hide, you or it will eventually come out, one way or another.

I’ve hid plenty of times in my life. I hid from the principal after I threw a piece of ice at a kid and made him bleed, I hid from my parents the fact that I had a girlfriend and I hid my wallet, thick with cash, from a friend in need. But all this hiding just made things a thousand times more awkward when the secrets came out.

I should’ve learned a lesson from Timmy’s bruise, Johnny’s spanking and my brother’s terrified (albeit hilarious) expression when he realized he had lost all his fortune. But the Kindergartener inside of me still prompts me to find the darkest crevice to crawl in every now and then.

But I’m getting better. I no longer hide the fact that I enjoy country music, that I sing in the shower, that I cried at the end of “Titanic” and that I’m actually only 5’7”. The truth will come out some day, so no point in hiding any longer.

Chinese textbook comes to life for juniors

By Maggie Liu
Production Editor

The strong wind buffets the small group of Temple City juniors as they struggle up the last few steps of the Great Wall of China; the breathtaking sight of endless hills and lush vegetation makes up for the weather and their exhaustion as they look down from the top of this amazing monument.

"It seemed magical; this piece of wall was built from so long ago yet it still stands today," Junior Eric Chen said. "The steps were really steep and scary, but all in all it was a great experience to see what it felt like back then."

A small group of students, Juniors Calvin Chan, Kyle Chan, Eric Chen, Josh Chun, Brandon Kuo, Dennis Lee, Briana Li, Karen Liang, Janice Ly and Sean Niwa, chose to spend their spring break touring China and immersing themselves in

its culture by applying what they have learned in the past few years about the country and its language.

The trip began on April 1, and along with the Mandarin teacher, Ms. Susan Zheng, the group travelled the eastern half of the country and hit three major cities: Beijing, Shanghai and Xi'an.

Besides the Great Wall of China, their voyages allowed them to visit many sites that they encountered in their textbooks, including Tiananmen Square, the Jade Buddha Temple, the Summer Palace, Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the Terracotta Army, located in Xi'an.

"[Xi'an was my favorite place] because the activities we did there were more about the history, unlike Shanghai, which was more commercial and more modern," Chan said. "It was more interesting to see."

At Beijing, students ate dinner at traditional Chinese compound and, later, asked the cook questions about his profession. Their tour guide, a native of Xi'an, also narrated stories about living in the country as he drove the students around. Their experiences there exposed them to the differences between their lives in the United States and those in China.

"The people and how they live, I think, struck me as different. Even though we were sheltered in our tour group, we could still see the lives the people had to endure. You see the slums, and so that struck me," Lee said. "I mean, I already knew about it but to see it is different. That's probably the

thing I remember most in China."

Besides touring, the students shopped in Shanghai, watched an acrobatics show, practiced tai-chi, took a ride on a rickshaw and biked on the city wall of Xi'an.

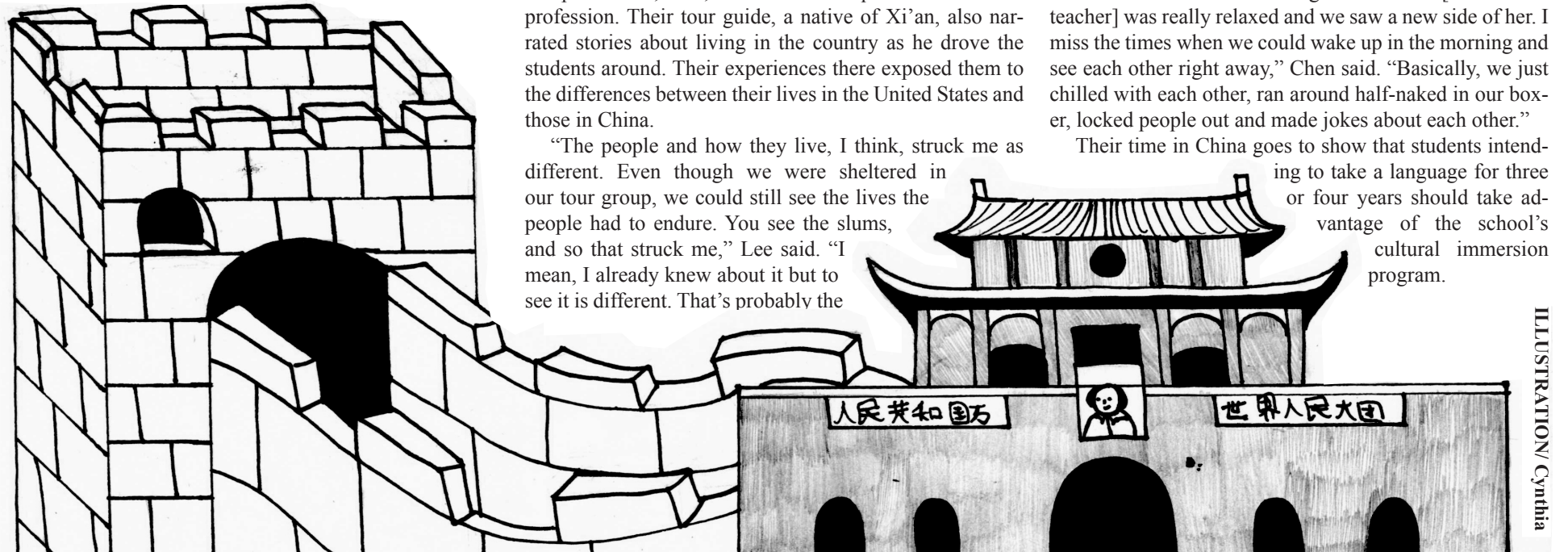
Of course, going to a foreign country meant that speaking the language was a must. Even though their tour was directed towards English speakers, it was still necessary for them to speak Mandarin when interacting with locals, whether to shop or meet new people.

"[A couple of guys and I] had a gentleman's wager to see who could get a picture with the prettiest girl," Lee said. "We had to use Chinese to talk to them to try and get a picture with them."

For some students, the rare opportunity of visiting China with friends was an escape and allowed them to get closer than they ever thought they would.

"I miss the times we had together. Lao shi [Chinese for teacher] was really relaxed and we saw a new side of her. I miss the times when we could wake up in the morning and see each other right away," Chen said. "Basically, we just chilled with each other, ran around half-naked in our boxer, locked people out and made jokes about each other."

Their time in China goes to show that students intending to take a language for three or four years should take advantage of the school's cultural immersion program.



ILLUSTRATION/ Cynthia

Performers sing their way on the East Coast

By Caroline Sun
Entertainment Editor

With carry-on luggage in hand and anticipation high for the upcoming nine days, 26 eager students from Brighter Side, three from Concert Choir and one from DragonFlicks stepped off the plane in Virginia to begin their East Coast tour from Mar. 29 to April 7.

Smithsonian Tours, which organized this trip, took the students to see a number of attractions. Between singing spontaneously in front of historic monuments and learning about the history behind them, the students immersed themselves in the East Coast.

Students traveled to Virginia, Boston, D.C., Philadelphia and New York, visiting famous attractions such as the Statue of Liberty and Busch Gardens. The group burst into song in front of crowds at places like Jamestown, performing renditions of classics such as "God Bless America," "There's a Place for Us" and "Boy from New York City."

"It was really great to perform near national monuments because people liked the way that we sang," Junior Christina Lam said. "Some people even recorded us, and it was like we were famous."

In New York, the students attended a workshop and learned how to dance and sing to "Steal Your Rock N' Roll" from the musical "Memphis," which is about a man who strives to implement African American rock and roll music on the radio during the 1950s. Bryan Langlitz, who was a part of the ensemble cast, taught the class. After watching the musical itself, the students received autographs from the cast.

At the John Lennon memorial in Central Park, the students sang "Imagine." There, they met a man named Gary who gathered the flowers people threw out and arranged them on the monument. He gave a brief summary of John Lennon's life story.

"The memorial was decorated with flowers, apples and cute stuffed animals. It wasn't exactly silent, there was a low murmur of sound and when we started singing everyone became quiet," Senior Stella Yuan said. "Maybe it was just me, but I felt a little emotional when we were singing thinking about how all of these people were here still honoring him and thinking about him."

By practicing their singing skills and becoming more knowledgeable about their nation's history, the students bonded with each other and also grew individually as performers.

"Over tour was when it really kicked in for me. I realized that I have so few performances left as a senior, so I decided to really enjoy each and every one and to give it my all," Senior Rachel Ger said. "I think that really brought out the best performer in me, especially since we always performed in front of random strangers that we had to win over."

By Hugo Wong
Staff Writer

Rolling up their sleeves and preparing themselves to get to work on the dirty patio behind Room 405, the members of the Environmental Club carry and arrange new potted plants and furniture, transforming the area into a sanctuary for both students and staff.

The members' vision is for people to spend more time appreciating the aesthetics of nature and the environment, a goal they share with the Fairchild Challenge.

Originally, the Environmental Club had plans to create a container garden filled with Californian plants while Ms. Robin Brannum served as their advisor. When she retired in December and Mr. Scott Randles took over as the Environmental Club advisor, they found that the idea of growing plants in pots did not work out.

Instead, the Vice President of the club, Junior Michelle Luong, gave an idea about participating in one of the options of the Fairchild Challenge.

"That area was a real mess so [the Environmental Club] wanted to do something do clean up the place, as well as participate in the Fairchild Challenge," advisor Mr. Randles said. "I think it also seemed like a very natural fit, because the Challenge corresponds well with Environmental Club's mission, and this project would serve to honor the work of Ms. Brannum [the garden's namesake] at the same time."

With that goal of rebuilding the garden and patio

in mind, Environmental Club visited and purchased some plants from the Theodore Payne Foundation, a nonprofit organization that runs a nursery specializing in wildflowers and plants native to California. They also went to Home Depot for the patio furniture.

The club members used prize money from the two previous Fairchild Challenges to make this project happen.

"We cleaned the surrounding area and put in new indigenous plants," Junior Chelsea Duong said. "We wanted to plant them like how they were before."

After the club bought all the plants and furniture, the members took a day from their spring break to plant everything in the garden. Through the whole day of sweat and toil, the club members moved the shed, cleared the garbage and weeds in order to make room for the new additions.

"We learned that the task was difficult and sometimes we just wanted to go home, but we managed to pull it off," President of Environmental Club Whitney Ngo said. "It is important for people to get out and experience a connection with nature, and enjoy it to the fullest."

The club also created a brochure as part of its entry into the Fairchild Challenge.

For the last few years, Environmental Club has beautified the campus by cleaning up the garden areas in the 100 and 200 buildings.

The Huntington Fairchild Challenge spreads environmental awareness, and Temple City has won this challenge in 2010 and 2011.



PHOTO/ Hugo Wong
During lunch, many students enjoy socializing and eating in the comfort of Brannum's Courtyard.

Ending the Pro Bowl is the best decision for NFL

By Justin Ulley
Sports Editor

In recent weeks, there's been much talk in the NFL about suspending the Pro Bowl for the upcoming 2012-2013 season and possibly further years to come.

The Pro Bowl, held a week before the Super Bowl, matches the top players from the NFC against the stars of the AFC. The bowl is often considered a joke game, with many of the selected players only going to take the nice payout and the free trip to Hawaii, where the game is held.

The participants usually play well below their ability, often running slower, hitting softer and overall not putting much effort into the game. One of the biggest reasons the athletes do not play to their potential is because they do not want to risk getting injured for a game that doesn't count towards their season. Because of this lack of effort, many players miss easy tackles or interceptions, and the final score usually comes out to be some high number rarely seen on a regular season-game scoreboard.

The Pro Bowl is not a big hit with the fans either. At the 2012 Pro Bowl, attendance was sparse, and those that attended began to boo due to the lack of intensity on the field. The ratings at home aren't the greatest as well. People watch it, but it doesn't generate as many views as a normal game would, with viewership this year dropping 8.1 percent. Money is also considered when determining whether to drop the Pro Bowl. Hawaii pays out only \$4 million to the NFL to have the game and the tourism it brings to the state. That's not a huge chunk of revenue, considering the league makes around \$9 billion each year.

Clearly the NFL needs to end the long, but quickly dying tradition of the Pro Bowl. When players are only participating for a nice check and a trip to Hawaii and put minimal effort into the game, it needs to end. This lack of effort makes the league look bad, and the fans don't appreciate it either, as seen from viewer ratings and what occurred at this previous season's bowl. Finally, when there's no real income involved, someone needs to realize that the Pro Bowl is just not working out.

Tennis slams through competition

By Benjamin Chan
Exchange Editor

The Boys Varsity Tennis team swept through the competition with a streak that led them to the Rio Hondo League Finals and California Interscholastic Federation playoffs.

The Rams secured six victories to date in league. The boys started this year off strong by winning the majority of matches in preseason. The singles and doubles teams performed well with only a few losses, which ranked many of the players highly in the C.I.F. playoffs.

"Our team is playing really strongly," Senior Justin Lin said. "We've had a few good victories against the estimated number three team; the top teams [in the league tournament] should definitely be within reach."

Players from the team usually make it to C.I.F. as a singles player or as a doubles team, depending on their rankings. In C.I.F., a singles player may be paired up with a doubles player whose season partner did not make the cut. Despite this setback, most new doubles teams perform well in the playoffs.

"I hope we get to the elimination round," Junior Alex Cheung said. "You might have to play each other. It depends on who you beat because you get put into random pools."

The team gained three new players this year including Freshman Bryan Wei, who is one of the



PHOTO/ Benjamin Chan

Smooth Swing: Senior Terrence Sun prepares to send a return against South Pasadena. This victory helped lead him and others on the team to C.I.F.

only freshman on any varsity team. Many of the other players are underclassman including Sophomore Brent Hong, a new singles addition to the team who joined Sophomores Brian Lai, Johnny Wang and Raymond Wu. The underclassman held their own even against the upperclassman of the opposition, doing just as well as their veteran teammates.

"[Being on the team] is definitely a learning experience," Lai said. "We try to learn from the upperclassman. Hopefully my class will be able to lead the team when we're up there."

The addition of a coach also

aided in the team's success. Varsity Coach Nathan Chiu helped the team train after previously being one of the Junior Varsity Coaches. He now assists Head Coach Savay Lieu.

The team worked constantly to fix any flaws in its performance. One of the main problems that plagued the Rams was the lack of a strong connection between some of the players, partly due to the difference in age and seniority.

"It's a challenge to have team spirit, but we have been working on it to improve," Lin said. "When we're out there, we want to let the team work as a whole to let them know that we're there for them."

Swim looks to improve off of season

By Jonathan Aguilar
Staff Writer

As the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim season finishes with solid league records of 3-2 and 2-3, respectively, the teams aim to win Rio Hondo League next year.

The swim team started the season with confidence and high expectations as they defeated Monrovia in the first league meet, proving that their hard work in off-season had paid off.

"We really wanted to start the season strong and improve our record compared to last year," Sophomore Finnel Wang said. "We knew that our dedication and summer training would surely help us in our meets."

The Rams continued to train vigorously, aware that South Pasadena would be a tough rival. The team came out strong taking an early lead, but the Tigers caught up beating the girls. However, the boys clinched a victory when they secured second and third place in the last relay of the meet.

"Our techniques looked good and we were all on the same page against South Pasadena," Sophomore Kevin Wang said. "The victory showed how much we have improved as individuals and a team."

As the season progressed, the teams had to adjust to touch pads placed on the starting wall of the pool at San Marino and La Cañada for more accurate times. The Rams lost to the San Marino Titans and La Cañada Spartans, but bounced back with a win against Blair Vikings

in the last meet of the season.

Overall, the swim team did fairly well in league considering that there was less experience on varsity this season compared to last year.

"The new varsity members trained hard and adapted quickly to faster paced races," Senior Frank Hsu said. "This helped us replace great swimmers from last year like Nicole Hau and Filip Dajkovich."

The boys had one more win this year, beating South Pasadena, placing third in league, while the girls ended with a record of 2-3.

One factor that contributed to the teams' successes were the variety of main sets during practice. This allowed swimmers to not only focus on freestyle, but improve their forms in backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke.

"This year, we didn't just have one long main set; instead, we had a few short main sets

during practice," Junior Yo Yo Hong said. "This made practice more fun and helped us perform well in different races during meets."

The fairly young swimmers now have more experience and look forward to training and winning league next year.

"With our young Varsity members gaining experience and intense training," Junior Jessica Wada said. "We will have a high chance to perform well and improve our record next year."



PHOTO/ Janelle Capwell

Swimming ahead: Senior Michael McPhillips swims butterfly in the meet against Blair. Swim plans to build off of this season to win league next year.

Sports Schedule

	Win:	Loss:	
Boys Baseball 18-3-1	Apr. 20 @San Marino Win	Apr. 24 v. Monrovia Loss	Apr. 27 @So. Pasadena Win
	May 02 v. La Cañada Win	May 08 v. San Marino 3:30 p.m.	May 10 v. Monrovia 3:30 p.m.
Track and Field N/A	Apr. 12 @Blair 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 19 @San Marino 3:15 p.m.	Apr. 26 @So. Pasadena 3:15 p.m.
	Apr. 28 San Gabriel Championship	May 01 RHL Prelims @So. Pasadena	May 04 RHL Finals @So. Pasadena
Softball 5-16-0	Apr. 24 @Monrovia 3:30 p.m.	Apr. 27 @So. Pasadena Loss	Apr. 30 @La Cañada Loss
	May 02 v. La Cañada cancelled	May 08 v. San Marino 3:30 p.m.	May 10 v. Monrovia 3:30 p.m.
Boys Volleyball 9-7-0	Apr. 12 v. So. Pasadena Win	Apr. 17 @Gabrielino Loss	Apr. 19 v. La Cañada Win
	Apr. 24 @San Marino Win	Apr. 27 CV Tournament Away	Apr. 28 CV Tourn. Away
Swim N/A	Mar. 28 v. So. Pasadena 3:30 p.m.	Apr. 12 @San Marino 3:30 p.m.	Apr. 19 @La Cañada 3:30 p.m.
	Apr. 26 v. Blair 3:30 p.m.	May 02 RHL Prelims Away	May 04 RHL Finals Away
Boys Tennis 11-3-0	Apr. 13 @La Cañada Win	Apr. 20 @San Marino Loss	Apr. 24 @Monrovia Win
	Apr. 27 @So. Pasadena Win	May 02 RHL Prelims Live Oak Park	May 03 RHL Finals Live Oak Park
Golf 4-8-0	Apr. 10 v. So. Pasadena 3:00 p.m.	Apr. 12 v. La Cañada 3:00 p.m.	Apr. 17 v. Monrovia 3:00 p.m.
	Apr. 24 v. San Marino 3:00 p.m.	Apr. 26 v. So. Pasadena 3:00 p.m.	May 05-03 RHL Finals TBA