



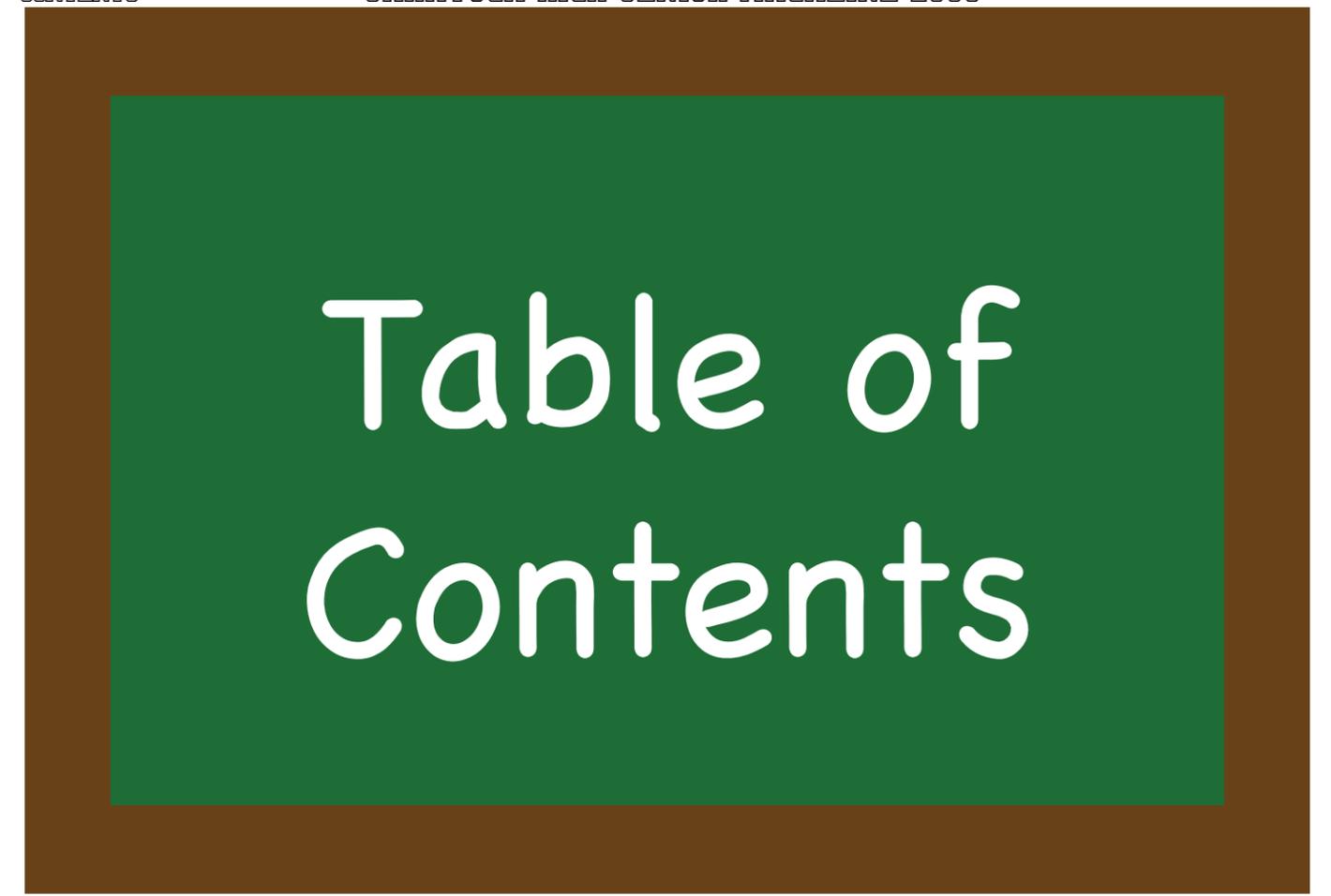
# looking back

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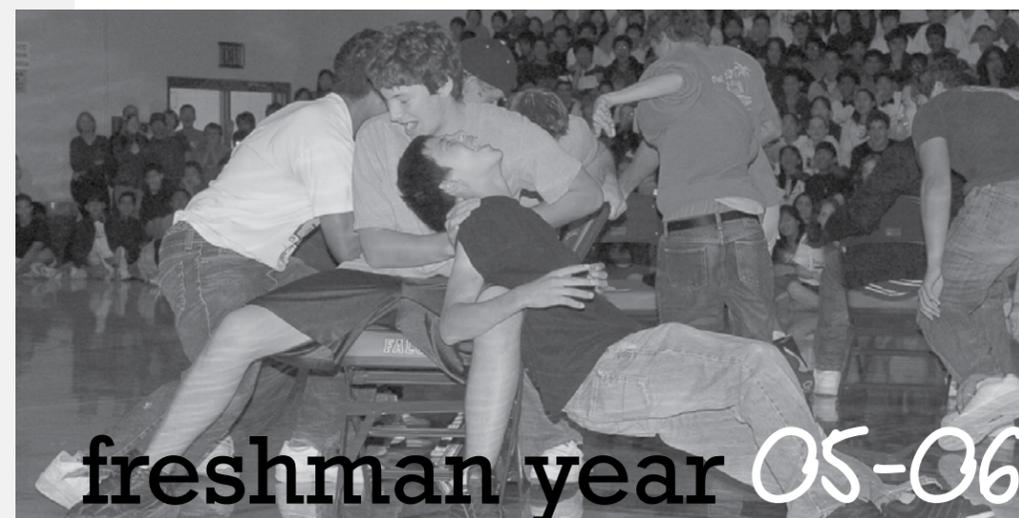


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Homecoming theme-  
Classic Beats: Reggae  
Prince: Mat Spencer  
Princess: Chelsea Brown

# retrospect



freshman year 05-06

**Top Left:** Mo Smead shows off his guitar skills at a rally. **Top Middle:** Matt Leung strikes a pose on the field during a practice for the breakdancing club. **Top Right:** James Arroyo, Nicolle Chan, Sean Kang and Amanda Murabito greet their fellow classmates at freshman orientation. **Middle Right:** Corey Rateau, dressed in Reggae apparel, bravely takes one for the class during Freshman quad day. **Bottom:** Spencer Apple steals a chair from Tim Yen during a game of musical chairs at a rally. **Middle Left:** Katie Nast, Elnaz Khadem, Harriet Russell and Christina Robert ride through the school in silly hats on scooters provided by their link leaders during freshman orientation.



Homecoming theme-  
Childhood Memories: Books  
Prince: Michael Huang  
Princess: Katherine Moran



**Top Left:** Satomi Ishikawa prepares to kick the ball in a soccer match. **Top Right:** Yeun Byun, Tiffany Wang and Sukai Chen present their interpretation of "Little Red Riding Hood" during Sophomore quad day. **Bottom Right:** Kathy Koo and Felix Tuan listen to bedtime stories dressed up as Thing 1 and 2. **Bottom Middle:** Michael Huang practices rolling his dice as part of the Casino Day activities in Ms. Troxell's Algebra 2 Honors class. **Bottom Left:** Stephanie Douglass, Ketaki Shriram and Michael Chen pose on the quad steps in their themed costumes. **Middle:** Chelsea Brown and Alana Ledbetter perform their Cat in the Hat dance.

**Top Left:** The junior class lets out a loud cheer with the rally commission at the first rally. **Top Middle:** Casey Farmer, Katie Gasik and Felix Tuan ride into the quad for the Indiana Jones quad day skit. **Top Right:** Also at quad day, Lewis Chen hits a pose in his camoflauge clothes. **Middle:** Melissa Lin pitches in to help wash cars at the junior class car wash. **Bottom Right:** Laura Ruddy pumps up the crowd during the Mario rally. **Bottom Left:** Sacha Maniar, Christina Lauro and Juliana Lustenader practice their singing during a full dress rehearsal of West Side Story.

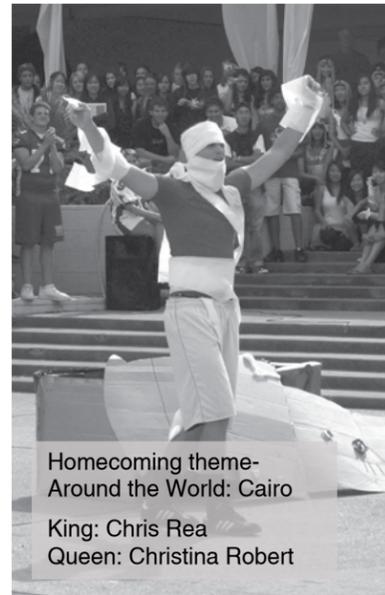


# junior year 07-08



# sophomore year 06-07





Homecoming theme-  
Around the World: Cairo  
King: Chris Rea  
Queen: Christina Robert

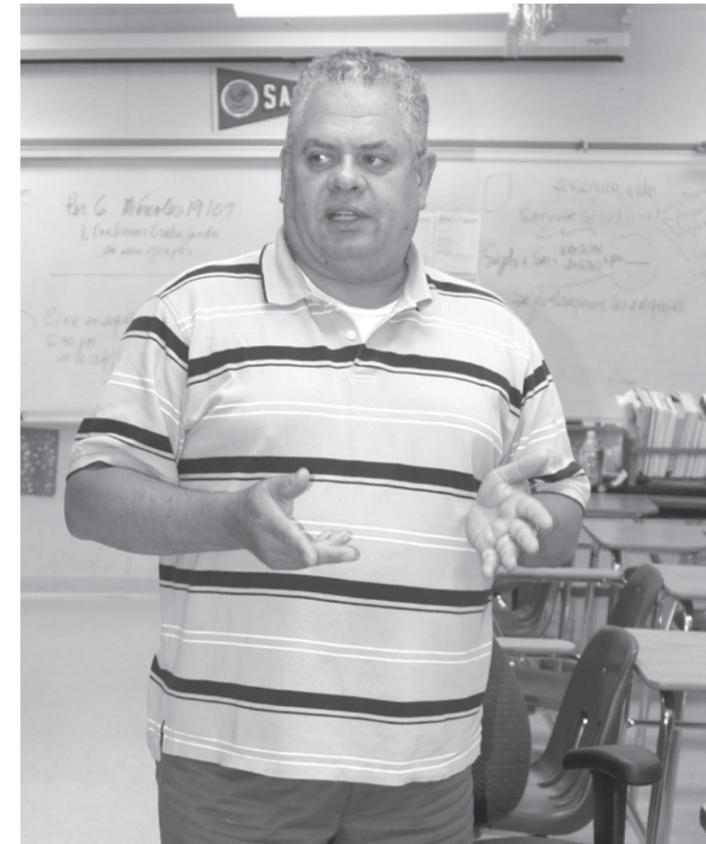


**Top Left:** Katie Gasik pushes past opponents at the seniors vs sophomores powderpuff game. **Top Middle:** Rishi Taggarsi, Farid Jiandani and Sonali Dujari practice for Bombay in the Bay. **Top Right** Alex Wokas breaks free as the mummy. **Right:** Chris Rea, Sandeep Chandrasekhar, Nathan Nguyen and Jason Huang represent the other classes at senior quad day. **Bottom Right:** The senior class leans into their rally cheer. **Bottom Left:** Steven McLellan walks around school as the Joker for Halloween. **Left:** Paul Leung smiles after donating blood.



# To the Class of 2009...

ARNALDO RODRIGUEX



We are all students, to live is to learn...  
We learn everyday,  
We learn from our experiences,  
We learn from a child,  
We learn from a book,  
We learn from a friend,  
We learn from our parents,  
We learn from our teachers.  
We are all students, to live is to learn...  
Today you graduate,  
Tomorrow you'll be great!  
But you still will be  
A student everyday.  
It is a winding road  
That you'll travel everyday,  
But it is the one  
That will bear fruit  
Harvested everyday...  
We are all students, to live is to learn...  
Never give up,  
Stand if you fall,  
Look straight ahead,  
Accomplish your goals,  
Carry out your dreams,  
Success awaits you.  
We are all students, to live is to learn...

Congratulations

## senior year 08-09



## Class Color

KAREN HYDE

Every year, for seemingly decades, I reflect upon the members of the senior class with whom I have spent four years. Upon reflection, I then mentally assign a "color" to the class (I know, "strange"). Some classes who have been particularly spirited are given the color of red or hot pink. One class who presented very serious and reflective was cobalt blue. Others have been bright yellow, silver, or sadly, beige.

I have spent some time thinking about the four years I have spent with the Class of 2009. Your class is unique in so many ways. Impressive leaders, fabulous athletes, amazing authors, actors, musicians, speakers, poets, and

artists dominate your class. Your class has fifteen students who have committed to playing sports in college, more than any other single class ever. Your class has two members who participated in setting a national swim record and three others who broke CCS records. Your class has published poets and a published novelist. Your class has fashion designers who will someday have a line of clothes named after them. Your class has students who want to learn for the sake of learning and take classes without anyone ever knowing. Your class has students who play four, five, six or eleven instruments. Eighty-six of you have donated countless hours volunteering to make the world a better place.



For these reasons, I see the Class of 2009, like Joseph's coat of many colors, a host of bright, unique and unusual hues that blend together to make a masterpiece.

I have enjoyed—no, loved—the four years I have spent with you and wish you all the very, very best. Continue to make a difference and continue to shine, blend and astonish.

## "To Our Students"

Inspired by the graduating class of 2009  
Partially a found poem from the English 11 H curriculum

KERRY MOHNIKE

NATASHA RITCHIE MOHNIKE

This is just to say:

Beware your hidden jealousies, envies, fears, and insecurities;  
Think on Othello and the smarter villain of all time.

Beware harsh judgment of others;

Think on Hester and her courage in the face of condemnation.

When you find yourself in the crucibles of life;

Think on John Proctor and your own good name,

How much is it worth?

To us, your name, is worth the world.

When you journey down your own Mississippi or Route 66,  
Crossing the threshold into your own adventures and tragedies,  
Choose your companions wisely,  
Consider all you have been taught but only hold fast to what is honorable in your eyes.  
At the supreme test,  
"To thine own self be true" for you possess the spark of genius.

"What you would seem to be, be really"

"He that lies down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas"

"Don't count your chickens before they are hatched,"-  
unless of course they are crossing the road without you.

Live Deliberately.

Take a moment to feel "might free and easy and comfortable on [your] raft"

Heed this: "Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of our own mind,"

Not this: "I am but mad north-north-west" or "we are errant knaves all"

Believe that "madness in great ones must not unwatched go"

We give you: the two-faced ancient, the disturbed prince, Jay Gatz, the candy-giving medic

Stretch your arms to a worthwhile green light,

While purposefully reflecting on the plight and greatness of others.

Don not get swallowed by guilt, greed, circumstance, or a single mis-step

"March to the beat of your own drum however distant or far away"

Find strength in family of all types

As for us,

We began the year with yet another batch of students,  
but you became treasured individuals.

From "simmer down," hot-seat, and snacks to quilts, paintings, and films-

Now we say to you, "O captains my captains"

Do not take us gently into that good night but with all the force of your own reckoning.

"Soft you, a word or two before you go"

O'Brien says a true war story is not about war,

We likewise believe school is not about scores, rankings, popularity

It is about art, thought, kernels, communication and yes...love.

We want you to know that we have learned from you;

Your moments of brilliance, compassion, creativity

We look forward to the stories of **your** lives.



## What I learned from Brad Pitt & his flawless skin

KEN NGUYEN

back? Gone. My thick, luscious head of hair? Gone as well (almost).

Nothing is permanent, the movie seems to suggest. It doesn't matter if we age backwards or forwards, nor does it matter if we're as sickeningly gorgeous as Brad Pitt or Cate Blanchett (although who *wouldn't* be able to look flawless with CGI special effects?). Nothing gold can stay, the film asserts, and to drive home into our consciousness this simple truth, it employs an effective—if somewhat clunky—thematic framing device in the form of Hurricane Katrina's devastating winds, reminding us that there is no such thing as forever for creatures who are impermanent by design. Nothing lasts. Not life. Not beauty. Not even great cities that seem so much a part of our national character. The fact is, we come into this world already swimming against Time, its currents just as steady, just as irreversible, and just as destructive as any hurricane, symbolic or otherwise.

This overwhelming desire we have for permanence in an impermanent world is an inescapable and profound truth, one we choose not to acknowledge, preferring instead to bask in the glow of the little happinesses—the numbers adjacent to acronyms like GPA and SAT; the long list of acceptances from universities we never planned to attend in the first place; that shiny new car, awesome new job, fancy new house—we've fought so hard and struggled so mightily to achieve and acquire, happinesses we like to believe mean something. After

all, who can blame us for wanting to live—to be blissful—forever? Who doesn't want to forget that all good things must come to an end? Who doesn't want to go back to the Garden? But I'm going to let you in on a little secret...

It's just a movie!

Just because things don't last doesn't mean they don't matter! It's still possible to find purpose. It's still possible to find Meaning. It's definitely possible to achieve Happiness. We won't find it in fame, glory, or possessions, however. We find it in a well-told story that stays with us long after we've turned the final page. We find it in the philosophical and not-so-philosophical questions we ask of ourselves and of others. We find it in a shared laugh, a shared glance, a shared understanding. We find it in those moments when we've truly connected with another human being, moments that affirm all that is great, profound, and possible within all of us, moments that demonstrate what it truly means to live an examined life. Moments—for me—like any typical day on this high school campus. So while it's true that change is constant, that we can be tempest-tossed by the gale-force winds of our particular set of circumstances, life isn't all about anguish and forlornness and despair. It's about seizing these moments of now, taking advantage of and making meaning of the present since the present may never pass this way again.

We may not live forever.

But we can endure. We can transcend. ♦

## Our Senior Class of '09

BOB KUCER

I know you as former Chemistry Honors and/or AP Biology students, as well as not knowing some of you at all. I can only guess what your time has been like here at Saratoga but I would say overall the feelings of mad, sad, happy and scared could summarize the moments you have had with us, your teachers, your parents, outside-of-school friends and of course, your classmates. You have played a role in my life—you have had an effect on me. I hope that we, the SHS staff, have had some role in your life also, a role that you will come to remember and recall with fondness. "There's really no way to determine or describe

the impact one person has on another or the way one's life is altered by a meeting." Stevie Wonder states it so beautifully—"no one knows the changes you are going through." And yes, there is no denying it; we all have changed in the past 4 years. One can feel so lonely as he move along his self-generated path. I hope you have begun to learn "how to hold your own hand and watch where you are stepping" as you have grown during the time we have spent together.

So I would like to say "thank you" for the moments you shared with me. Perhaps it was the joy of witty banter during class or when you came to deliver an office note. One of the most heartfelt times might



have simply occurred while being left alone because that was what was needed. Whatever you recall about your interactions at SHS, I hope some of these recollections bring a smile to your face, a huge belly laugh, a memory of being upset or scared or a tear to your eye. It's the feelings, silly, that you will take with you!! And hopefully a little knowledge and self-awareness. Go in peace. ♦

# Polling all seniors

## 1 Who was the best one-hit wonder?

- a) Ricky Martin: 15%
- b) Savage Garden: 21%
- c) Vanilla Ice: 18%
- d) MC Hammer: 36%**
- e) Other: 10%

## 2 On average, how many hours of sleep did you get a night?

- a) less than 4 hours: 2%
- b) 4-5 hours: 19%
- c) 6-7 hours: 57%**
- d) 8-9 hours: 20%
- e) over 10 hours: 2%

## 3 Which movie is a must-see?

- a) Dark Knight: 49%**
- b) Juno: 8%
- c) Slumdog Millionaire: 26%
- d) High School Musicals: 5%
- e) Harry Potter: 7%
- f) Other- 5%

## 4 What TV show is a must-see?

- a) Lost: 7%
- b) Desperate Housewives: 5%
- c) 24: 8%
- d) Heroes: 5%
- e) The Office: 20%
- f) Daily Show/ Colbert Report: 6%
- g) Gossip Girl: 29%**
- h) House: 10%
- i) Other: 10%

## 5 GIRLS: Which male superstar would you like to marry?

- a) Brad Pitt: 37%**
- b) Chace Crawford: 33%
- c) Zac Efron: 3%
- d) James Marsden: 11%
- e) James McAvoy: 15%



## 6 GUYS: Which female superstar would you like to marry?

- a) Jessica Alba: 38%**
- b) Anne Hathaway: 15%
- c) Blake Lively: 20%
- d) Megan Fox: 13%
- e) Beyonce: 14%



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### MEMOIR... Paul Leung: No food in the library

This one time in junior year, I was eating Dove chocolates in the school library and ridiculing the stupidity of those Dove chocolate quotes. Then, I started choking, and Gordon, the librarian/tech. guy, had to do the Heimlich on me. What sucked was not getting completely humiliated in front of the underclassmen; Gordon, after my near-death experience, looked at me, smiled and said, "Maybe you shouldn't eat in the library." The next day, a banner that advised students not to eat or drink in the library decorated the wall above the group study rooms. I suppose I am the reason why the librarians are rather strict...



## 7 How many driving tickets/violations have you received?

- a) 0: 70%
- b) 1-2: 24%
- c) 3-4: 4%
- d) 5+: 2%

## 8 To how many colleges did you apply?

- a) 0-1: 6%
- b) 2-5: 14%
- c) 6-9: 31%
- d) 10-14: 38%**
- e) 15+: 11%

## 9 What was your favorite Homecoming theme?

- a) Music- Reggae: 0%
- b) Childhood Memories: Books: 15%
- c) Movies: Indiana Jones: 15%
- d) Around the World - Cairo: 36%**
- e) None. What were we thinking?: 34%



## 10 What was your favorite place to eat off-campus?

- a) Coach House: 10%
- b) Chipotle: 38%**
- c) In-N-Out: 17%
- d) Safeway: 7%
- e) Quizno's: 21%

## 11 Which rally moment was most memorable?

- a) Sumo Wrestling: 6%
- b) Catfight!: 60%**
- c) Smurfs?: 4%
- d) Piñata Ladder Disaster: 4%
- e) Rallies were not memorable: 24%

## Comedic Moments with Stacy Ku



Ku

**On Applying to College:** "Recycling cans is good, but recycling essays is even better."

**On ASB:** "Administration's Special Babies."

**On Procrastinating:** "I put the 'pro' in procrastinator."

**On Cops:** "They'd be out of business if we didn't have so many bushes."

**On Econ w/ Dwyer:** "Week 1 lesson plan: The world is going to end."

**On Downtown Saratoga:** "By the time I realized we were in it we'd passed it already."

## 12 What was your favorite '90s TV show?

- a) Pokemon: 33%**
- b) Boy Meets World: 23%
- c) Friends: 27%
- d) TRL: 2%
- e) Rugrats: 15%



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## Academic Honors\*

\*list of awards  
announced as of  
May 22

**Valedictorian:** *Thomas Wang*  
**Salutatorian:** *Michael Chen*

### Very High Honors:

*Kian Banks*  
*Lewis Chen*  
*Elizabeth Cheng*  
*Ashley Chou*  
*Kevin Fongson*  
*Andrew Francis*  
*Aaron Garg*  
*Kimberly Hui*  
*Erica Kumala*

*Devan Lai*  
*Kelly Lamble*  
*Alan Menezes*  
*Swupnil Sahai*  
*Dorottya Schranz*  
*Connie Shang*  
*Austin Shieh*  
*Christopher Sirivoranankul*  
*Paul Stavropoulos*

*Felicia Tang*  
*Rahul Thakker*  
*Timothy Tsai*  
*Tiffany Tseng*  
*Kara Wang*  
*Joyce Wu*  
*Alina Yang*  
*Jocelyn Ye*  
*Sarah Zarrin*

### High Honors:

*Sofia Balogh*  
*Lisa Chang*  
*Shangin Chang*  
*Emily Chen*  
*Sukai Chen*  
*Kristina Clark*  
*Jenna Finch*  
*Vivian Fu*  
*Angela Hwang*  
*Brittany Judoprasertijo*  
*Candace Kao*  
*Stacy Ku*  
*Stephen Lee*

*Matthew Leung*  
*Jennifer Li*  
*Deborah Lin*  
*Melissa Lin*  
*Tiffany Lin*  
*Andrew Tsao*  
*Richard Macklin*  
*Mridula Nadamuni*  
*Nicole Ng*  
*Hannah Porter*  
*Megha Raghavan*  
*Amrit Rathi*  
*Alexander Ren*

*Diana Seo*  
*Rishi Taggarsari*  
*Sarah Tang*  
*Brian Tsai*  
*Paulina Tsai*  
*Andrew Tsao*  
*Joleen Tseng*  
*Thong Tu*  
*Theresa Yeh*  
*Jeffrey Young*  
*Yvette Young*  
*Guo Zeng*  
*Cynthia Zhao*

### Honors:

*Adeeti Aggarwal*  
*Christian Biederman*  
*Andrew Buchanan*  
*Nicole Chang*  
*Abigail Conroy*  
*Mara Couch*  
*Julia Glausi*  
*Alvin Hsia*  
*Aditi Jayaraman*  
*Sanketh Katta*  
*Kirstie Lee*

*Duke LeTran*  
*Paul Leung*  
*Grace Liao*  
*Alexander Lun*  
*Arian Mahini*  
*Shawyon Malik-Salehi*  
*Kaitlin Marsh*  
*Steven McLellan*  
*Katherine Moran*  
*Tejas Mulye*  
*Katie Nast*

*Nathan Nguyen*  
*Wooho Park*  
*Arjun Prabhakar*  
*Katherine Stewart*  
*Ray-Young Tsao*  
*Derek Tseng*  
*James Turley*  
*Michael Vu*  
*Shirlene Wade*  
*Catherine Wang*

## Awards and Scholarships

### Awards and Scholarships

**ABC 7 Top Scholars Award**  
**Nominees:** *Shawyon Malek-Salehi, Connie Shang, Jocelyn Ye*

**ACE's Program**  
**Scholarship:** *Kelly Lamble*  
**Alliance Francaise**  
**de Santa Clara Valley**

**Concours de Francais 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Place:** *Connie Shang*

**Americorps Education**  
**Award:** *Corey Rateau*

**The Auxiliary of Good**  
**Samaritan Hospital**  
**Nominees:** *Kirstie Lee, Amrit Rathi*

**Elizabeth W. Barron**  
**Journalism Awards:** *Michael Chen, Dorottya Schranz*

**Dan Barry Memorial**  
**Scholarship:** *Scott Thoren*

**Baumeister Scholarship:**  
*Paul Stavropoulos*

**Bay Area-All Star**  
**Scholarship Team**  
**Nominees:** *Satomi Ishikawa, Claire Marsh, Alan Menezes, Nathan Nguyen*

**Robert C. Byrd Honors**  
**Scholarship Nominees:**  
*Michael Chen, Megha Raghavan*

**California**  
**Scholarship**  
**Federation**  
**Scholarship,**  
**Local Winner:** *Paul Stavropoulos*

**Central County**  
**Occupational**  
**Center Academic**  
**Achievement**  
**Scholarship:** *Nicole Walker*

**CIF/Farmers**  
**Scholar-Athlete**  
**of the Year Award**  
**Nominees:** *Kian Banks, Lindsey Marsh*

**Comcast Leaders**  
**and Achievers**  
**Scholarship:** *Sarah Gambord*

**Daughters of the**  
**American Revolution**  
**Good Citizen Award:**  
*Julia Glausi*

**Flex College**  
**Resource Center**  
**Scholar Award**  
**Nominees:** *Abigail Conroy, Jessica Gipe, Alison Norris, Wooho Park*

**Grove Scholarship:**  
*Nicole Walker*

**Intel Scholarship:**  
*Mridula Nadamuni*

**Intuit Scholarship:**  
*Tejas Mulye*

**Robert W. Kiersted**  
**Memorial**  
**Scholarship:** *Mabel Hsu, Tiffany Wang*

**Kiwanis Club of Los**  
**Gatos Scholarship**  
**Program General**  
**Scholarships:** *Jennifer Hansen, Mabel Hsu, Michael Huang, Alexander Ren*

**Turn-Around**  
**Scholarship:** *Matthew Brading, Jasper Loren, Alexa Riley*

**Mock Trial Coaches**  
**Award:** *Rishi Taggarsari*

**Louis Armstrong Jazz**  
**Award:** *Julia Glausi*

**Mike Dufour**  
**Marching Band**  
**Scholarship:** *James Turley*

**The Music Teachers'**  
**Association of**  
**California Santa**  
**Clara County Branch:**  
*Kristina Clark, Alexei Gousev, Kimberly Hui, Shawyon Malek-Saleh*

**Saratoga High School**  
**Music Boosters':**  
*Nicole Chang, Grant Fukui, Jennifer Hansen, Austin Sheih*

**John Philip Sousa**  
**Award:** *Aaron Garg*

**Sue Worden Memorial**  
**Band Scholarship:**  
*Christina Robert*

**The National**  
**Hispanic Recognition**  
**Program:** *Andrew Buchanan*

**National League**  
**of American Pen**  
**Women Scholarship:**  
*Connie Shang*

**National Merit**  
**Scholarship**  
**Program Letters**  
**of Commendation:**  
*Andrew Buchanan, Timothy Chan, Kristina Clark, Mara Couch, Kevin Fongson, Grant Fukui, Alexei Gousev, Alvin Hsia, Jonathan Hsu, Angela Hwang, Aditi Jayaraman, Paari Kndappan, Erica Kumala, Raphael Kung, Kelly Lamble, Elizabeth*

*Lee, Stephen Lee, Matthew Leung, Grace Liao, Melissa Lin, Peter Lin, Tiffany Lin, Alexander Lun, Richard Macklin, Tejas Mulye, Nathan Nguyen, Wooho Park, Hannah Porter, Swupnil Sahai, Lyka Sethi, Austin Shieh, Christopher Sirivoranankul, Rishi Taggarsari, Sarah Tang, Brian Tsai, Paulina Tsai, Derek Tseng, Kara Wang, Sarah Zarrin, Guo Zeng, Eddie Zhang, Melody Zhang, Cynthia Zhao*

**Semifinalists:** *Jason Huang, Joseph Smead*

**Finalists:** *Adela Chang, Lisa Chang, Emily Chen, Michael Chen, Elizabeth Cheng, Andrew Francis, Aaron Garg, Jessica Gipe, Kimberly Hui, Candace Kao, Stacy Ku, Devan Lai, Deborah Lin, Alan Menezes, Mridula Nadamuni, Meghan Raghavan, Dorottya Schranz, Connie Shang, Felicia Tang, Rahul Thakker, Timothy Tsai, Andrew Tsao, Tiffany Tseng, Thomas Wang, Joyce Wu, Alina Yang, Jocelyn Ye, Jeffrey Young, Yvette Young*

**Chevron**  
**Corporation:** *Connie Shang*

**BMC Software, Inc.:**  
*Aaron Garg*

**Northern California**  
**Scholarship**  
**Foundation School**  
**Nominee:** *Paul Stavropoulos*

**Helen Oreb Yearbook**  
**Awards:** *Shawn Cho, Sonali Dujari, Stacy Ku*

**Organization of**  
**Chinese-American**  
**Women Scholarship:**  
*Melissa Lin*

**P.E.O. Alice P.**  
**Fuller Scholarship**  
**Nominee:** *Mabel Hsu*

**2009 Presidential**  
**Scholars Program**  
**Nominees:** *Michael Chen, Aaron Garg, Megha Raghavan, Andrew Tsao*

**Principal's**  
**Leadership Award**  
**Nominee:** *Michael Guercio*

**Prudential Spirit of**  
**Community Award**  
**Nominee:** *Thong Tu, Alina Yang*

**Dr. Hugh Roberts**  
**Mock Trial**  
**Scholarship:** *Lisa Chang*

**Saratoga Foothill**  
**Club Scholarships:**  
*Kristina Clark, Mabel Hsu*

**Saratoga High School**  
**Community Service**  
**Award:** *Kian Banks, Neyha Bhat, Andrew Buchanan, Nicolle Chang, Sandeep Chandrasekhar, Emily Chen, Lewis Chen, Michael Chen, Abigail Conroy, Kelly Darchuk, Neil DeVera, Sonali Dujari, Jenna Finch, Sally Freeman, Karen Hao, Mabel Hsu, Michael Huang, Kimberly Hui, Heraa Hyder, Satomi Ishikawa, Brittany Judoprasertijo, Sanketh Katta, Elnaz Khadem, Kathy Koo, Avinash Kumar, Johnathan Lam, Christina Lauro, Kirstie Lee, Stephen Lee, Shawna Lempert, Matthew Leung, Megan Mandell, Sacha Maniar, Claire Marsh, Katie Marsh, Andrew Martin, Rana Mehdizadeh, Alan Menezes, Katherine Moran, Tejas Mulye, Bradley Murray, Mridula Nadamuni, Katie Nast, Alison Norris, Melissa Ozaslan, Hannah Porter, Corey Rateau, Amrit Rathi, Kristina Rees, Alexander Ren, Kathleen Roberts, Elizabeth Russell,*

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**Saratoga High School**  
**Theatre Arts Senior**  
**Legacy Scholarship:**  
*James Arroyo, Matthew Hawks, Diana Seo*

**Hazel Reed**  
**Baumeister**  
**Scholarship:** *Paul Stavropoulos*

**Silicon Valley**  
**Realtors Charitable**  
**Foundation Scholars**  
**Program:** *Alina Yang*

**Sammy Ting**  
**Memorial Band**  
**Scholarship:** *Stephen Lee*

**Toyota Community**  
**Scholars Program**  
**Nominee:** *Aditi Jayaraman*

**Tri City Association**  
**of Mountainview**  
**Scholarship:** *Stephen Lee*

**Wells Fargo**  
**Employee**  
**Scholarship:** *Andrew Martin*

**Wendy's High School**  
**Heisman Scholarship**  
**Nominees:** *Kian Banks, Katie Nast*

# Staying close to home

Despite budget cuts and falling admission rates at almost every state school, the Class of 2009 managed to find a way to stay under the California sun.\*

**UC Berkeley**  
Adeeti Aggarwal  
Andrew Buchanan  
Elizabeth Cheng  
Ben Hinshaw  
Brittany Judoprasertijo  
Devan Lai  
Kirstie Lee  
Matthew Leung  
Paul Leung  
Melissa Iin  
Arian Mahini  
Nick Mortazavi  
Nicole Ng  
Megha Raghavan  
Amrit Rathi  
Alex Ren  
Swupnil Sahai  
Dorey Schranz  
Lyka Sethi  
Austin Shieh  
Felicia Tang  
Rahul Thakker  
Paulina Tsai  
Joleen Tseng  
Jamie Turley

**UC Davis**  
Arun Bajaj  
Nikki Chang  
Mara Couch  
Jeff Chu  
Lily Dickson  
Sonali Dujari  
Sally Freeman  
Alexei Gousev  
Michael Huang  
Duke Letran  
Gretha Loubser  
Shawyon Malek  
Katie Nast  
Mihir Sathé  
Kushal Shah  
Kevin Shimizu  
Nyssa Spector  
Michael Vu  
Daniel Wu  
Guo Zeng

**San Francisco State University**  
Juliana Lustenader

**De Anza College**  
April Choi

**West Valley College**  
Stephanie Kwan

**UCSC**  
Sarah Baldwin  
Christopher Chung  
John Gifford  
Johnny Lam

**Cal Poly SLO**  
Philip Chen  
Michael Guercio  
Daniel Huang  
Oliver Liu  
Melissa Ozaslan  
Lindsey Marsh  
Elizabeth Russell  
Sandra Sotiriadis  
Kate Stewart

**University of the Pacific**  
Aneesha Sharma

**Stanford**  
Aaron Garg  
Ketaki Shriram

**Santa Clara University**  
Kelly Lambie  
Alison Norris  
Kathleen Roberts

**USC**  
Neyha Bhat  
Emily Chen  
Aditi Jayaraman  
Farid Jiandani  
Stacy Ku  
Claire Marsh  
Katie Marsh  
Kristina Rees  
Alex Sclavos

**UC Riverside**  
Spencer Apple  
Neil deVera  
Raphael Kung

**UCSD**  
Joey Avery  
Shawn Cho  
Abby Conroy  
Grant Fukui  
Mabel Hsu  
Owen Huang  
Elizabeth Lee  
Stephen Lee  
Sacha Maniar  
Katherine Moran  
Rishi Taggarsi  
Brian Tang  
Ray-Young Tsao

**Cal Poly Pomona**  
Shawna Lempert

**Pomona College**  
Kara Wang

**Loyola Marymount University**  
Harriet Russell

**UC Irvine**  
Steven McLellan  
Hannah Porter

**Caltech**  
Alan Menezes

**Otis College of Art and Design**  
Alison Tsztoo

**Laguna College of Art and Design**  
Lisa Clark

**UC Santa Barbara**  
Kiersten Dolbec  
James Jiang  
Richard Macklin  
Diana Seo

**UCLA**  
Kian Banks  
Kevin Fongson  
Alvin Hsia  
Chris Sirivoranankul  
Yvette Young

**University of San Diego**  
Hana Pruzansky

\*numbers and student names are based on an optional survey question included in the senior magazine packet





# THE NEXT Top Model

**Nick Mortazavi and  
Kiersten Dolbec**

Runners-up:  
Chris Howmiller and  
Neyha Bhat

**Yvette Young and  
Mo Smead**

Runners-up:  
Kate Stewart and  
Tyler Combs

# THE NEXT Guitar Hero



# THE NEXT Ansel Adams

**Yeun Byun and  
Jamie Hussain**

Runners-up:  
Melody Zhang  
and Max Spears

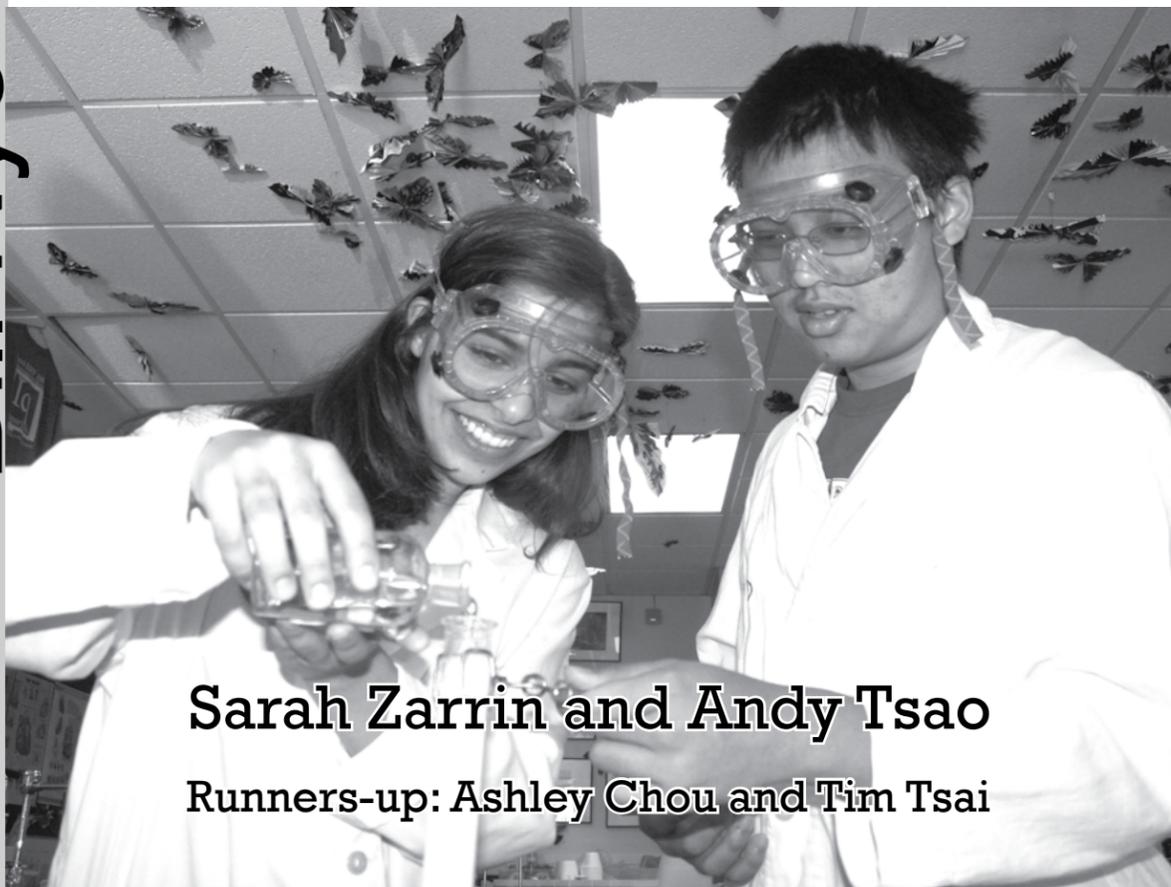
**Chelsea Brown and  
Kushal Shah**

Runners-up:  
Christina Robert  
and Rishi Taggarsari

# THE NEXT Best Smile



THE NEXT  
Bit Nye



Sarah Zarrin and Andy Tsao

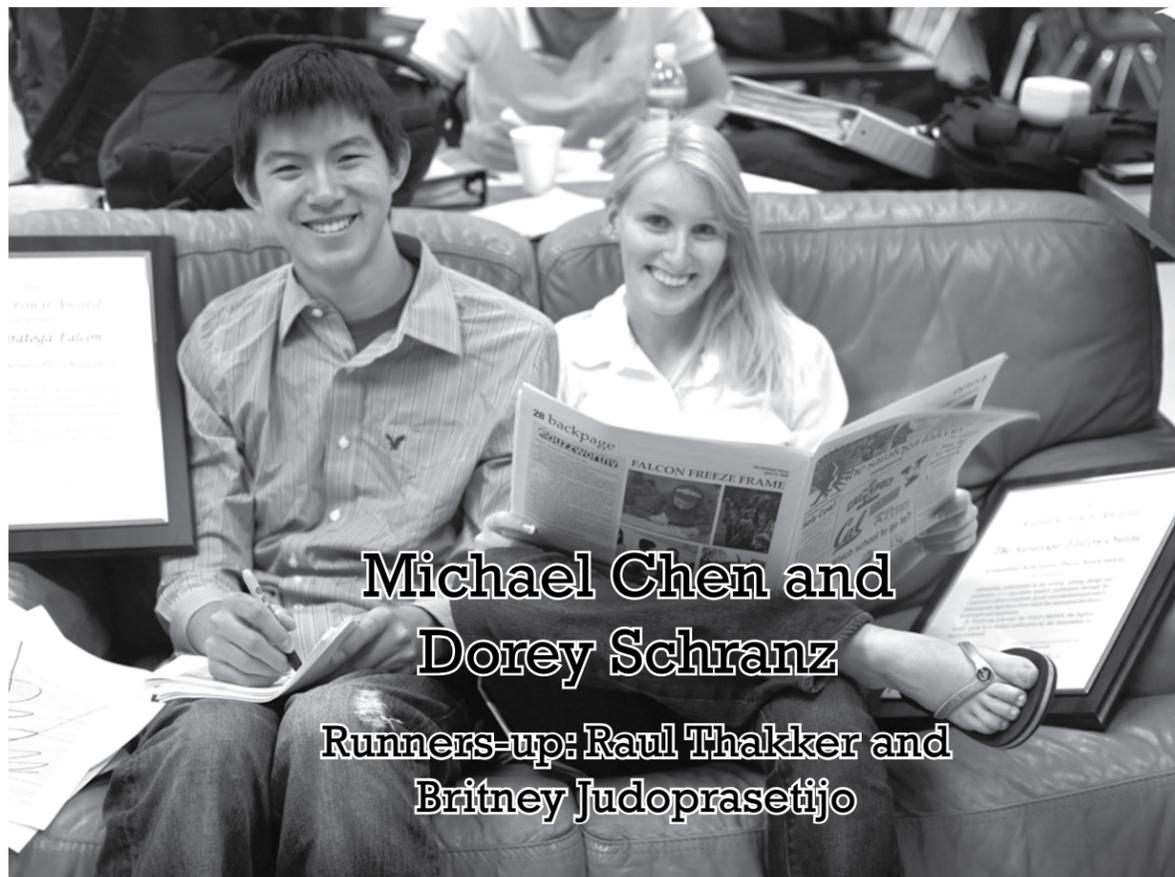
Runners-up: Ashley Chou and Tim Tsai

THE NEXT  
Drennan and Cochrum



Jeff Young and Abby Conroy

Runners-up: Alexei Gousev and Mridula Nadamuni



Michael Chen and Dorey Schranz

Runners-up: Raul Thakker and Britney Judoprasertijo

THE NEXT  
Woodward & Bernstein



Sara Gambord and Alexei Gousev

Runners-up: Brittany Judoprasertijo and Andy Tsao

THE NEXT  
Dexter

THE NEXT Iron Chef



Kiyoshi Harada and Sandra Sotiriadis

Runners-up: Alex Wokas and Sara Gambord

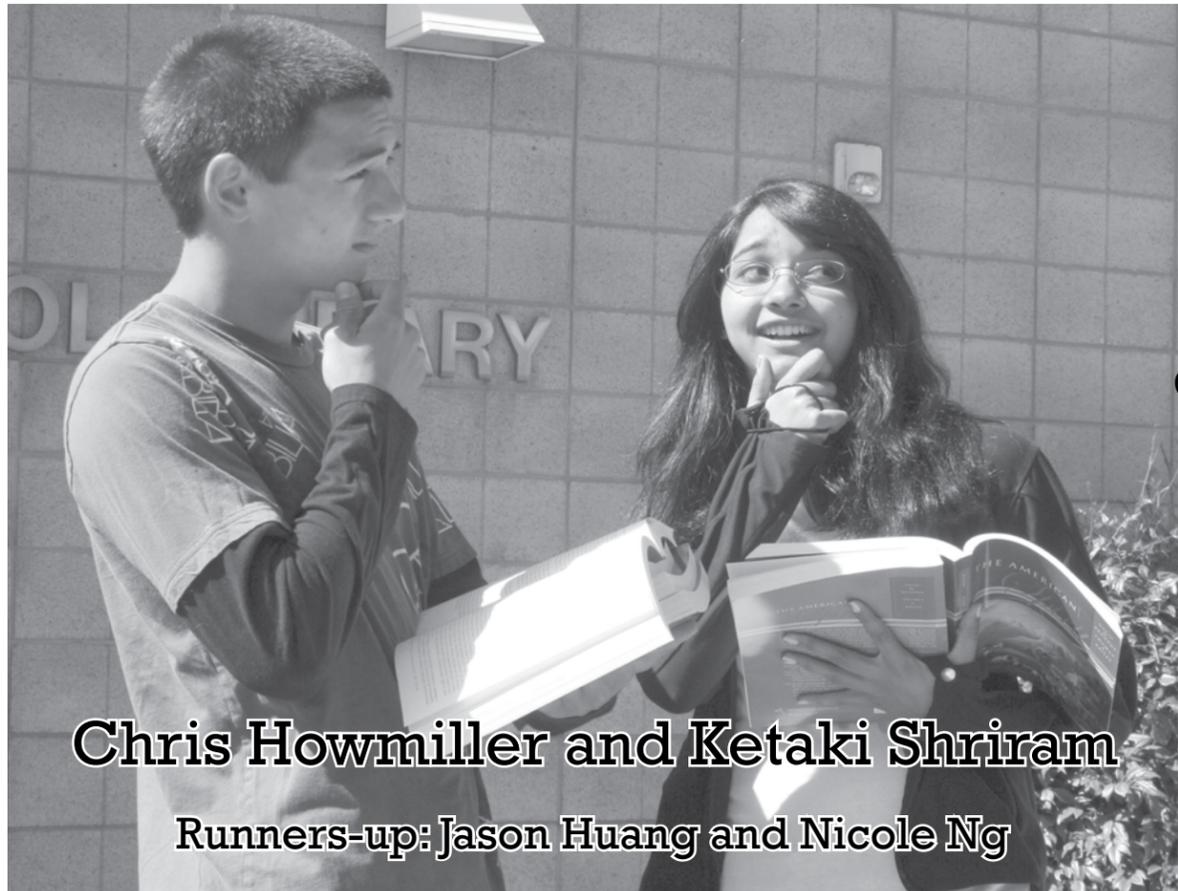
THE NEXT Nascar Racer



Karen Hao and Nikola Radosavljevich

Runners-up: Kristina Rees and Farid Jiandani

THE NEXT J.K. Rowling and Roald Dahl



Chris Howmiller and Ketaki Shriram

Runners-up: Jason Huang and Nicole Ng

THE NEXT Pinky and the Brain



Alex Shebanow and Mara Couch

Runners-up: Tim Tsai and Jennifer Tien

THE NEXT Olympians

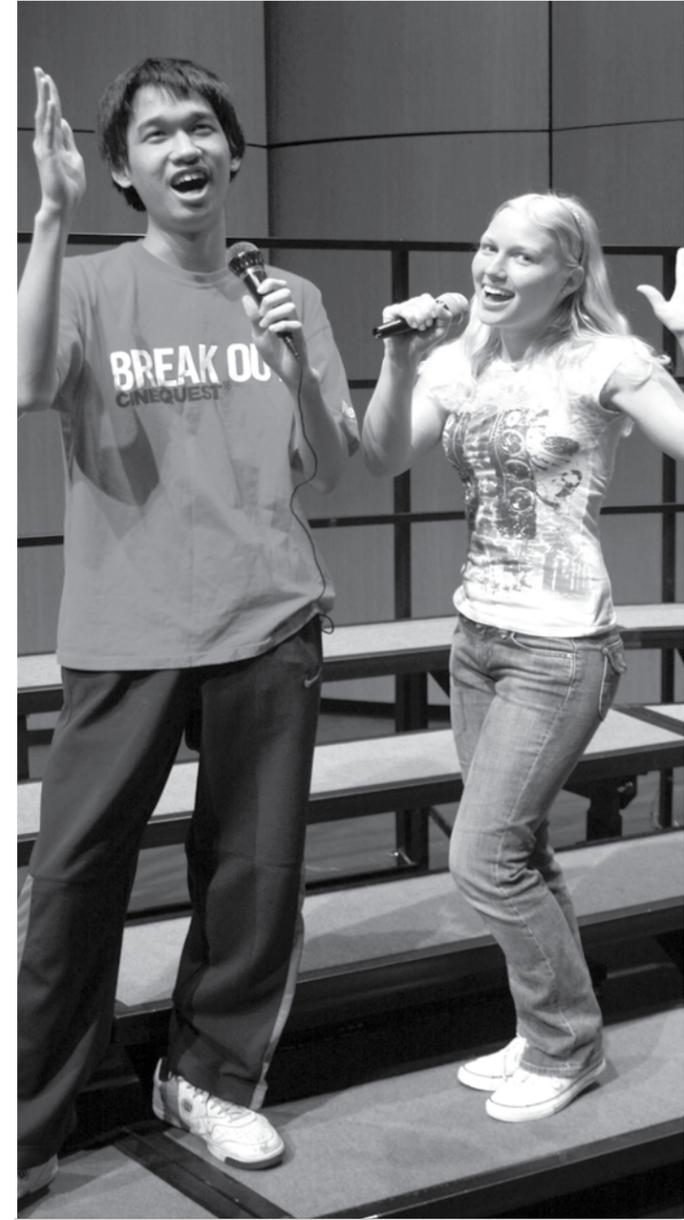


Kelly Lamble and Ben Hinshaw  
Runners-up: Kiersten Dolbec and Matt Murray



Katie Nast and Kian Banks  
Runners-up: Kelly Lamble and Alan Menezes

THE NEXT Michael Johnson



THE NEXT American Idol

Brian Tsai and Juliana Lustenader  
Runners-up: Alan Menezes and Christina Lauro

Oscar Winner



Eddie Zhang and Diana Seo  
Runners-up: Holden Sparacino and Christina Lauro



### Julia Glausi and Alex Ren

Runners-up:  
Alex Shebanow  
and Katie Gasik



## THE NEXT Steven Spielberg



## THE NEXT Administration

Anderson: Lewis Chen  
Bosco: Arian Mahini  
Hyde: Ketaki Shriram  
Safine: Paul Stavropoulos

Runners-up:  
Farid Jiandani as Anderson,  
Derek Emerson as Bosco,  
Laura Ruddy as Hyde  
and Corey Rateau as Safine

On The Economic crisis: "It makes Mr. Dwyer turn into a nice shade of fuchsia."—Stacy Ku

## THE NEXT Mozart



Shawyon Malek and Angela Hwang  
Runners-up: Aaron Garg and Vivian Fu



Cynlie Wang and Max Spears  
Runners-up: Yvette Young and Aaron Garg

## THE NEXT Van Gogh

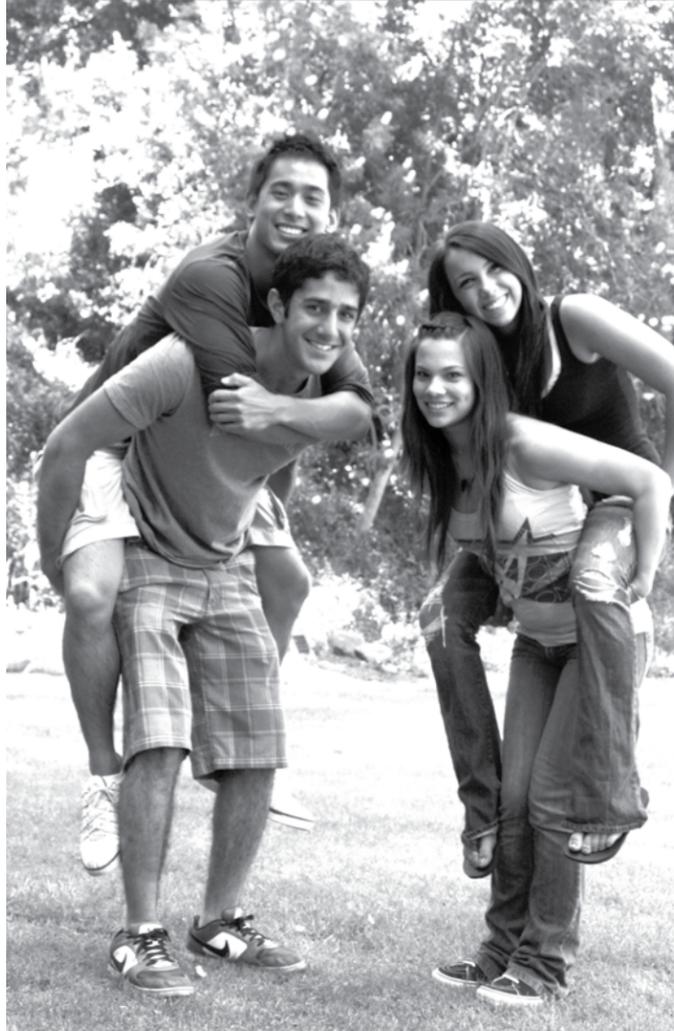
On High School in a Song Title: "Killing Me Softly."—Johnny Lam



**Girls: Nicole Robinson  
and Alana Ledbetter  
Guys: Nick Mortazavi  
and Michael Huang**

Runners-up:  
Girls: Kirstie Lee  
and Emily Chen  
Guys: Matt and Daniel Shepherd

**THE NEXT  
Calvin and Hobbes**



**THE NEXT  
Mr. and Mrs. Brady**

**Jenna Finch and  
Michael Vu**

Runners-up:  
Christina Robert and  
Holden Sparacino

**THE NEXT  
Newlyweds**



**Holden Sparacino and Christina Lauro**

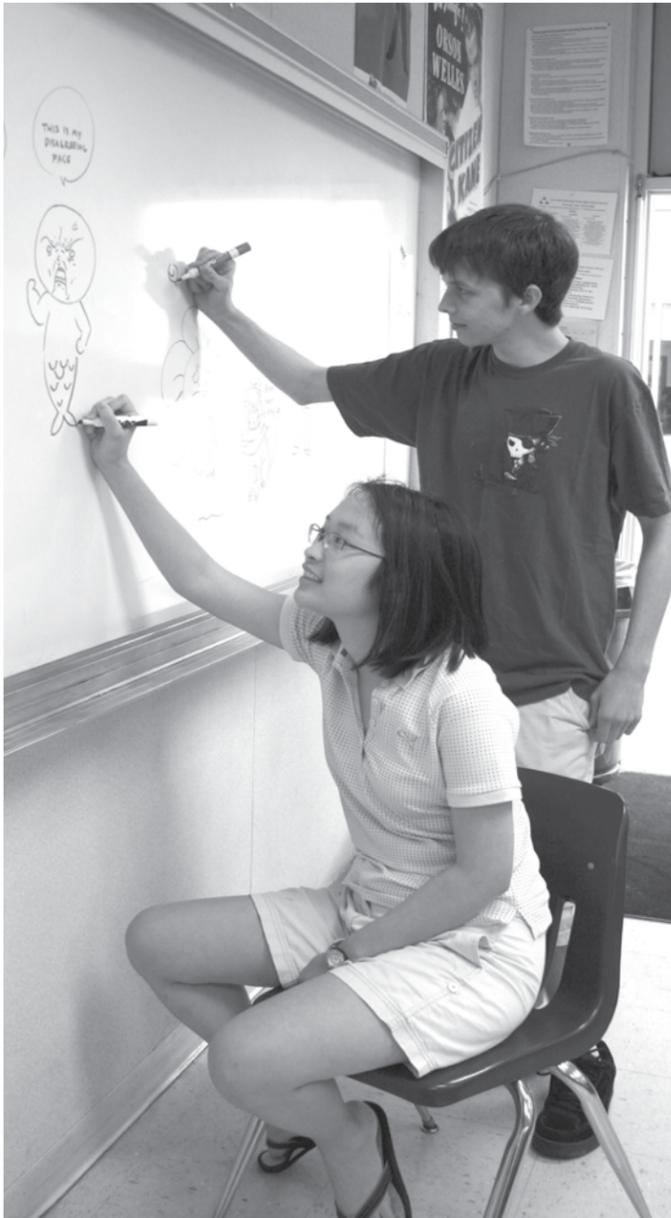
Runners-up: Michael Beam and Kaylee Pettengill



**Laura Ruddy and Jason Huang**

Runners-up: Hana Pruzansky and Mat Spencer

**THE NEXT  
Robin Williams**



### Christina Robert and Jon Hsu

Runners-up:  
Gretha Loubser  
and Paul Leung

## THE NEXT

Mother Teresa and Gandhi



## THE NEXT

Comic Book Artist

### Jennifer Tien and John Kleckner

Runners-up:  
Yvette Young  
and Max Spears

On Mr. Rector: "Elvis Presley did have a twin!"—Christina Robert

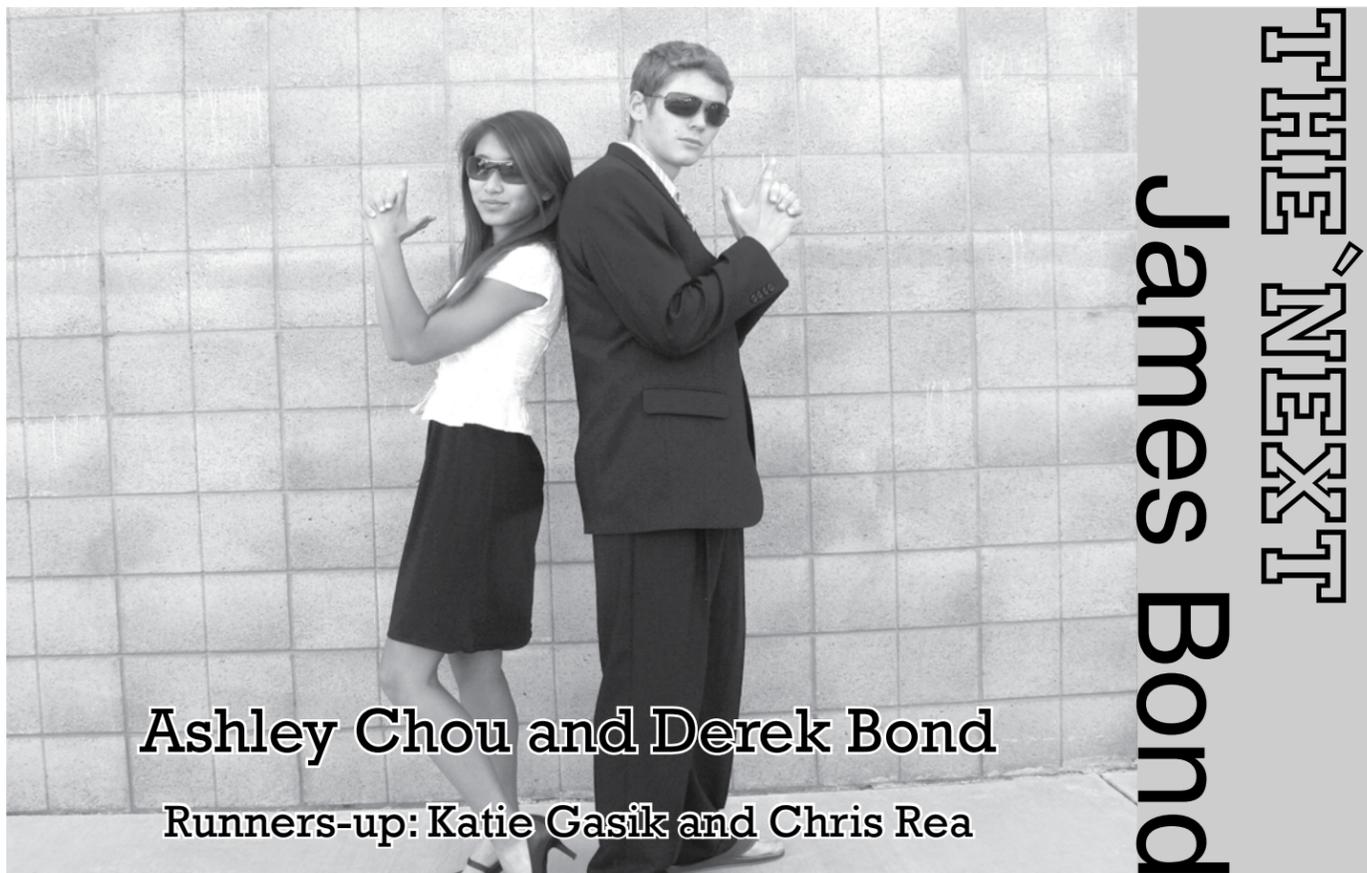
## THE NEXT

Dr. Phil and Oprah



### Chris Rea and Hana Pruzanksy

Runners-up: Andrew Buchanan and Mara Couch



### Ashley Chou and Derek Bond

Runners-up: Katie Gasik and Chris Rea

## THE NEXT

James Bond

On Sandeep C.: "Most gangsta gangsta this side of the Ganges."—Kushal Shah

THE NEXT Spice Girls



Katie Marsh, Liz Russell, Megan Mandell, Claire Marsh, Kristina Rees

Runners-up: Chelsea Brown, Nicole Robinson, Alana Ledbetter, Alex Sclavos, Harriet Russell



reflections



Jason Huang, Owen Huang, Johnny Lam, Jamie Turley, Lewis Chen, Sukai Chen

Runners-up: Mat Spencer, Joey Avery, Scott Thoren, Casey Farmer, Michael Guercio

THE NEXT Backstreet Boys

# High school confusion

## Dorey Schranz looks back on all the things she never managed to learn in high school

I consider myself quite the trivia wiz (leave it to me to have such a pointless talent), but if "SHS Seniors" was a category on Jeopardy, I hate to admit it, but I would be in more trouble than the junior class. As we approach the end of our senior year, I am stunned to find all the things I still do not know about the students with whom I am about to graduate.

I still have no idea how to tell the Marsh twins apart. I blame this mostly on the fact that I never had to learn to tell them apart by physical features because Claire was in one of my morning classes, so I would simply memorize what she was wearing and use that the rest of the day. On the days when I did not have class with Claire, I asked someone near me before I approached them. It was really an ingenious system. One time, however, I was walking behind Claire or Katie (Sorry, guys!) and she dropped something. There was no one to ask and I hadn't had second period yet, so I had no choice. I ran. They probably will hate me after reading this, especially if there was something important in that green pencil case, but at least, for their sake, I'll have no idea which one of them is giving me dirty looks.

I still have no idea how to spell Chris Sir. (abbreviated to spare us both some intense embarrassment)'s last name. He has probably spelled it for me a million times, but for some reason it has not stuck. Looking back, I realize it's sad that we all gave up on even trying to learn his name sometime in middle school and

have christened him Chris Sir, which has stayed with him for his whole high school experience. I almost want him to change his name legally and then be knighted to become Sir Chris Sir.

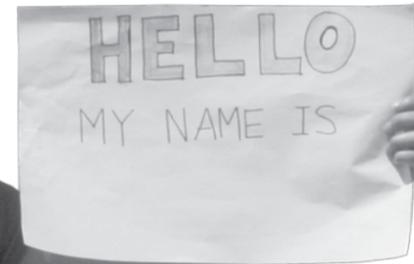
I still don't know my way around the Golden Triangle. Though I know plenty of people who live there and end up driving through it often as a "shortcut" that almost always causes me to be 10 minutes late back from lunch, I still routinely find myself in front of houses I've never seen and turning down onto a street I know will get me back on Saratoga-Sunnyvale, only to find it is a cul-de-sac. My nicer friends have done me the favor of living on the outskirts of the triangle, allowing me to venture in only one or two blocks off the main road. The more satanic of my friends, however, choose to buy houses on streets like Via Esquella (you know who you are) and then ask me to pick them up...at night. I doubt I'll miss these people much when I go off to college.

As we enter the last week of our lives as high schoolers, I think it is time for us all to stop learning about English literature and chemistry and to take some time to learn more about each other. This final time together is ideal for me, in particular, in that I finally have the opportunity to solve some of the mysteries listed above! Regardless of the things I don't know, there is one thing I definitely do know about '09: We are one hell of a class! ♦



# A name is just another word

## Brittany J. struggles with her 13-letter last name



What's in a name? Well, for me, absolutely nothing.

All right, well, not absolutely nothing. Most people when they come across a reference to me, they would say something along the lines of, "Oh, Brittany Judoprasertijo?" while tripping over the pronunciation of my last name. It seems as if everywhere I go, I am cursed with this wretched reference to that last name.

I guess a lot of people say it would be really cool to have such a unique last name. I beg to differ.

First off, it means absolutely nothing. That huge long non-Chinese looking last name is not Chinese and it doesn't seem to match me because I look Asian. So what ethnicity is it really?

Well, believe it or not, I'm Indonesian. Chinese-Indonesian, to be exact, because at one point in history, a member of my family tree was kidnapped from China and brought to Indonesia. Usually, Indonesians will have really strange, and long, last names. For example, my cousins have the last name of Tanuwidjaja.

Let me give you a brief background to Indonesian names. Usually in Indonesia, people will only have one name. It's not uncommon to have a president with just a first name and no last name.

So who's name exactly is "Judoprasertijo" you may ask. When my dad came to the United States, he had to have a last name. To solve this problem, he simply tagged on his dad's last name. The rest is history.

Culturally, I guess that my last name represents that I'm Indonesian. But really, deep down, my roots are Chinese. I would really prefer my last name to be directly Chinese, even if it isn't as distinct or long as my current one.

People often don't realize the pains of having such a long last name. Imagine trying to fill out a scantron and putting in all that personal information. I have to get a head start on bubbling in all those little bubbles. Talk about dulling out a pencil before the SATs have even started.

In another similar scenario, it also becomes a major inconvenience to be ready to turn in an assignment in class when I suddenly realize I didn't put my name down. Furiously scribbling my entire name, all twenty-one letters, takes a lot longer than the average name like, "Karen Hao" or "Vivian Fu."

I want to be recognized for being the Brittany that I am, and not by my last name. To me, it means absolutely nothing.

There are so many other things besides my last name that people can possibly associate me with. For example, I'm probably the only Brittany you know who has a birthday on 9/11, and is currently fabulously obsessed with engineering.

So please know and refer me as Brittany and something else, even if it is my fake Facebook name, Birdy J, besides that way-too-long last name. ♦

# Journalism Buddies

Alex Sclavos and Ketaki Shriram reflect on Opinion Writing, deadline nights and their friendship through *the Falcon*.

When we were freshmen, journalism didn't mean much to either of us. The course we took before applying for newspaper was just another class in our daily routine, nothing more than a general Applied Arts requirement. The social scene in the class was uncomfortable at best; we both felt that it'd be difficult to make friends, because most of the people in our immediate circles weren't involved with journalism.

Ironically enough, the two of us weren't even friends freshman year. We were only acquaintances, speaking minimally between classes in the hallway. Alex was originally unsure of her own decision, and almost joined yearbook. (Good thing that didn't happen!) Although Ketaki always knew she wanted to be a part of the Falcon, neither of us had any idea that the community we were about to join would help us to connect with people we thought had nothing in common with us.

Typically, the SHS campus is cliquey, and rigid at best. Newspaper, thankfully, is the exact antithesis of that. In our second year on staff, opinion writing helped us to break the usual social strictures of high school, allowing us to become better friends while expressing our feelings on current issues, an outlet that we used consistently throughout the year.

More important than the accolades we received for the joint stories, however, was the friendships we formed, not only with each other, but also with other members of the staff (Mary, Gautham and Ben to name only a few). Although it had first

seemed like an unlikely place to form a new group of friends, newspaper became a sanctuary on campus when we needed to ask for help—we knew would always be willing to lend a hand. Inside the journalism room, we could also escape the labels we were given on campus. People who knew us through the work we did on the Falcon created a new identity for us, unrelated to the other people we associated with on campus. This freedom to be someone else while working on the next issue of the Falcon has been both instrumental and unique in our high school experiences.

The time we valued our friendship most, however, was during the first semester of this school year, when college applications placed stress on the entire senior class. Even in times of worry, the journalism room remained one of the only places where we could discuss our worries without fear of judgment by others.

So even though we may not have always been the best, most timely (even this column was late), or most entertaining writers on the Falcon, we've managed to have a great time anyway—which is what really counts. ♦



# Campus Memories

Aditi Jayaraman remembers hallmarks of SHS

“But now, high school is over. And just when I'm finally free, I find myself sneaking back into this place and sitting in the hall, thinking about my friends and all the time we spent here. And you, Mr. Feeny. I started thinking about you, and how you've always told us what to do without ever telling us what to do. You taught us about life. I was thinking about how much this place has been my home.”

Despite the fact that I've heard Shawn Hunter's high school graduation speech on “Boy Meets World” about 50 times before (season 5, episode 24, titled “Graduation,” Topanga proposes to Corey, Eric serenades a retiring Mr. Feeny, etc.) I've never felt as connected to his words as I was when I watched the rerun for the 51st time just days ago. I mean, hey, take out the “Mr. Feeny,” insert a “Mrs. Hyde” and you've pretty much got my last couple months as a senior at Saratoga High School.

OK, so maybe my high school years haven't been quite as showy as Shawn Hunter's were. I've never lived in a trailer park, nor have I ever burnt part of my school down (season 5, episode 21, titled “Honesty,” in case you were wondering.) But therein lies the beauty of my experience here—a number of subtle, understated memories. Nevertheless, I had my share of drama, laughs, unforgettable friends and teachers and of course, loads of experiences on campus that I will truly cherish. But the truth of the matter is that the elements of Saratoga High that I'm so emotionally attached to and that lead me back to the gray building at 20300 Herriman Ave. are, ironically, memorable because of their simplicity.

## Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies

There's something about warm and chewy cookies at lunch that often made them the only thing that got me

through an AP Physics test, or even a long day without sleep...oh wait... those aren't mutually exclusive. If a bag of chocolate chips applies a force of 75 N on a ball of dough at rest on a level tray, what is the resultant vector of the normal force that the tray exerts on the dough and the chips combined? Pure chocolatey goodness.

## The Office

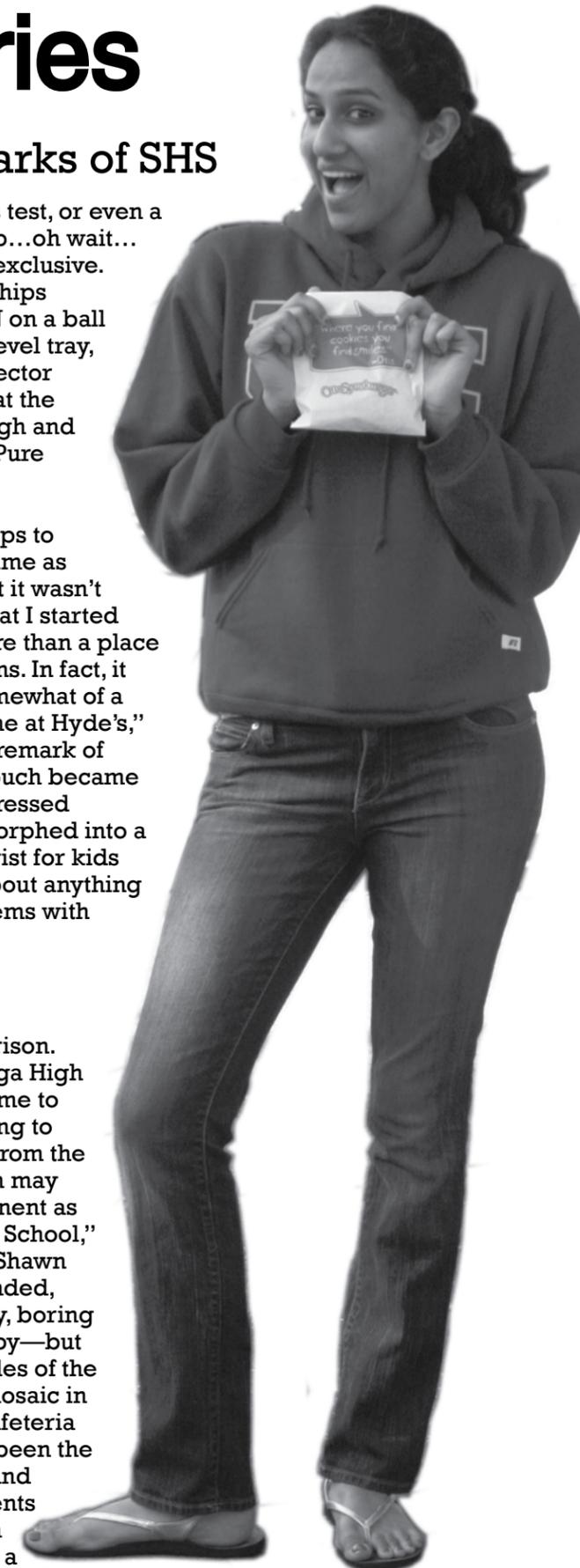
I made countless trips to the office during my time as an underclassman, but it wasn't until my junior year that I started to appreciate it as more than a place to discuss college plans. In fact, it started to become somewhat of a hangout spot. “Meet me at Hyde's,” became the common remark of my senior year, her couch became a makeshift bed for stressed students, and Hyde morphed into a provisional psychologist for kids who needed to talk about anything from college to problems with Indian Club.

## The J-Room Couch

Zzzzzzzz.....

## Our Campus

It may look like a prison. But regardless, Saratoga High has been a second home to me, and I am truly going to miss every part of it. From the outside, Saratoga High may not seem quite as eminent as the “John Adams High School,” that Corey Matthews, Shawn Hunter and gang attended, and as just an ordinary, boring high school to passerby—but in reality, from the tables of the library to the falcon mosaic in the quad and to the cafeteria to the parking lot, it's been the place that's nurtured and grown countless students over the years and I'm honored to have been a



# This one time at band camp...

Elizabeth Cheng reflects on the influence of the most memorable moments during her past four years in band

I don't know where to begin talking about band. You'd think it would be easy to talk about what has basically been my life for the past four years, but I'm not even sure where to begin. Do I tell an infamous Jason Huang story? Or should I illustrate the ridiculous Wednesday morning rehearsals in the dark? Do I talk about the real lessons I've learned (ie how to play three different types of poker)? Or should I start with "One time at band camp..."? Maybe I'll just start at the beginning.

Freshmen year band camp was probably one of the most intimidating experiences I've ever had. High school marching band was on a completely different level from middle school band. I mean, 12 hour days? Push-ups as punishment? Okay, so as a flute I may not have really done proper push-ups, but there were still times I almost wished to go back to Mrs. Wyant at Redwood (key word being almost). Then I almost thought about leaving. After all, could I really put up with a fall semester consumed solely by band? But once I was in, and once I got to know the people in band, I knew I couldn't leave.

I know; it's starting to sound like a plot from one of those predictable teen movies. Sorry, but I'm not quite sure if I know another way to put it. How else can I describe the friendships I've formed and the memories we've created? Or explain the ease that I feel when I'm with these people and the effortless time we're able to spend together? And, well, I'm a sap; with less than two months left, I can't stop the words dripping



in tooth-decaying sentimentalities that seem to be spilling out of my mouth.

It's been almost six months since the end of the marching band season and I think I'm still in disbelief that it's all over. No more starting my school year two weeks early. No more race to the popsicle breaks. No more dying in the heat while being yelled at for being weak. Okay, maybe I won't miss the last one so much, but I'll miss going through that with everyone. I won't lie; I don't consider every member of the band like family. But, for those that I've got to know and come to form friendships with, they're irreplaceable.

I'm going to grow old and begin forgetting things soon but I hope I'll always remember things like Aaron's spot-on "Lord of the Flies" Piggy impression, the "disappearing act" we pulled on Ray during poker when he went to the bathroom, and the crazy Down-by-the-Banks games we played while waiting to get on Space Mountain at Disneyland. I don't want to forget the truth or dare games on the bus rides to competition (especially the time Sandeep tried to advertise an exercise machine), the frantic dashes to the lower field in order to avoid being late, or the tears that I couldn't stop after our last performance at Diablo Valley College.

I could go on forever about all the memories we've made but I'll just stop here and say my thanks to everyone for making my four years in band—despite the rain, the heat and the intense staff members—absolutely amazing. ♦

# An open book for you

Mabel Hsu found novels to be a reliable constant in her life



If you've ever asked any of my friends, they'll tell you my love for books was an accident. It began on the first day of first grade at Country Lane Elementary School in San Jose. I was told by my mother to go see the principal if I had any problems at school. Come lunchtime, I discovered a very pressing problem. I walked into the office, asked to see the principal, and upon seeing her, asked, "Where can I find some friends?" She must have stared at me for a while before calling my mother

so that she could explain making friends isn't something principals help students with. Well, thanks principal, not much of a pal are you?

Thankfully, I did eventually make friends. But then I moved to Foothill Elementary and shortly after, Argonaut. It was even harder to make friends at Argonaut because I was the "New Kid," and as a result, I went to the library everyday during lunch for a good part of the year. Accident? Maybe. Fate? Hm.

With good luck and Hoho's to trade for lunch, I managed to find some good friends. But while some people in my family and friends came and left, the characters in books like "Little House on the Prairie," "Harry

Potter," and "Poisonwood Bible," were always the same, reliable constant in my life. They provided an instant getaway from whatever else was going on that day, a magic carpet ride if you will. Those books were like vacations away from wherever I was, each one (at least the good ones) were a memorable experience.

School and life in general will always be stressful. You're going to have those consecutive weeks where you find yourself with little time to sleep and the responsibilities piling up. Whether it be losing yourself in a book for a couple of hours or going up to Citylights to stare at the city view at night, it's important to have a place to escape to.

To all underclassmen, if I could leave just one piece of parting advice, it would be that your high school experience is what you make it. Don't study all the time, go out, have fun and TP a house every now and then. Your class can only win things like Homecoming or Powder Puff if you put the effort in, not someone else. School is place for you to grow, not only academically, but as a person as well. And I think I did that pretty well. So thank you Saratoga, for four years and countless chapters—I can't wait to start the next one. ♦

## TOP FIVE PICKS THAT WILL GIVE YOU A KICK

- 1) "Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger's
- 2) "The Heart of a Woman" by Maya Angelou
- 3) "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 4) "The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle" by Haruki Murakami
- 5) "The Wonder Spot" by Melissa Bank

# OOOOOOHHHH-NINE

For columnists Rahul Thakker and Tim Tsai, senior year and AP Lang were the climax of their high school experience

“Basically, it’s just a rhetorical orgasm.”  
“Oh yes.”

At the end of junior year, we, like most members of the class of 2009, faced the tough decision of choosing between AP Lang and AP Lit.

We talked to other students who had taken Lang, and their praise for Mr. Friend convinced us to take AP Lang. Needless to say, we were shocked to see a random Asian man named “Mr. Nguyen” on our class schedules.

For a while we weren’t sure what would happen. Who was this guy with his penchant for wearing wool sweaters over dress shirts and slacks? And why did he have such huge biceps and bulging eyeballs? This, however, is certain: We haven’t regretted our choice.

Only in Lang do you pair the word “orgasm” with a 316-

word sentence from Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail.” Only in Lang do you debate the possibility of creating human life through technology. Only in Lang do you discuss topics as broad as the purpose of a god and as controversial as the consequences of sleeping with your own mother.

AP Lang, for us, was the absolute climax of our Saratoga High curriculum. The class represented every reason for waking up early in the morning and putting up with hour-long lectures or in-class essays. We truly felt challenged and enlightened.

Lang was a microcosm of senior year as a whole. Struggling through timed writes and midterms was like the college applications process—tedious, frustrating and downright brutal. But, like our daily engaging discussions, there were also good

times: late-night Halo sessions when we should have been studying for the next day’s AP Physics test or dominating Homecoming, Spring Fling and everything in between. Just as the approach of the AP test marked the end of Lang, our impending graduation marks the end of an era.

For three years and a half we had passively walked the halls of the campus, unsure of our future and uncertain of our place. But now, as we ready ourselves to leave Saratoga, we know the ins and outs of this school. We know how to squeeze every point out of our teachers, how to get to class on time after painstakingly waiting for our burrito at Chipotle. We have cemented our place in the annals of Saratoga High—we are the masters of this school.

It just came too late. Now we are faced with a completely different task to conquer. Everything has come full circle, and we will once again become the lost freshmen wandering the hallways of our respective colleges searching for an unknown destination, not just on the college campus, but in the future and in the world. Nonetheless, when we struggle over our organic chemistry labs or our 20 page research papers, we will remember our times at Saratoga High School—the teachers who inspired us, the activities that entertained us, the friends that supported us, and the class that defined us.

Basically, it was an orgasmic experience. ♦



## profiles

Senior spent high school years living with and caring for his brother

## Call him "Mama Stavropoulos"

# Paul Stavropoulos

**I**t all began when my father got a job in San Francisco toward the end of seventh grade, which meant that he had to make daily trips to and from his workplace. I haven't seen my mom for a few years, so for the longest time, it was just me, my brother, Dean, and my dad living together. At first, he would go to work and come back every night. However, after realizing that it wasn't a safe commute, he began spending nights in San Francisco. When I was in eighth grade, he decided to move there full time. In order for this to happen, he had to move us into rented rooms at a family friend's home in Saratoga.

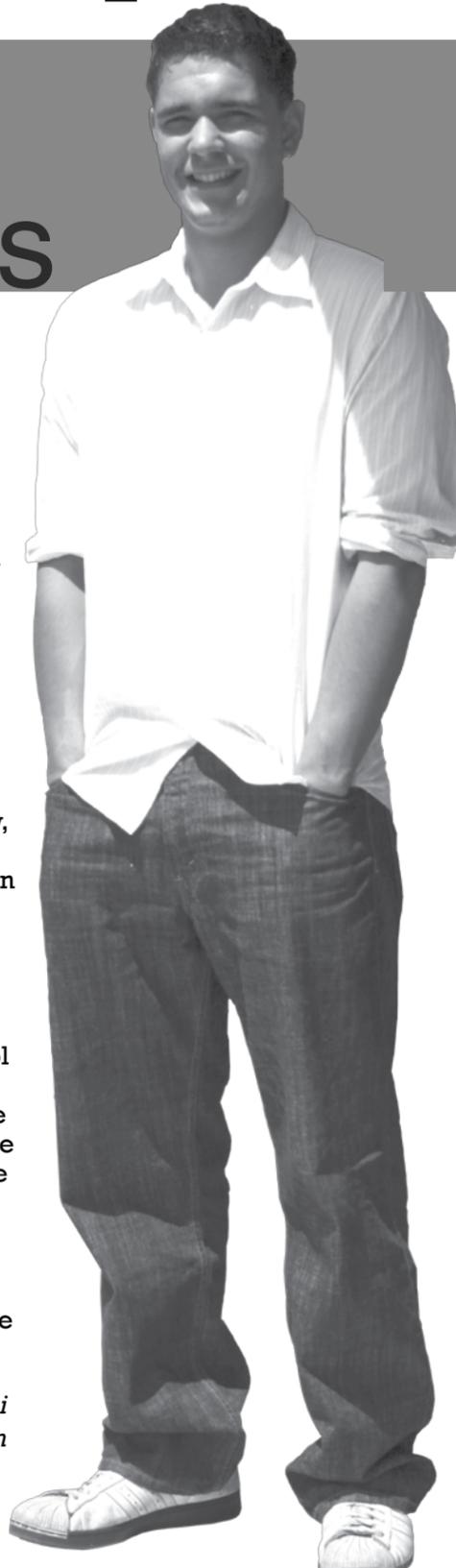
Since then, my brother and I have been living a "college lifestyle," running our own lives, deciding what we wanted to do, when we wanted to do it. We even cook dinner for ourselves most of the time. At first, we had to walk or bike around, but now that I have a car, it's much easier to get around. I run my own life, I decide how much homework I have and when to do it and when to go out. I've never had the experience of parents hovering over me.

In the beginning, I was "Mama Stavropoulos" to Dean, but he's

always been an independent guy, even more so than me. He's got a hard head and can take almost anything. So ever since he started high school, I haven't had to act as a parent—I'm just "the dude with the car." When I was an underclassman, the situation was hard to deal with. There were times when I felt alone, and despite my gregariousness, I never really wanted to open up to people about it. It's not the worst situation to be in, but it's definitely not the best situation either. But now, I've grown comfortable with the situation and have been able to open up.

It's definitely been helpful living such a great community. This situation would not have worked if I didn't have so much outside help. From my family friends to the school administrators, everyone's been really supportive. I want to thank the members of this community because my brother and I couldn't have done it without them. When it comes to general advice, I would have to say just work your butt off and have fun, and remember that life is all about how you react to the situations you're placed in. I turned out OK. I think. ♦

—as told to Lyka Sethi  
and Aditi Jayaraman



Kiersten Dolbec balances modeling and sports during high school

## Ready for the runway

# Kiersten Dolbec

**P**eople had always told me that I should be a model, but I never really took it seriously until freshman year, when I finally went to San Francisco for an open call. I had really wanted to do it for a long time, and was pretty active freshman and sophomore year, doing runway shows for small fashion boutiques and printwork with random designers, until junior year when I had an appendectomy.

It was difficult balancing sports and modeling, but sports definitely took precedence. For sports you can't miss anything, because then you'll have coaches and teammates getting on you. I tried out for Ford models, which is like the best label I could be under, but they said that you had to have all weekends free. Since I had track and volleyball, I couldn't sign with them. Luckily UCSB is close to Los Angeles, which has a big scene, so I'm definitely going to continue modeling in college.

Modeling also consumed a lot of time, though. When you first start out, you have to go to class for a new label. I did that for a few months, because for print work you have to find all your angles. Then for runway you have to work on your run and make sure there's something different about you so

designers will want to put you in their show, so I had to work on that for a good six months too.

Once you got into it, they tell you when you have a gig and you have to go and get fitted for all your clothes. Before a show, you have to go like three times a week, and then the show takes up a whole day, and a lot of times I have to go straight from a modeling gig to a volleyball tournament.

There is also that factor of everybody trying to be so thin. You look around you and wonder if people think you are thin enough. Thank God for sports, though, because I never really had to worry about it since I was always in shape.

My favorite show was one I did for a Los Gatos boutique. All the dresses were Michael Kors, and they did my hair completely crazy. At this other photoshoot, they died my hair platinum blonde. It looked terrible, but was so much fun because it was something I never would have done otherwise.

I love doing runway, and my favorite part was always when you get to the end of the runway. That's your chance to show something different about you and be creative. That's what I love. ♦

—as told to Emily Chen  
and Elizabeth Cheng



Alex Ren develops an interest in filmmaking and video editing

## Direct route to the future

# Alex Ren

I remember when I first got interested in filmmaking. It was third grade, and my mom had brought me to watch *Chicken Run* in the movie theaters. I remember my mom telling me on the way out of the theaters that the animation was shot using clay objects and video editing. Honestly, I don't even remember the movie anymore, but that was what sparked my interest in video editing in the first place. I came home and tried stop-animation, with legos I built myself. It wasn't very good, but what can a 9-year-old do?

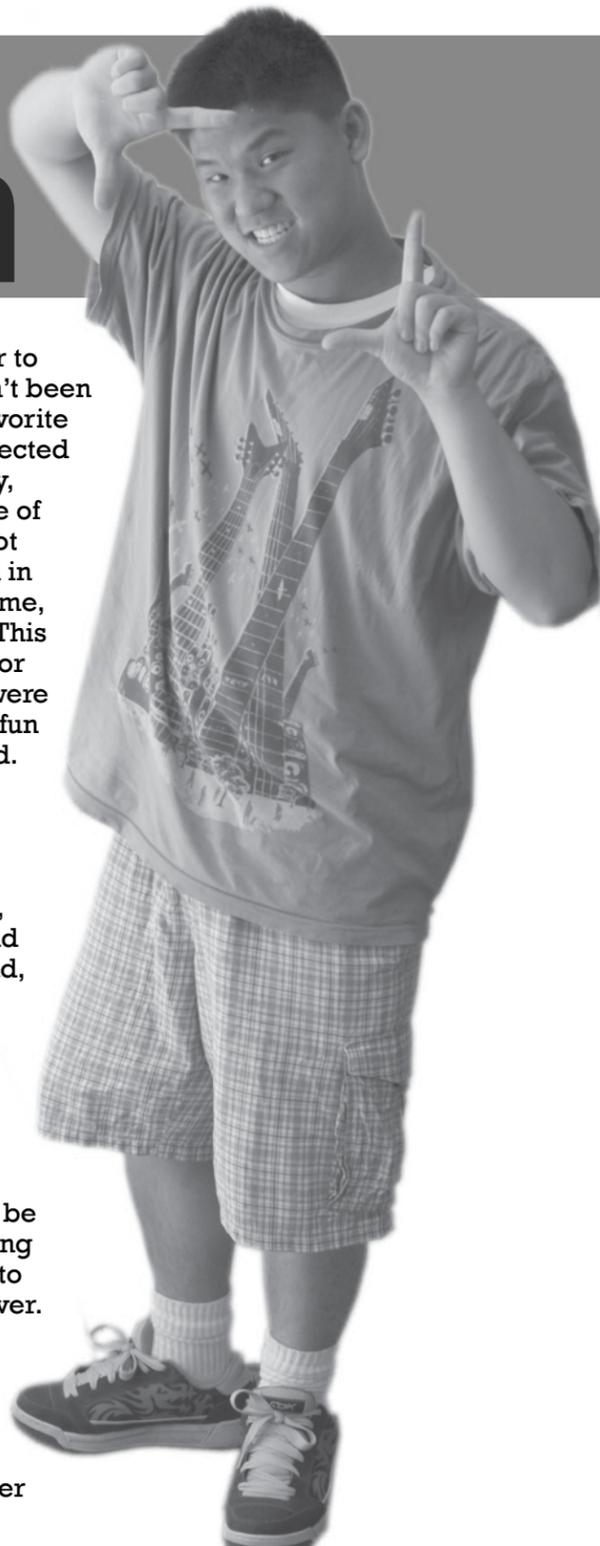
As I went on to attend Redwood, my interest in filmmaking only grew. In seventh grade, I took the video class as an elective, and it gave me a lot more exposure to video editing and different things I could be doing. It gave me more opportunity to experiment and learn, which further increased my interests in filmmaking. During my last year in middle school, I was in charge of making the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation video, which played during the graduation party.

And then came these past four years. With high school, there became a lot more opportunities to pursue this hobby, especially in class. It seemed that most any class, whether history or English, had a project somewhere in the year that would offer a video option. I began to love these projects, and in my upperclassmen

years, would ask the teacher to provide this option if it hadn't been already given. One of my favorite video projects was one I directed and edited for AP US History, making a video on the battle of Lexington and Concord. A lot of classmates were involved in filming, and it took a lot of time, but it was really rewarding. This was in the beginning of junior year, so not a lot of people were busy with school and it was fun having everyone so involved.

I've slowly begun to love video editing. I love every minute of filming, directing, and sitting in front of the computer for endless hours, slaving away at every second of the film, focusing on sound, special effects, lighting, and everything else. I love it because you can make what isn't real, real; you can make the impossible. Isn't that everyone's dream? It's a great way to visualize things that would otherwise be fantasy. And I love that making these videos allows people to relive the events over and over. Film is the amalgamation of drama, photography, music, literature. It's a difficult art, but that's why it's rewarding. And I intend to spend my future running after this passion of mine. ♦

—as told to Kirstie Lee



Senior goes back to her country roots by participating in cow shows

## Milking it for all it's worth

# Lauren Christens-

I have a kind of strange past time. I do cow shows.

My dad grew up on a dairy farm that my aunt now owns in Humboldt County. I love visiting the farm because I'm definitely a country girl at heart. Living in Saratoga isn't too bad because it's not a big city, but I still miss the country when I'm not there. The people here are a lot different, and the kinds of activities I love to do on the farm are really just not here for me. It's OK, though, because I do get to go up north every year.

Every August, Humboldt hosts its annual fair in Ferndale at the local high school. It's really fun because there is horse racing and tons of animals like chickens, goats, pigs, beef cows and my favorite, dairy cows.

I started showing dairy cows during the fair with my aunt and uncle when I was really little. My whole family did it for a while, including my cousins who are around my age. The whole process of preparing the cows is really long and takes a lot more work than you would think. I have to arrive to my aunt's house a week before the fair because we have to clip the cows' fur, wash them so they're presentable for the judges and then set up the cow stalls for the fair. Most people don't understand why I like working with animals,

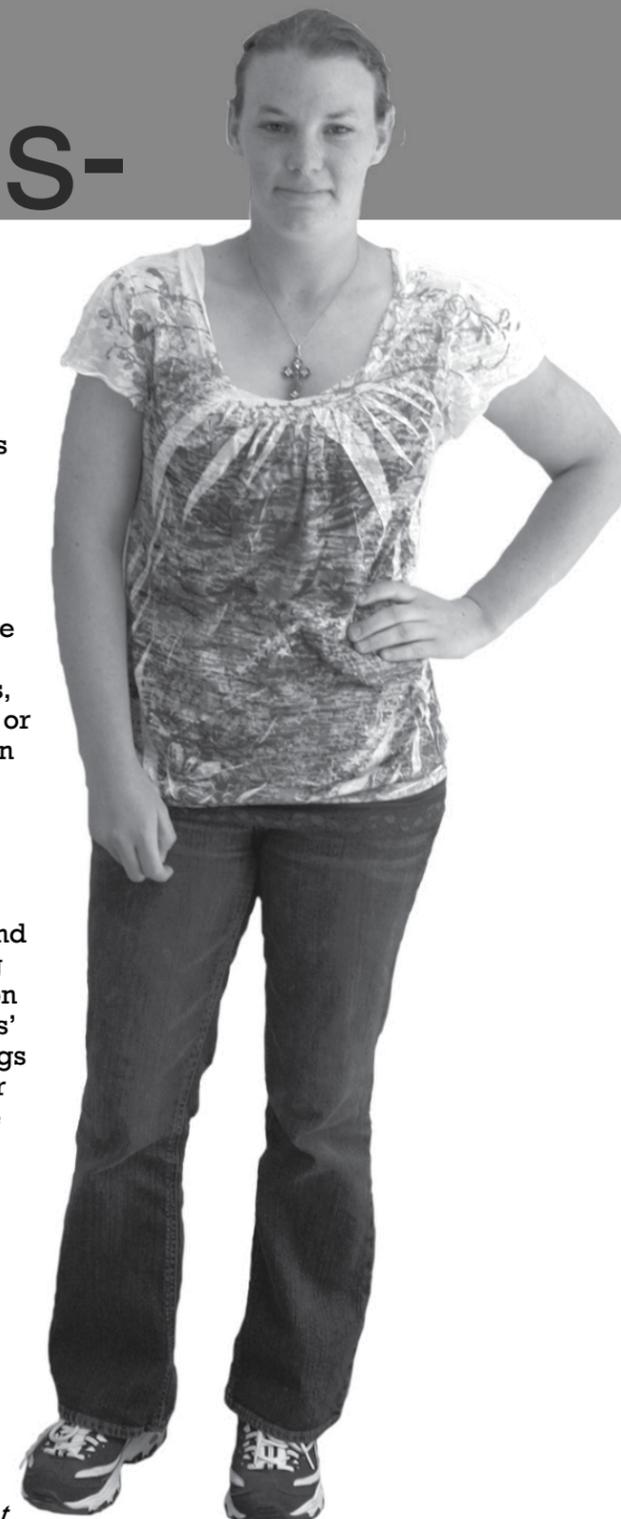
especially cows, but I like to get my hands dirty and I love cows. My aunt and I don't get to spend a lot of time together, so we always have a good time taking care of the animals.

I usually show calves or older cows. My aunt chooses the ones she thinks can do the best at the show. We have the option of showing either Holsteins, which are black and white, or Guernsies, which are brown and white.

Showing day is always on Saturday. I have to wake up at 5:30 and am busy for 12 straight hours. Showing means I walk the cow around an arena, kind of like a dog show. Judges base scores on the straightness of the cows' backs, the curve of their legs and, most importantly, their utters. We've won 1st place a couple of times, but it's not really about winning to me. I just love being with my family and seeing the country.

I'm definitely going to continue doing shows for as long as I possibly can. It's just one more connection to the country girl I am at heart. ♦

—as told to Neyha Bhat



Christina Lauro will spend her freshman year in Florence, Italy

# Ciao, Saratoga High

## Christina Lauro

**W**hen I first got my acceptance letter for New York University, I was super excited. My first thought was simply "Yes! I got in!" And being super excited I failed to read the fine print. Little did I know, that fine print was going to change everything. Eventually, after I'd calmed down, I discovered I was not actually admitted into the NYU campus in New York City, but any one of the abroad campuses—in Florence, Paris, or London, and that I was to attend school on one of those campuses for my first year.

See, you couldn't apply directly into the program. I'm guessing the admissions office just looked at your profile and if you matched what they were looking for, they accepted you into the Liberal Studies Program. With my discovery of the program, though, came a wave of mixed emotions. My friends were completely supportive of it. My parents, on the other hand, were skeptical. My mom and I are really close, so it was tough for her to handle knowing that I wouldn't be close to home anymore. If my mom and dad hadn't come over and given their opinion I probably would've been like, "Let's go!" But my mom was like "Oh, you know you're missing out on the college experience,"—though I think she was just saying that because she was going to miss me.

Ultimately, I decided to enter the program and being Italian, I obviously chose the Italian campus, Florence. I've been to Florence twice already and when I went there I knew I wanted to study there at some point in my life because it's so beautiful. I'm familiar with the city too, so I had no problem deciding where I wanted to go.

The program itself is based completely around liberal studies. I don't have to declare a major until my junior year, but I'll study art history, anthropology, music and the performing arts. So it's not your formal liberal education, since my math and science courses will be taken as electives.

I think part of the reason they have some freshman study abroad their first year is to get used to a different culture. Italy and France are both highly immersed within the arts and half of our schooling is going to be about that. It's wonderful opportunity because I'll have something that most college students won't.

I was always planning on studying abroad, but I think it's helping me mature faster, because I'm going to be farther away and I'm going to be even more on my own than I would be if I was on the New York campus. I'm just nervous because it'll be difficult staying in touch with all my friends here. I probably won't be able to talk to them as easily because of the distance.

I am, however, looking forward to the fact that Florence is just plain beautiful. Also it's location gives me the opportunity to visit all places—apparently students travel to Rome all the time. And once I get my student Visa, I'll easily be able to travel around Europe on my weekends. I know that students there do it all the time, because they're always talking about their vacations to 20 countries and such. I'll be far away from my family, but it's definitely an experience I can't wait for. ♦

—as told to Ashley Chou



On Mr. Rector: "Elvis Presley *did* have a twin!"—Christina Robert

Corey Rateau donates a year before college to volunteer at City

# THE GIVER

## Corey Rateau

**I**'ve been interested in taking a year off before college for sometime, but I'm not sure when I first heard about City Youth. I've been involved with quite a few different civic engagement and non-profit groups for a while, and CY is a pretty visible organization in that circle. Basically, CY is an Americorps program comprised of 18 different locations across America with a focus on school-based service and civic engagement directly impacting local youth and the fostering of young leaders.

My term of service will last 10 months and in order to graduate from the program, I must complete a minimum of 1,700 hours of community service. The group in Chicago has a focus on literacy initiatives at the elementary school level, so there will be a lot of one-on-one tutoring work with kids during school. This means that in addition to being a member of CY, I am also acting as an employee of Chicago Public Schools. The program is also affiliated with the University of Chicago's Urban Education Institute, and they will be providing us with training in some experimental teaching techniques. In addition, our work will extend into the community through a host of civic engagement projects as well as weekend and vacation day camps for middle school and high school students—so I only get five days

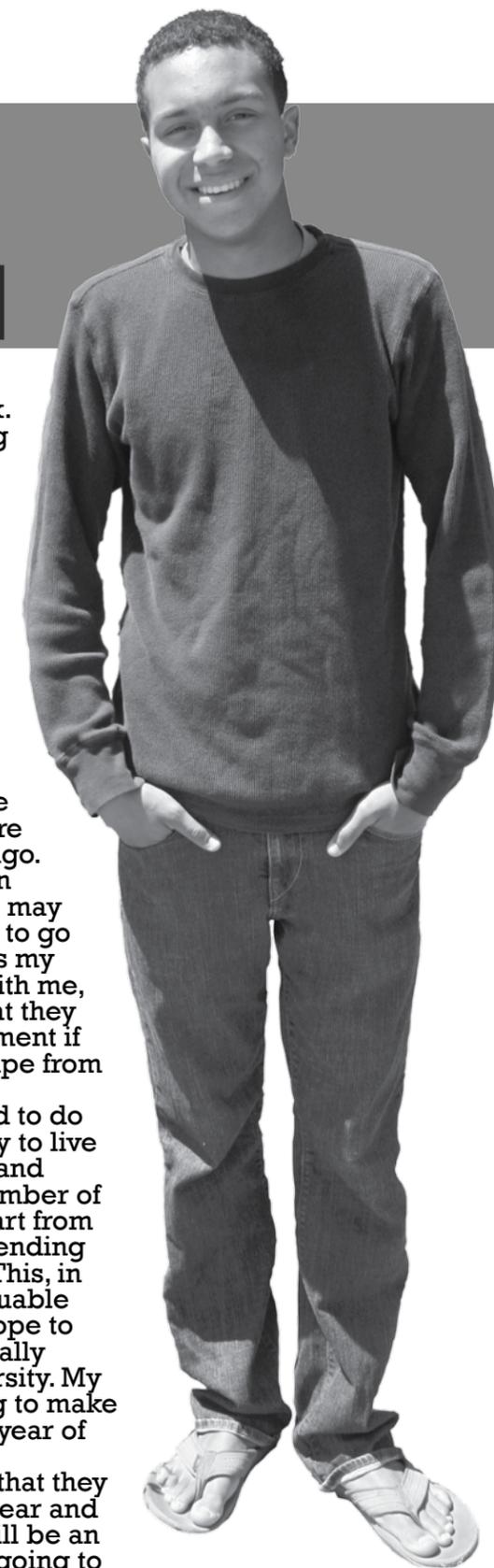
off for Christmas next break. No spring break or anything like that for me. It really is a full-time job.

Actually, when my mom was a senior in high school, she helped test-drive this program back in Boston before its inaugural year in 1988. She was really bummed that she never got to be in the program, so on some level I am sure she is living vicariously through me. My parents really couldn't be more supportive of me taking a year off before going to University of Chicago.

My friends have also been really supportive, and some may be jealous of me not having to go to school next year. As far as my friends going to the UofC with me, they are excited to know that they have free reign of my apartment if and when they need to escape from school for a bit.

I couldn't be more excited to do this. I'll have the opportunity to live on my own, support myself and really become an active member of the Chicago community apart from the university that I'll be spending the following four years at. This, in my opinion, will be an invaluable perspective to have and I hope to use these experiences to really enrich my time at the university. My only apprehension is having to make back into the dorms after a year of apartment life.

I always hear people say that they wish they had taken a gap year and such, so I really think this will be an awesome experience. I am going to



On Candy Wrapper Jokes of the day: "I'd rather have the candy..."—Mabel Hsu

Matt Brading overcame brain and shoulder surgeries in high school

## Battered but not beat

# Matt Brading

**M**y first injury started off awkwardly. It was during my freshman year and in baseball practice, I had my glove down waiting for a ground ball and I accidentally tripped over my glove, landing on my head. The immediate result was a minor concussion. It became serious when I found out I had a tumor in the pineal gland in the middle of my brain.

I felt the weight of death on my shoulders. After looking at the tumor through an MRI, the doctors characterized it as a benign, or non-cancerous growth, but one that could become life-threatening. At that point, I just wanted to know what my options were. I wanted to know what would happen to me if I did not undergo surgery and what would happen if I did.

I went searching for advice. My parents talked to doctors all over the country. After learning about Dr. Edwards-successful surgery rate at Stanford, I decided to undergo surgery. I went under the knife on Nov. 8, 2006.

That late fall day was not a happy day for me. Before surgery, it took five tries for the doctors to find a vein in my right arm into which to inject an IV. It was terrible there was so much scar tissue on my arm. Once the anesthesia took effect, I was out, and I don't remember anything after that.

When I woke up, I couldn't believe that I had lived through the operation. It was a miracle: I had

survived death. After seven days and a year of rehab, I felt like I had left my last tumor-related headache behind forever. Unfortunately, I wasn't done with surgery.

Again in baseball, this time my senior year, I hurt myself badly. While swinging during batting practice, I suddenly felt a sharp pain in my left shoulder. Swinging again worsened it. After physical therapy and an MRI, the doctor found a labral tear. My high school baseball career was over. I had to undergo another surgery.

This surgery was worse. After the procedure I couldn't move my left arm. The nerve block they put in my arm during surgery wore off after a day and soon all I could feel was sharp pain.

Through two major surgeries: one to treat a life-threatening tumor and the other requiring a long physical recovery, I've been hurt my most of high school. Still, if there's anything I've learned from my injuries, it's that I can endure and move past them. I've become much stronger in the process. I'm going to remember all my injuries and how I've survived each one.

Going through these injuries, I also have to feel thankful for the support I've had. Parents, friends and the entire Saratoga community gave me the confidence and strength to beat my injuries. I couldn't do it without you guys. ♦

—as told to Guy Quanrud



Angela Hwang heads to Juilliard to become a concert pianist

## Playing her way to success

# Angela Hwang

**W**hen I was 5, my brother had just started playing piano, and I thought I might join him and learn too. I began competing when I was 7. Since then, I have competed in about five to seven competitions every year, garnered numerous awards and achieved some memorable accomplishments. My favorite memory is probably guest soloing on a two-week tour with the California Youth Symphony to Japan. We also got the opportunity to record a CD while we were there.

Next year, I will be heading off to Juilliard to get my Bachelor of Music as a classical pianist. The Juilliard application process involved sending an audio recording of myself first. Once I got past the first round, I had to fly to Juilliard for a 17-minute live audition. Before getting admission, some pianists, including myself, were called back for an interview, a musical exam, improvisation, etc.

I am most excited about studying with two amazing and prestigious teachers at Juilliard. I had the opportunity to work with one of them over the summer for a few weeks, and I can't wait to continue my studies with her. Also, as a way of nurturing our musical knowledge and experiences, Juilliard gives their students chances to attend many events such as concerts at Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Opera House and New York

Philharmonic concerts.

I would love to become a concert pianist, so that is what I am currently working toward. The greatest reward that one can see is always applause or a standing ovation. There is no better feeling than knowing that you have not only touched your own heart, but someone else's as well.

My main inspiration for music is my current piano teacher, Hans Boepple. He has taught me so much in music and imagination, even beyond the piano itself. What I absolutely love about the piano, and music in general, is that there is no right or wrong answer. You pretty much have a blank canvas, and you can paint whatever you feel onto it, whatever you think and imagine.

Getting to where I am today has taken 13 years of practicing, unwavering dedication, and a deep love of music. I don't know where life will take me in a few years. You never know what's going to happen, but I do know for sure that I want to do this for the rest of my life. ♦

—as told to Tiffany Tseng and Jocelyn Ye



Takafumi and Shunsuke eye universities in their native Japan

## Back to our roots

# Takafumi Nakata and Shunsuke Matsushi-

### Takafumi Nakata

I came to America from Japan freshman year because of my dad's business. I had trouble adjusting to English because I had Mrs. Sutton freshman year and she totally owned me. I don't know about my friends, but my parents are glad I'm going to Japan for college.

I've lived in Singapore, Japan and the United States, so I'm used to international views and perspectives. That's why I want to major in international business or economy. The college admissions process in Japan doesn't start until mid-summer and the school year starts in April, so I have to go back to Japan right after graduation to study for the placement exam, which is held around the end of August. I'll probably apply to six or seven schools.

My top choice is Keio University, in the middle of Tokyo, mainly because I don't think my English is good enough for American colleges. Dropout rates are really high for foreign students here and I kind of got a little afraid, I guess.

I only lived in Japan for four years, so I actually don't know that much about it, to be honest. I mainly miss the public transportation, which was a train system, because I could just get on the train and go wherever I wanted, but here I have to ask my mom to take me places before I learned to drive. When I leave America, though, I'm really going to miss my friends.

### Shunsuke Matsushita

The hardest thing for me right now is choosing whether I should go to a Japanese university or stay here in the United States and go to UCSB.

The reason I really want to go back is so that I can get to know more about Japan. I grew up in the countryside in Japan, but I don't remember too much about my childhood because I came to America when I was just eight years old. Although my family still speaks Japanese and celebrates Japanese holidays, going back would be a better way to learn the culture.

Then again, if I move to Japan, I'll miss all of my friends. I've also gotten used to the lifestyle here in America. Everybody in Japan lives by the same routine. You get tickets for the train, go to school or work, then go back home. There's more stuff to do here in Saratoga.

I won't need to make a decision until September. That's when college decisions come out. So far my top choices are Keio University and Kyoto University.

Right now, people are worried and excited about going to college, and I feel just the same about going to Japan. I'm going to have to think a lot about my decision, because this might ultimately affect where I live for the rest of my life. ♦

—as told to Melody Zhang  
and Brian Tsai



## Phillip Chen quits the football team to join Concert Choir

# SHS's very own Zac Efron

# Phillip Chen

I did football freshman and sophomore year, and I basically had the whole jock image for two years. I started noticing that a lot of the guys in football were changing in a bad way, becoming more like the typical jock. At the same time, I became really lazy academically; I don't know if it was from football alone or not, but my grades weren't as good as they could've been. After a while, I found that I didn't like that lifestyle. I realized that if I immersed myself in the football environment, I'd eventually turn out the same way. I decided that I'd give up football after my sophomore season. I was pretty much sick of football because I had dedicated two straight years (summer conditioning, Cal camp, off-season conditioning, lifting, etc); football's pretty much all year round. That's when I heard of choir.

When I quit football, choir kind of emerged in my life because some of my friends mentioned it to me and it definitely interested me. I took a chance and joined choir my junior year. At first it was rough because I didn't know anyone. Up to that point, I had only known the athletes because of my participation in football, track, and wrestling. I joined Concert Choir with the mentality that everyone in choir was a little weird, but that was because I never really hung out with the music department group.

As the year progressed, I made some new, good friends from choir. I joined the musical "West Side Story," which was really a fun experience. Despite my contentment in choir, all my previous teammates on the football team would make fun of me, saying how I quit football to join choir and how lame that was.

Like the main character in High School Musical 1, I was split between the athletic world and the musical world. They wanted me to stick to the status quo, but I couldn't. I had to break free; it was the start of something new and it felt so right. Their comments bothered me at first, but as time went on, I really didn't care anymore because I knew I had to go my own way. I felt the music in me. I really enjoyed choir; it was a place where I could hang out with friends and sing (which I enjoy doing) and listen to great music (another thing I enjoy).

I don't regret quitting football and joining choir. I'm actually happy I made that decision, even though sometimes I really miss the game of football a lot, as well as the camaraderie in football. Even though I greatly miss football, I am glad that I joined choir. I get to say that I did it all in high school: the athletic and the musical. I'm the real life Zac Efron. ♦

—as told to James Jiang



AA

**Adeeti Aggarwal**

My debate flows to Megha Raghavan, my hair to Kavya, my Twilight collection to Connie Shang, my dance moves to Sara Gambord, my car battery to Aaron Garg, my eternal lover to members of the LLC, and my dyslexia to my poetry 3 class

**Joseph Avery**

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**Sarah Evelyn Baldwin**

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Nikki Chang

**Nicolle Chan**

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**Sandeep Chandrasekhar**

I'm cheffy and all my friends are cheffy too. From breaking my collarbone to yelling and shouting random things in class, high school has been an adventure for me. I have the heart of a champion and I will win and succeed in anything I do.

**Lisa Chang**

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**Nikki Chang**

LC:goodness!boydrama,froyo aftr,badm etaphors,and more!SI,SK,ML:letsHavA pcnicAB:being w/ u is the best part of m y day:)SS+JG:thanks4all the mmrs!ML: brkdncing+my awsm drawings!AC-mo st injuries frm band awrd!KDAWGgood times@borders.GUARDi<3all of you!

**Vicky Chang**

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**Emily Chen**

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**Michael Chen**

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**Sukai Chen**

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**Elizabeth Cheng**

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**Ashley Chou**

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**Christopher Chung**

Never Forget. No Regrets. Live it up. Love Life. Family. Friends. Love. Laugh Simplicity. Sincerity. Honesty. Serenity. Passion. Companionship. Memories. Childhood. Puberty. Adulthood. Hardships. Trust. Down to Earth. Laid back. It's just the beginning.

**Abby Conroy**

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**Mara Couch**

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**Kelly Elizabeth Darchuk**

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**Neil DeVera**

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**Lily Dickson**

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**Kiersten Anne Dolbec**

I leave my tall awkward girl reputation behind to Chloe Knight. I leave my amazing passing skills behind to Nicole Gragnola. (sarcasm)

**Stephanie Douglass**

My smelly goalie pads to Mad so that she may follow in my footsteps. I leave Hannah Harter my Starbucks girl mask and others random dress up clothes so she can carry on my tradition of dressing up during spirit week.

**Justin El-Diwany**

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**Vivian Fu**

A good portion of prescreening recordings to the east conveniently located trash compactor. the 3 months nightmare-turned-experience of a lifetime to the wish of even more invaluable audition experiences in the future. my deepest commitment and focus to the next 4+ yrs of married to music life!

**Grant Fukui**

My bow of awesomeness to IM, spiritual leadership of the best orchestra section to AK, and the role of "slappa da baser" to EC. Have fun next year! My greatest bro can have my room, except when I'm home during breaks. Everything else goes to Bertha.

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**Aaron Garg**

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**Julia Glausi**

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**Michael Guercio**

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Heraa Hyder

**Kiyoshi Harada**

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**Karen Hao**

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**C. Matthew Hawks**

To Joe + Spcial: The case of Amp in the McAfee. You'll need it SMS. To Pat: Nothing :P To Chaz, Jesse, Garret, Sung: Horde Wins! L2p. To the techs in general: I leave my amazing work ethic. To Hannah B and Natalie R: I leave my job of bugging Adrian.

**Mabel Hsu**

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**Jason Huang**

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**Michael Huang**

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**Owen Huang**

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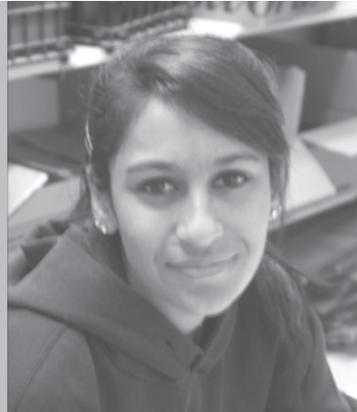
**Claire Marsh: First Impressions**

MEMOIR... It was first period on the first day of school during freshman year... I dropped my pencil into the recycling bin next to me and, being nervous and naïve, I decided to bend over in my desk to pick it up. Unfortunately, I did not know the desks in high school were so top heavy; my desk and I fell into the recycling bin and the whole class laughed. It was a great first impression.



## Sonali Dujari: Wall of Inspiration

At the beginning of the year, Stacy Ku & I decided to draw a picture of fellow editor Shawn Cho. We put it up on our small wall where we keep notes for ourselves. The next class he came in and told us he got a D on his AP Physics test, so we drew him again, but as Stupid Shawn. After that, we started more drawings such as LaShawnda, Chobama, Shawn with the Wind, etc. As our artwork became more popular and no longer fit on our wall, we moved them to the wall at the back of the room where they now cover an entire whiteboard. We titled the wall: "A wall dedicated to Shawn Cho: an inspiration to editors everywhere."



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### Kimberly Hui

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ls**MR**:hot-x-bvns,ghost light**HB(SZ)**:vartan clonecello section:frdm 4rm mozart

### Vivian Huynh

my mom & aunt to TracyC, JChan, Diana S, LisaC, & PamT. All scary movies, stalker camera to Tracy, obnoxious clothes to Jessi, froyo coupons to Diana, a pole for Lisa, pokemon cards to JHuang, fav drink to Johnny, and pretzels to Pam. don't abuse the T.V. Love, vidget

### Angela Hwang

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### Heraa Hyder

All my belongings be given to my siblings and all my books and school materials to the "Burn After Reading" foundation. Anyways, I love everyone and hope to see you all in heaven! =)



### Satomi Ishikawa

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### Aditi Jayaraman

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### Brittany Judoprasertijo

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### Stacy Ku

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### Avinash Kumar

Thanks to the school for 4 years of learning. I will use it in college. Track and basketball rock! Rallies were sick. Miss everyone. Failing at driver's license was hilarious. Lot of dangerous ppl are on the road. I give my stuff to my junior friends.

### Raphael Kung

The patience with teachers to future students who may whine or gripe about classes being hard, and certain faculty members not teaching or being biased. I went through it. Your parents went through it. We lived, went on with our lives just fine.

### Devan Lai

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### Johnny Lam

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### Christina Lauro

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### Kirstie Lee

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### Stephen Lee

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### Matt Leung

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### Paul Leung

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### Jennifer Li

**SARAH** my eraser and clothes **HANNAH** purses, scarves and laptop **CYNLIE** circular stuff

### Melissa Lin

**SK**wtrflight,mddlnwhr,bdaycrds**SI**tea,hllwn,WVad**MV**chmstry,smyshwr,twtch,brp\***SC**lmao+smao,hppy!**JY**car+rck=bad**P****Taq**mrne687,cal**KH**umbrilla**JW**\$,bjwld,np**KW**jgswpzzle**JT**+**JH**+**PS**unlckdcards=ownd.**JL**baah**LC**+**OH**hndball@fthll**JH**sp rtdge**DW**mr.niceguy**YY**i<3urface**NK**wlk urdog**BL**behave.

### Gretha Loubser

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**Richard Macklin**  
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**SARDLNP**NOTT&evryl else-ilyallntysm!



### Arian Mahini

**KR**+**NM**+**MH**+**DIXON**=**WOPO**.**HONESTLY**.  
**KOOBIDEH**

### Megan Mandell

**L**R,**K**M,**K**R,**C**M,**K**S,&**K**M are my **BFFS**!illmiss you guys!**K**R,**L**M,**L**M,**A**D,**P**B,**P**Pare my yearbook buds, I love you guys!**L**eah you're an awesome neighbor! **M**H,**A**M,**N**M,**F**J,**T**T,**R**T,you're the best! **C**atspice you rock my world! **D**M you're a pretty coolbro!**L**auren Mather is my best friend ♥♥♥

### Sacha Maniar

My jefe and hot man pic to **ST**,my warnings of strangerdanger to **FI AC** & **R**any pr cranes to my stats grp, my choir wreath to future choir generations,my "RPom egranites"to **KW**,my knowledge of pars eltongue to **TM** and all my stupidity & immaturity to **Mishi**.

### Frank Mao

To my friends my promise- that I will remember them.

## Kirstie Lee: Just Smile and Wave

Once Jason Huang was in Daniel Wu's car and they were stopped at a traffic light. A cop pulled up next to them so Jason asked Daniel if he had his year (if he could legally drive Jason) and Daniel said "yes," so Jason started waving to and making faces at the cop. When the light turned green, the cop pulled Daniel over for not having his registration sticker. He was already on probation so his car got impounded a week later.

Ucanhavemyroom.

**Alison Norris**  
Ren! Ill miss u pooface. nesiandtimmyta ke care of her! I Lovemy JunioRS! Sara BF F!dtf4sure! **Steph** Phy.was awsmemking funof T+JT **S+LO** P leave uthe polo team finish hard finish strong!! SENIORS! Kelx 2 **Dorey Jenna** Sandi BFFS! Love ya toga, peace! ♥ Ali



**Hannah Porter**  
Sarah-Franklin. **Kim**-Jaejin+FTtEH CDs. **Cynlie**-ipod+headstone. **Jennifer**-bank account. **Cynthia**-my ashes+CDs+Jiyong +Micky+wonderBang. ♥

**Arjun Prabhakar**  
All juniors to enjoy high-school to its full est. All other grades to work yet have fun.



**Corey Rateau**  
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**Amrit Rathi**  
**BROWNTOWN**+LOLLI-csrtsc+jlsckhdw jhas-POKER+PHYSTLNS-ashc=FENCING -sk+**HALO**-nmamrht+**AGD**-nrws+GDS AM-kbklmhsz+RNDDEEPTLKS-scusajsd vprtcs+PICNICS-sksicymlmvvlcsc+GA ME-jhksjtsab+WNTERBALL-ftcmhtwk hsd+**ALDIN**-ernnb+RNDMSTDYSEss-sk pssc+BNB-icacmbrs+**ASNCRWB**+EIF

**Christina Robert**  
All possible joy and happiness to the

underclassmen on their journey (especially those in the clarinet section!) and to all my dear friends who are very loved and will be missed. Thanks for the years packed with memories!

**Dorey Schranz**  
Tofourthperiod:thanksformakingEICthe easiestpositionstaff!Dontmissyourdea dlinesnextyear—onlycolorissues!PsRen, youarentachikadeeanymore!

**Harriet Russell**  
LDpoomentumBEACHHOUSE1strokePH YSICSVIDEOPmyother1/2uoNDAYNIG HTGGW/FOOTIESKDwildchildTAHOEW /theBOYSfridaylunchesw/ctdLRLarsnaw MOVIEMAKINGneighborspooltanningT ANU'llfitin@collegeKGsince1stgradeSF KldhSIScomevisitmenxtyr



**Kushal Shah**  
FROMTHEFIRSTTIMEISAWYOUINFATUAT IONNVLEDTOTHESEDITORROVIDECO NVERSATONDRIFTINGAWAWLIKEAFAE THERINAIRLETTINGMYWOROSTAKEME AWAYFROMTHEHURTANDDESPAIRBRO WNTOWNKUCHKUCHHOTAHAISEEMEI NTHESEASWIMMINGWITHTHEPIDGEO NSORINTHESKYFLYINGWITHTHEFISHE SPERACELOVEEMPATHYEE

**Connie Shang**  
**CLSS09**:peasnlvPRLKIDS:keeppzwnin keepgoinItIIs:shakeywachovru**XC**:cool stgrlsevr**ST**:runw/me**AA**:BFFLfroyoBUTT IN!chocopoemssSTNFRDD(intheory)**AC**: RICEurcarPHILOSPHDBATSL**LC**:<3**TC**:I stlhavurfreeridespass**TM**:thisismdness**MRKKW**:lmorapctof**TRAT**:thx4phys**MS** :havmyrm**GLCDEFGH**

**Alex Shebanow**  
my dominance upon the world and

hearby demand the submission of all to Emperor Alex Shebanow. All those in obstruction shall face harsh penalty, all those who follow shall receive lavish rewards.

**Austin Shieh**  
SHSBstFrnds-#1MLssb**JT, KHbroJHF**ros tyAusty**AGS**saxbuddies**JG, MC**chinese**B T, PCL**ion**PL**bboy**SC, LC**ball**OH, MS, S C, SL, MV, JL, TW**Band**AB, EC, VC, NC**Pok er**DW, CS**WWWTrip**KS, MS, JH, RYT**emo tionless**JH**Mr. Happyface**JJP**Punchingbag **RYT**<3**KWM**MarioParty**JH, JT, JL, OH**-Thx forthebest4yearsever

**Kevin Shimizu**  
SNRS09!**AS**btunps**JJ**scrrdys**PC**:**JS**retrds **MS**nosnwcmpn?**JH**umkmlafkepclthson**R YT**mrfd!**BT**no\$?tree!**AB**pnmstr**JG&SS**ck s!**DL**morbrdn**JTAP**Bdthsxchr**SC**mntsrntr liwrtarap!**MV**izkssoongetshkd**KH**msbiN OM**CC**brncliur!**PL**mskls?**CR**snc2gr**TM** GWb4...**JH**calcno!**OH**slp**TNRS**noyno2b assmply**MAZNGDL**!**SHAKA**

**Elizabeth Shin**  
**TECHS**MyFaultispassed24. **FRESHMAN** ugetmyinvisblecat. **CHOIR**mycoolnesso **KIM**ugetmyawesomeness. **SHS**my memo riesarecementedin. **CLASSOF10**goodluc kcosyouwillneedit.

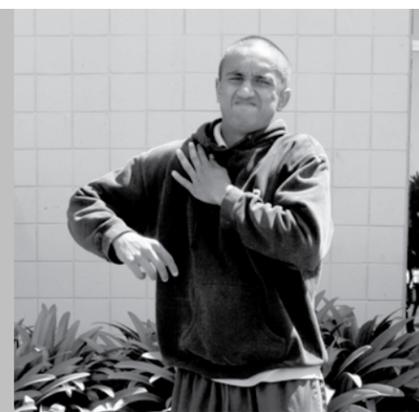
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**Holden Sparacino**  
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## Sandeep Chandrasekhar: Buck Buck

The day before Thanksgiving vacation in 2007, our music teacher gave us the period off. Other friends and I participated in a game called “Buck Buck” where people keep jumping on each other’s backs. I was one of the people who was on the bottom and had to support hundreds of pounds of human weight on top of me. I, being as weak as I was and still am, fell awkwardly on the ground. After the pile of bodies disintegrated, I had to be escorted by an ambulance to the El Camino Hospital. I later found out that I had broken my collarbone.



Wh.LHyggDMmjmbYE:

**Kate Stewart**  
**CMBFF**sincekindrgarden!Kill**MK**adays! lluvu!**KMo**DynamicDuoBPmasters!FiatF un**LR**4thofJulyBeachHouse!**MM**swim/ta nsessions**KR**puckumiss!**KD**beachvball partner!**LD**bandbustalks**BOYS**lluvmyte rroristsandtheBrowntownst**CR**and**DBC**Co ngratsclassof2009!Had2muchfunw/uall! lmissugays

**Chris Sir**  
KCECGW-church, **JHAS**JHRTMV-Poker, **KH ARSC**-hangouts, **DWUM**TRANLLI-BFFLS, **AC** -Ienvyyu, **JL**-staychill, **KL**-uvegotppl, **JYE**-th x4alwaysbeingthere4mewenever, **TW**-bl uerock?wishwehungmore, **Tiffany**-gonnamiss u!Thx4alluve done-nighttalks!**JF**-EngH, **FT CC**-Tahoe, **CHMH**-olddays, **RTAR**sc-withu



**Rishi Taggarsi**  
FROMLATENITEMANSESHES2SPOONIN G2DANCING2PLAYINGVIDGAMESUGU YZCOMPLETEMYLYFE. **FJBF**JACKSKYLIN EBLKMAGIKM53350ZBRABUSPARLIKSSL APTUNNELMACKINONHOSPILLYBEAS TNMSITINLYKAWOMANAMQUACK!Y UP!BIRD**TT**EDUCATION**RTABAR**(AMD) HALO3ZONEBRWNBROS4LYFE. **KSTCLA TIELRMMKRSE**NORMAN

**Brian Tang**  
**SC**heartochpcalc**AS**pokeahusan!**K**spoi nniaglhwma**MS**hgpiopp**JJ**gwymcafails ccr**TW**epvvgns**KW**starbswgshtyhru?**M L**cysplyardsdtct**RYT**mrefoodhgy**VC**ban anadie!**AG**mr.happyface!fitegdth!**SC**uc sd!wpggtteh!P-chu, bbytnng, dafatshsh. **A Yurgh**liccrr**JW**pndaauassie**FASS**mnbobt nns**JBL**bj! 09

**Felicia Tang**  
**SM, AC, CL, CR**<3hugs&insanity**SHSCE**

**LLO**Ssectionpride**C&SRS**.gigfun**CC**pro mdress**TL**studioghblmusic**PT**musicvid s**SKI-PALS**nerdfest+snobballs**ETC**.than ks for four incredible years!

**Sarah Tang**  
**CYNLIE** my diary a brokn camera back rub **KIM** Alias chris**EGG CYNTHIA** nor malcy peanuts my community srvice hrs **HANNAH** a pnny 4 yr thoughts **JEN** sani trynpkn anythng fashionabl I own **CON NIE** berries MT **SACHA** stikrs Malfoy **Pt ry3** grnsht no creativty a drty book

**Rahul Thakker**  
**BRUN**TWN:BFFHLZONEDAMD/HALOFA **LCON**:SOMUCCHHRDWRKJMISSUGUYSN **BAJSD**:SXYDNCNGGRLS<3**TMASAK**:IND IANPRTYCRUISE**TN**MAMMH:FUNTIM ESYEEK**BJFAB**:CALCPRJCTHP:LUVLAN GW/YAKA:SOPHMSTRIC**AC**:HELLABEAS TBNBNXTY**RC**CLASSO**F09**:CHNGTHEWRL D**SEE**UATBERK!

**Paulina Tsai**  
**JY**stupidboys<3**MLC**Allycomies<3**VT**ily ilbabysis.crab<3**RTSMILE**xD<3**TC**duets <3**KHFOBS**<3**BJ**froyo<3**BROT**<3**TWO**.O <3**FTLOL**<3**KHOSP**<3**GOODLUCK****CC**h ehe<3**EL**sieep!**FC**DM!**KCREW**!ORCHK IDDIES<3**WILLBE**BACK!>AT.NC.SK.VF. CC.CC.**JF.KW.DC**.JT.SS.TM.AR.TT.KS.ND <3**FRF**<3**TYSE**VERYTHING&**ILY**ALL<3

**Timothy Tsai**  
**09EUAM**&NMbds2nw2\*Fjbbbn4gttmsR TgtwowKSyee!AMethctyrz**C**TRTrtOJLm m&RALLmteK's!LCdwnurhtECntdazCH mxveNYCCC**F**grtMHRB!sCKMSMediffk Splns?KmVHS777..KRmu2!CRnlmoretmN BrspctuhbreUCruletheselesp**VPTEN**alw ysl**TGA2009**idliketothinkthebestofmeiss follhidingupmysleeve

**Ray-Young Tsao**  
**PT**ikenoothr**YY**ilisis**JH**grasisrz**KStox**cv i d**AS**etngrvl**ML**Lhgeants**TW**dnnrdte**B**Tha loandurtree**KH**tptptner**LC**rmntcgospr**V C**secrtbudy**JL**e5brsk**KH**smlmny**JT**litlf

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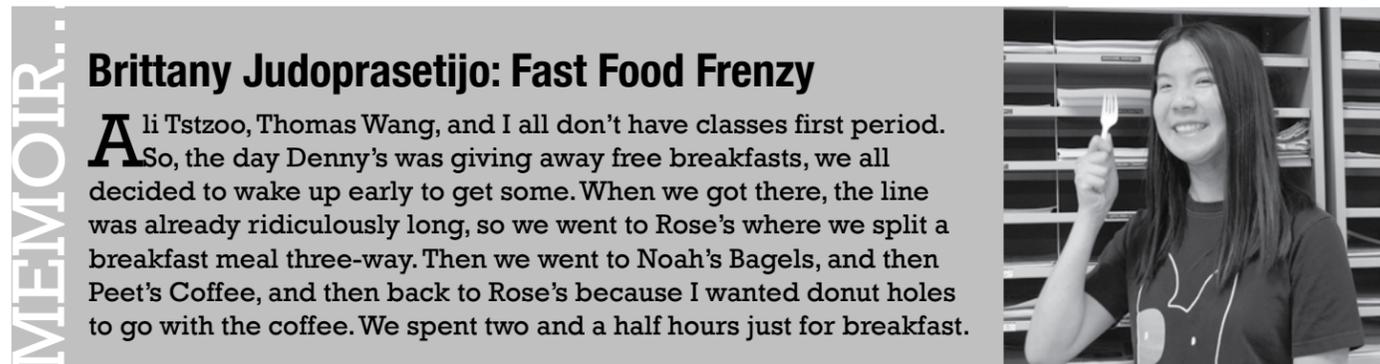
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**Tiffany Tseng**  
**TY**shootinstrfonduehillshoboattackchee se**JY**skydive4everyumfliesbeefporkknob blynoc**AC**walkindtltgtaohesharkiecar**CS** moongazin**18**nighttalksbolt**xmas**inpark**JW** baddiebuddyfoodadvntrsskitrip**J**cosmos roomyshppintrips**CZ**gettinlost**na**ponsin dewlks**KHSTHPVCL**Calwayslove**ug**uys=)

**Alison Tsztuo**  
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**Jamie Turley**  
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## Brittany Judoprasertijo: Fast Food Frenzy

Ali Tstzoo, Thomas Wang, and I all don’t have classes first period. So, the day Denny’s was giving away free breakfasts, we all decided to wake up early to get some. When we got there, the line was already ridiculously long, so we went to Rose’s where we split a breakfast meal three-way. Then we went to Noah’s Bagels, and then Peet’s Coffee, and then back to Rose’s because I wanted donut holes to go with the coffee. We spent two and a half hours just for breakfast.

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# VV

**Michael Vu**  
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**Catherine Wang**  
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**Kara Wang**  
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**Thomas Wang**  
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**Alex Wokas**  
 Curveball to VC. Bagels to JPR.  
 Directions to KD. MFP Account to DP.  
 TE abilities to KK. Cannon arm to GJ.  
 Seeds and cookies to BD. Giant Fish to  
 GT. Chalupas to AD. Non-receding  
 hairline to ER. Sports medicine  
 knowledge to AO. MBCOBRHCFFLOG  
 TYCLILMC.

**Daniel Wu**  
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 gMHuangSishikawaKKooEChenYChoLC  
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 TanANgJHuNChowLUCYLI<3THANKYOU  
 GUYSFORMAKINGHIGHSCHOOLAMAZI  
 NGANDUNFORGETTABLE!ILOVEYOUG  
 UYSALL!

# YY

**Alina Yang**  
 Happiness, ambition, and dedication.  
 Never forget you are free to dream, to  
 make your own choices, to enjoy life as  
 it should be enjoyed. Thank you for an  
 extraordinary four years!!

**Jocelyn Ye**  
 PTstpdby, lifetlks, lncldatesTT4EVR,sk  
 ydivng, frttartCSbigbro, deeptlksBJroses,  
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**Theresa Yeh**  
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**Christina Yoshihara**  
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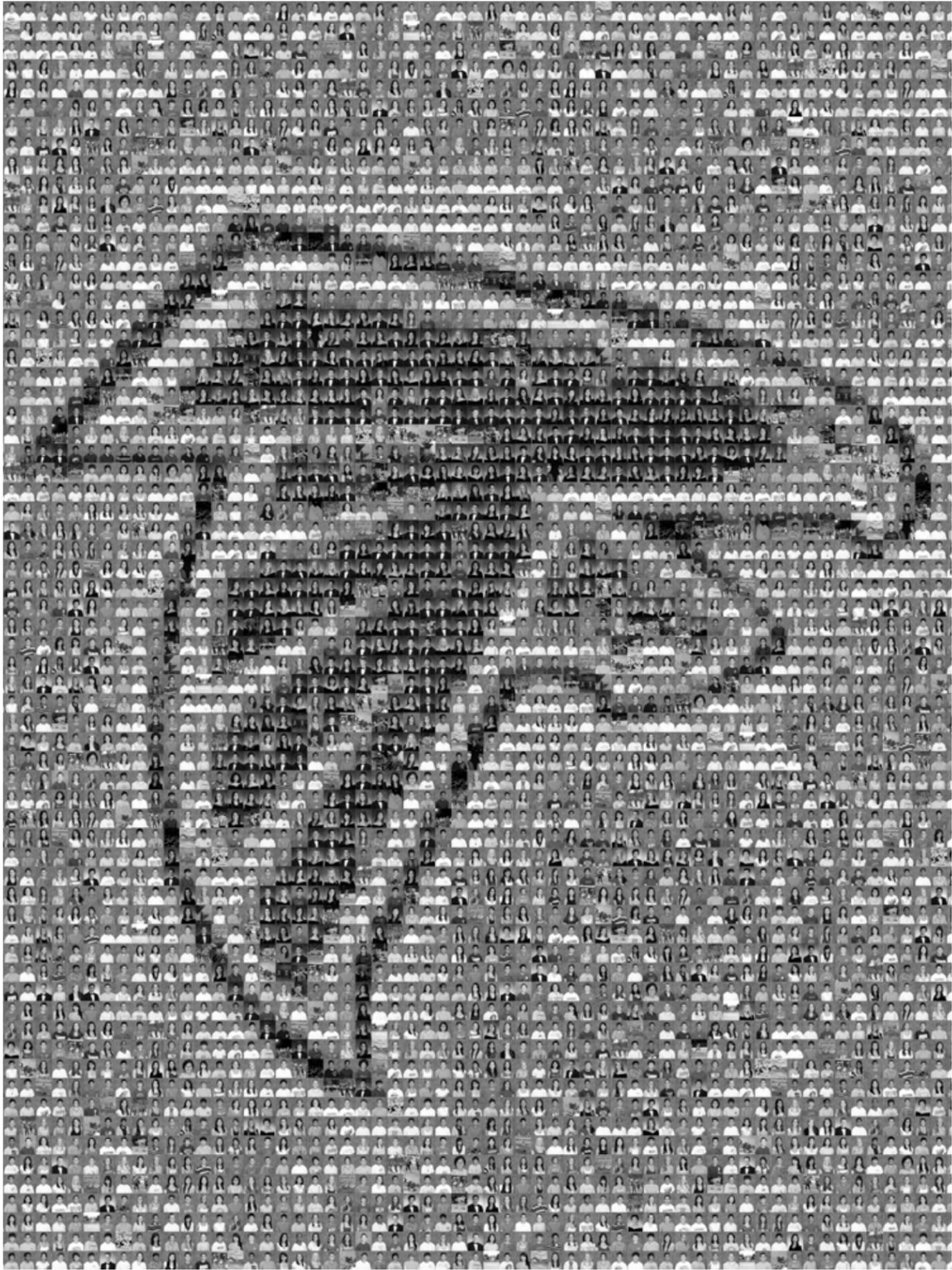
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**Guo Zeng**  
 My Intuos3 and a very large ego to  
 Joleen Tseng; my brain to Alina Yang;  
 one of my imaginary friends to Mridula  
 Nadamuni; the ability to distinguish  
 between friend and foe to Shanna Wade;  
 and candy to everyone else I don't have  
 enough room to mention

**Melody Zhang**  
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 w/singing!BRITTANYmycamismine!bu  
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**Cynthia Zhao**  
 KIM-Kimbun+mango+clover+perfection  
 JENNIFER-cellphone+sunscreensCYNLIE-  
 sleep+LijunkitorangesSARAH-nailfile+TV  
 +perfecthairpart+MatchPoint+obgHANN  
 AH-Bones+HarryPotterBoos+Junsu+SMT  
 own+Marryu+pbsksjuat2pm



**MEMOIR.**

## Brian Tang: Sleep Deprived Driving

One morning, when I just pulled an all-nighter working on a project, I was pulling up to a parking spot next to the tennis court. In my sleepiness, I accidentally pushed the acceleration instead of the brake and I rammed into the tree in front of the tennis courts. It was really embarrassing at first, but looking back, I just laugh. If you go the tennis courts and see one crooked tree, it's mine!



Kelly Lamble



Lyka Sethi



GUY QUESADA



James Jiang



Melody Zhang



Liz Cheng



Mac-nificent Andy Tsao



Ketaki Shriram



Tim Tsai



Brittany Judoprasertijo



Jocelyn Ye, Tiffany Tseng and Ashley Chou



Elizabeth Lee



Mabel Hsu



Rahul Thakker



Theresa Yeh



Kirstie Lee



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Emily Chen



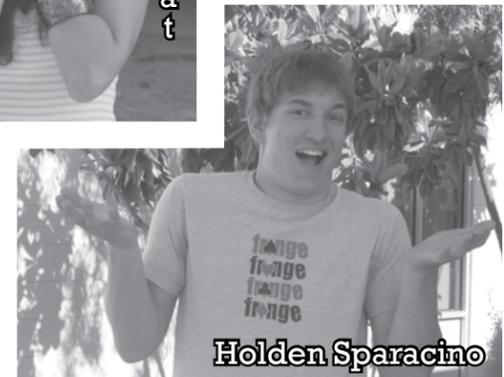
Alex Sclavos



Neyha Bhat



Brian Tsai



Holden Sparacino



Michael Chen and Dorey Schranz

### To our staffs:

We are done! Done with checking picas, done with editing stories, done with fixing mistakes made during copy editing (isn't the first rule of copy editing "do no harm!"), and finally done with the Senior Magazine. This last hurdle in high school journalism was a big one, but we managed to make it through (or rather, over) and get 64 pages of magazine-y goodness finished... almost on time. We would write more, but we still have a couple pages left to do. See you during tear-up!

-Michael Chen and Dorey Schranz



moving forward