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State Universities Hiking Their Fees

By Faith Lim
Staff Writer

Students at California universities are going to have to pay more for their education.

According to UC newsroom, UC President Robert Dynes said the decision to raise the tuition was "agonizing but necessary" to help fill a gaping

hole in their budget.

Beginning next year, Cal State University students will have to pay 10 percent more in the fall and UC students will have to pay 7.4 percent or more.

"That's a big rip off because I know colleges are competitive and all that, but they are more into getting money than

helping students. Financial problems is like the biggest reason why kids don't go to college," said senior Tommy Wu.

"There goes my car. There go my clothes. Students have to pay more after we graduate because many people get loans," said Karen Su, a senior.

Undergraduate Cal State University fees will rise by

\$276 and students will pay about \$3,800 for the term, including the campus-based fees, and the graduate fees will rise by \$342 or more.

UC undergraduate students will have to pay \$490 or more and the average annual cost will be around \$8,000, not including housing, books, and other expenses.

No Time For Reading? You're Not Alone

By Katherine Falcon
News Editor

Americans are reading less, and more importantly, Americans are reading less well.

According to an Associated Press poll released on 2007, one in four adults read no books at all in the past year. Last November, in a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) report entitled "To Read or Not to Read: A Question of National Consequence," they came up with new statistics. Amongst the various changes, they concluded that Americans are reading less, and that Americans are reading less well.

Among 17 year olds, the NEA report concluded that the percentage of non-readers doubled over a 20-year period in 1984 to 19 percent in 2004. Reading scores for 12th grade readers fell drastically from 1992 to 2005.

Reasons for this decline in interest range from lack of time to lack of interesting books. "Due to an overwhelming influx of homework I am unable to read in my spare time," said Junior Imelda Hondunougbo.

School psychologist Mojgan Mikail believes that the main reason for this, like Hondunougbo said, is a larger quantity of homework than that of which students are able to manage.

And while some may love the feel of a new book, others see books as more of a burden.

"There are way too many books to carry, and I just don't have a library in my house or the time and money to go Borders," said junior Shannon Brown.

New media also play a role in how we read, said Mrs. Ball, the school's librarian.

"This generation is more technology-oriented than print-oriented," she said.

"The typical life of a teenager has become a monotonous

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What Will Seniors Miss The Most?

By Huong Nguyen
Editor-In-Chief

After four years of high school, the seniors of the class of 2008 are preparing to graduate taking with them a diploma, and many memories.

Sprinting to class just to make it there before the tardy bell, hundreds of lunchtimes spent mingling with the friends that you get to see everyday, and exciting field trips to new places are all part of the high school experience that graduates are going to miss so much.

"I'm going to miss being part of a sports team and the entire high school experience in general," said senior Andy Ouano.

Many seniors have established a regular spot everyday to be with their friends and these are the last couple weeks they will be hanging out there. "I'm going to miss 'The Bench'," said senior Christian Bustillos.

Some seniors take it less seriously, like Ramez Khzam, who jokingly said, "I am going to miss having homework everyday."

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Teachers Protest Budget Cuts

By Kishi Smith
Staff Writer

Teachers staged a one-hour protest Friday morning to demonstrate their objection to cuts to education in the state budget that could cost LAUSD \$350 million next year.

More than 100 teachers, many dressed in red t-shirts, gathered at the corner of Lurline and Vintage before marching to Desoto Avenue carrying signs saying "Save our schools. Stop the budget cuts." Teachers signed into work an hour late, which meant giving up an hour's pay.

"As a group, this is the only way legally to make a point," said Mrs. Aviv. Asked if she thinks the protest will have an affect, she said "not 100 percent but it will do something."

Mrs. Aviv as well as many other teachers said that she is doing this for the probationary teachers (including her brother, Mr. Sark) whose jobs are now on the line due to the proposed budget cuts.

When students arrived for school they were greeted with locked hallways and signs on the doors directing all ninth and tenth graders to the home side football stands and all eleventh and twelfth graders to the gym. Many twelfth graders were not



Staff Photo by Kishi Smith

Teachers and staff protested proposed cuts in education by staying out of class for an hour Friday morning.

present though due to graduation the night before.

In the gym many students played basketball as the students at the football field sat in the bleachers until dismissed to homeroom. Teachers who did not participate in the walkout, substitute teachers, and other staff members were in charge of watching the students during this time.

Students seemed to enjoy themselves in the gym as many mingled with other students and others played basketball. As with the football field many just talked amongst themselves and caught up on some homework. Junior Noah Hersheve stated, "It was fun

being able to take first period off and play basketball. We should have these days more often"

Principle Guy said his position wasn't a matter of agreeing or disagreeing but that he didn't see the purpose. His main concern was the safety of the students. "I don't like anything where the students are being affected," he said.

Guy said there were no problems during the demonstration. "The students behaved themselves, there were no fights, no arguing, no anything," he said.

Mr. Shockley, CHS chapter chair of the teachers' union, *Continued on page 2*

Six Things You Should Know About Money

By Kimberly Brandon
Staff writer

For you seniors taking your first steps into adulthood there are few things more important than learning how to manage your money. Here are six tips to help you move past the piggy bank and into the real world of personal finance.

Who wants to be a millionaire?

Have you ever imagined how long would it take to become a millionaire? If you start at the age 18 and save \$445 dollars a month, by the time you're 65 you will be a millionaire, assuming you made 5 percent interest each year. But if you waited until you were 30, just

12 years, you would have to save \$880 dollars per month for 35 years to reach that mark. The earlier you start saving, the better off you'll be.

Get to know the 70-20-10 rule.

You spend 70 percent of your monthly earnings for living expenses such as rent, food, cell phone bill, etc., the next 20 percent is split between long-term investments and debt, such as credit card bills. For the final 10 percent you put aside 5 percent for emergencies and 5 percent for specific goals like vacations, shopping, and entertainment. This sort of budget will help you secure yourself financially for both the short and long term.

Uncle Sam always takes his share.

Just because you make \$15 an hour, doesn't mean you'll see that much when you cash your paycheck. Between state and federal income taxes, Social Security, Medicare and other deductions, you'll probably only take home about 75 percent of your total pay. Plan your budget accordingly.

Don't get too comfortable with your credit card.

Having a credit card is a good way to build your credit score and is very useful for emergencies. But if you don't use it wisely you may find that the debt adds up quickly. You should always try to pay off the balance each month so you

don't have to pay finance charges. You should always pay more than the minimum and pay your bill on time. Credit card companies charge a \$30 late fee the moment your payment is overdue.

Start planning your retirement now.

You will most likely have to save money for your own retirement. Chances are you will do this through your employer's 401k plan. A 401k allows you to save for retirement while putting off income taxes until you retire and actually use the money. Many employers will match part of your contribution. For example, if you put in \$100, your company might put in another \$50. The

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In This Edition

You might have mad skills when it comes to **Guitar Hero 3**, but these CHS string slingers are the real deal. See page 2.

Parents say they don't play favorites, but that hasn't stopped the timeless debate over whether **older or younger siblings have it better**. See page 3.

Junior **Leah Streb** will head to Detroit in July to compete in the taekwon do olympics. See page 4.

Chatsworth's Very Own Guitar Heroes

Andrew Wiggins



What song do you play the best?

"Better Together"

Why do you bring your guitar to school?

I go to school, and I have a job so it leaves no time to play.

Who's your guitar hero?

Jack Johnson and Chad Kroeger

What song would you use to charm a girl?

"I Will Follow You Into the Dark" - Death Cab For Cutie

Acoustic or electric?

Acoustic

Gabriel Rodriguez



What song do you play the best?

"Welcome Home"

Why do you bring your guitar to school?

Because it makes school less boring and because I'm a G.

Who's your guitar hero?

Omar Rodriguez

What song would you use to charm a girl?

"Something" - Beatles

Acoustic or electric?

Acoustic

Dennis Weber



What song do you play the best?

"Wash you away"

Why do you bring your guitar to school?

It makes school fun, it kills time and because that's how I roll.

Who's your guitar hero?

Brian Baker

What song would you use to charm a girl?

"Amber"

Acoustic or electric?

Acoustic because you can here every note

Jose Pazsoldan



What song do you play the best?

With you, no clue, oh baby.

Why do you bring your guitar to school?

To practice, to play, and to get away

Who's your guitar hero?

Dimebag Darrell

What song would you use to charm a girl?

"With You"

Acoustic or electric?

Both

Andrew Coelho



What song do you play the best?

My friend, Goodbye, and a Strawberry field

Why do you bring your guitar to school?

To express myself and show everyone who I am.

Who's your guitar hero?

Eric Clapton

What song would you use to charm a girl?

"With You"

Acoustic or electric?

Both

Death Cab Will Possess Your Ears

By Belen Espinoza
Staff Writer

Contradicting its title, "Narrow Stairs," the new Death Cab for Cutie album features a very wide selection of tunes that are just perfect to chill to on a hot summer day.

The album features songs such as "No Sunlight," "You Can Do Better Than Me," "Cath," and their single "I Will Possess Your Heart."

The album, just like any other one of the Death Cab albums, discusses the subjects of love, fear, and regret. However, what makes this album a

memorable one, are the lyrics written by the band's leading man, Ben Gibbard.

The single "I Will Possess Your Heart," discusses the story of a well-intentioned man who can potentially become a creepy stalker. The song begins with quite a long intro and a progression of melody until it finally reaches its peak and releases the first verse. The intro may seem kind of long but the song itself is worth waiting for. All of Death Cab's songs tell a poetic story worth listening to.

According to the pitchfork media website, Gibbard says that "Bixby Canyon Bridge" is

about trying to commune with Jack Kerouac (American poet and novelist who wrote several works including the famous and well-known autobiographical book "On the Road") who stayed in the same cabin to write "Big Sur."

The song "Cath" has one of the most catchy intros and melodic tunes on the album. The song tells the story of a woman who makes the mistake of marrying a man she doesn't love.

The album has a lot to tell and some catchy tunes. If you want to hear more, you should go out and buy this amazing cd.

Fewer Teens Getting Their Tunes From CD's

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

Are hard copies on their way out? More and more teenagers are giving in to the easy solution when it comes to getting new music. According to a research group, 48 percent of teenagers didn't buy CD's in 2007, which was up from 38 percent in 2006.

Because of the quick development in new ways to get your hands on music, CD's are getting older and almost forgotten these days. "I think how technology is going now it's inevitable," Senior Simone John said. There are a lot of different reasons why teenagers don't bother buying them anymore and part of it is being broke or they basically just don't care about CD's anymore.

"I don't buy CD's, I have an iPod, it really wouldn't matter to me if they stopped selling CD's" sophomore Krystal Zepeda said. Simone John and sophomore Britny Elias on the other hand, still buy CD's and do not have the illegal downloading program Limewire. "I buy CD's but sometimes my friends just give me the music, everybody is so mad about the gas prices now, if people knew how big of an impact illegal downloading has on the economy they would think twice about the gas" John said.

Even though some kids still support buying the music, and stay away from illegal downloading, it doesn't mean they don't download. iTunes is one of the leading downloading programs that charges money for songs and is getting more

popular every day.

Compared to CD's, on iTunes you can buy one song at a time if you wish, and don't have to purchase the whole CD. That way if you don't like certain songs, it's possible to avoid them and not pay for them all to get the few you like. "I think downloading is easier, you don't have to go and get the CD, you might not find it and the prices are high," John said.

There are those that would want the music in their hands, get the artwork, stories or whatever it is that comes with the CD, because it's a part of the whole music experience.

But, not wanting to buy or not having money to pay for the music is a big factor in the decline in the popularity of CD's. Sophomore Andrew Nguyen downloads, and downloads only. "As long as I don't pay for it," he said.

Seniors

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Others are not too positive about looking back. "I'm not going to miss anything except for my chill senior schedule. High school wasn't memorable enough for me. Even middle school held more memories," said Tyler Reifert.

Despite all of the different perspectives, all seniors can agree that the people make high school so great. "I'm going to miss seeing people in the halls everyday, even if it's just to say hi. I'm also going to miss being so close to my friends," said senior Samantha Montgomery.

Seniors Make Their College Choices

By Belen Espinoza
Features Editor

Many seniors have now received their college admission acceptances and made decisions that will most definitely shape their future lives.

Choosing which college to attend is not an easy decision to make. There are many factors to consider such as the cost, scholarship opportunities, academics, and so on.

Senior Diane Nelson, who got accepted to Georgetown, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, Penn State, and Emory, has decided to further her education at Georgetown located in D.C. She said she chose the school because, "I like the campus, it's really beautiful, and it's a prestigious school that will help me get places." Aside from the environment, another contribution that helped make her decision and caught her attention was, "The 3:2 program which allows me to be able to take three years

of math at Georgetown, and two years of engineering at Columbia University."

Distinct from her sister, senior Marshallyn Nelson got accepted to University of Arizona, Arizona state, UC Riverside, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz, and Howard. Not wanting to be completely separated from her sister Marshallyn chose Howard, which is located in D. C. as well. There were of course other reasons for choosing the school such as, "It has a nationally ranked business school and it is a historically black college. Student teacher ratios are small and provide for a better learning environment." After having visited the school, Marshallyn said, "The campus is nice and has great living options as well as internship opportunities for sophomores, and the teachers are cool."

Having got accepted to UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, and UC Berkeley, senior Jocelyne Watts chose UCLA, which was her

primary school of choice. "I chose UCLA because it is local, the community seems to be very energetic and welcoming." Campus contributions and academics are also a plus. "The campus has a lot to offer the students with its learning facilities and excellent teachers," she said.

Protest

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stated that Friday's protest was a "last resort."

Shockley added that "In four to ten years we won't have enough teachers to educate all groups of people if we keep cutting budgets and laying off teachers."

The district had tried unsuccessfully to stop the protest in court. Superintendent David Brewer said he opposed the walkout because he was worried about student safety and the loss of classroom time right before final exams.

Sibling Rivalry

Younger Siblings Have It Tough

By Andrew Park, Lini Mestar and Sangeeta Prabhakar
Staff Writers

For those of you who live at home with an older sibling, you must be thinking, "Why couldn't I be first?" From the comparing to the scolding, the younger sibling always seems to have it harder. You're always compared with the older ones with the occasional, "When your brother/sister was your age..." and it's getting old. The younger sibling seems to deal with so much more pressure from the parents.

Think of your family as a jigsaw puzzle. With the older sibling and the parents, the pieces seem to all fit together. But as the younger one, you're the last piece of the puzzle. You have to fit into that last empty space or the puzzle's ruined. You can't just be pounded into that hole, though; you have to be perfectly shaped. Sure, the older sibling has to set the first standards, but as the younger one, you have to either match or, in most cases, exceed his or her achievements.

Some people think that in the terms of going out the older sibling has less freedom. That's contradictory. For most, parents would be more lenient with the older sibling, feeling that they should experiment with the first child. For example, late-night partying is a common issue between child and parent. With this experimental mindset for the first child, parents may al-

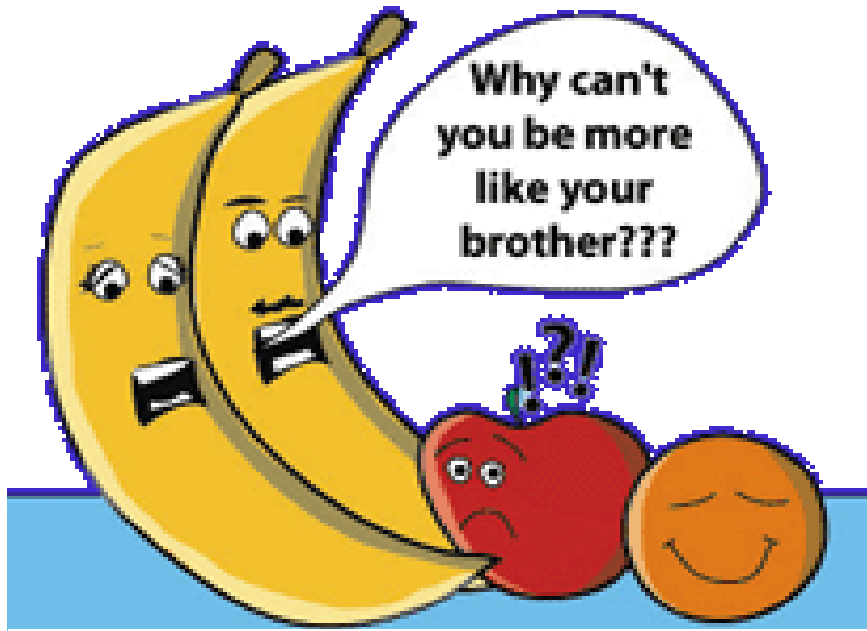


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low them to do certain things just to see the final result without the traditional "What if." If the outcome is positive, then the parent will do the same for the younger sibling. However, if things go wrong (drunkenness, pregnancy, overdose) then your parents may reconsider letting that last puzzle piece go. What our parents do not understand is that we're siblings, not the same exact people with the same exact mistakes. In fact, most of us learn from our siblings' wrongdoings and apply the lesson to our own lives.

In terms of materials and possessions, why is it that the younger one always gets the "hand-me-downs"? The older sibling will most likely get the newer car or the latest iPod of his/her choice. And finally, when it comes down to the point where you might want your own swag, you're stuck with the year-old model with

your parents' lame excuses of "It still works!" or "It's not THAT old." But we want the good stuff!

Considering that you're the "baby" of the family, your parents want to keep you young forever. A common case for many households is driving. Your parents may have allowed or even pushed your older sibling to learn to drive at a certain age but once the "baby" reaches that time of his or her life, they say, "Can't you wait one more year?" Waiting one more year will only lead to another year and then another. As younger siblings, we can't wait our whole lives. It seems as if we don't have the same opportunities as our older siblings.

With your parents pushing you so hard, it's your turn to take up the challenge because in the end it only makes you stronger. So as the younger sibling, try to fit yourself into your parents' puzzle.

Presidential Candidates' Call For Action Regarding Immigration

The past several editions of the Clarion have featured the front-running presidential candidates' positions on important issues. This month's issue is immigration. Previous issues covered the war in Iraq, education, and global warming. They can be found on the school website (www.chatsworthhs.org).



John McCain: Blaming the federal government for failing to protect the border, McCain vows that as president, he will restore the trust Ameri-

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cans should have had in the first place for its government by making sure that the border is secured. Hw intends to do this by first recognizing all the problems and solutions such as ensuring a flexible labor market which would provide jobs for talented hardworking Americans.

McCain also plans to built strong allies in Latin America and Mexico and assimilate our current immigrant population into our society. He also realizes that America will always be the "shining city upon a hill" that the less fortunate will yearn to be a part of for better opportunities, but strongly believes that more effort must go into securing the border.



Barack Obama: Obama's plan to secure the border

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includes increasing human security and technology around the border.

He also believes that the "dysfunctional immigration bureaucracy" needs to be improved while simultaneously preventing employers from hiring illegal immigrants. In addition, Obama feels that we need to help Mexico grow economically to ensure more opportunities for its citizens.

Older Siblings Say They Have It Even Tougher

By Belen Espinoza and Kimberly Brandon
Staff Writers

Being an older sibling is not an easy task. Older siblings experience pressure and criticism from their parents due to the fact that they are supposed to be good role models.

Many times the older sibling takes responsibility for a majority of their younger brother or sister's behavior. Sometimes when siblings fight, a majority of the punishing is placed upon the older child because as our parents would say, "You should know better than to be fighting. You are too old to be acting like a child."

Other times, when younger siblings lie and blame their older siblings, it is unjust that the older siblings suffer due to their brother or sister's lack of honesty.

When it comes to school, even though the eldest siblings tend to set the bar for their

younger siblings, criticism from parents can be toward either sibling. Report card time is when parents tend to criticize their children. Sometimes the eldest sibling is the child being criticized due to the fact that he or she is not "performing" as well as his or her younger sibling.

Aside from the so-called standard set by the older siblings that the younger complain about, in a way the older ones open the doors for their brothers and sisters. Sometimes the younger siblings get to participate in certain events that the older siblings never could have done at their brother or sister's age.

Older siblings have it harder because they make decisions that are not always the rights ones, whereas the youngest siblings can learn from their older brother or sister's mistakes.

Students Weigh In

By Kishi Smith
Staff Writer

No matter if you are the oldest or the youngest child in the family you always feel that your sibling(s) have it better. These are some student's feelings on who have it worse.

"My parents feel I'm more trustworthy because I'm the oldest so I have more responsibilities. They also rely on me more and I have harsher punishments."
Juan Cruz, 11th *Oldest*

"It's harder on the younger sibling because your parents base what you can do on your older siblings' experiences."
Oscar Cortez, 9th *Youngest*

"I don't like [being the oldest] because my sister gets away with everything and my parents always blame me."
Holly Weaver, 11th *Oldest*

"If your older sibling(s) went to college and graduated and are doing well now then you are expected to do the same or better."
Saj Motley, 11th *Youngest*

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Baseball Championship Caps Spring Sport Season

By Kishi Smith and
Desiree Ramirez
Staff Writers

This season was everything the coaches and players hoped for and more. Not only did the team make it to Dodger's Stadium but clinched, for a second year in a row, a championship trophy.

Even without the grand personnel the team had last year, they had a very successful season, ending 11-1 in league, 29-5 overall, and becoming the CIF City Champions beating Narbonne 7-2.

Coach Meusborn felt that the team handled themselves with confidence and were ready to play. Meusborn said, "It was the best game the team played all year and what better day to have it then in the championship game."

Senior Matt Moreno said that ending this year with a championship was a great way to end his last year at Chatsworth. Moreno stated that the season overall was, "Amazing, really a lot of fun."

Next year the team has many returning players with, "a lot of experience," says Meusborn as he adds that his expectations for next year are the same as all the other years, another championship.

Volleyball – The boy's



Photo courtesy of Olivia Patterson
Baseball players celebrate after earning the title of city champions for the second year in a row at Dodger Stadium.

varsity volleyball team "fell short of expectations" said Coach Sheriff as they ended up losing in the second round of playoffs to Birmingham in what was said to be a hard-fought battle.

Charles Ahn and Andy Trivino, both 12th graders, ended up making All City. Coach Sheriff says that although 13 of the 15 players on varsity are graduating he feels that the team next year, who will be made up of this year's juniors, will still be very competitive.

Daniel Rochin, Joshua Abraham, and Michael Robert

are all said by Sheriff to be the leaders of next year's team.

Coach Sheriff is stepping down as the head coach due to family reasons. He stated, "We are currently searching for a coach who will continue the rich tradition of success."

Swim – "The season turned out really good, everyone was successful," said Coach Yee. The team had many students [about 80 percent] who were not used to competitive swim at the beginning of the season, but improved on their skill and managed to make it to city.

Girls varsity swim team placed 13th in city overall, and their relay team placed ninth. The boys varsity team was not as successful, but the boys frosh/soph managed to place sixth in city. One individual placed 12th in city for the 50 free style event.

Coach Yee mentioned that the players to watch for next year are juniors Christian Cody and Mario Guzman.

Softball – The varsity softball team was full of "ups and downs this year, but ended well," said Coach Creps. The team ended up losing in the second round of playoffs to Westchester.

Next year the team is said by Coach Creps to be strong as they have many returning players and a lot coming up that will help.

The players to watch next year are said to be juniors Andrea Contreras and Heather Lee and sophomores Nichole Toven and Cheyenne Coyle.

Track – Track's season was not so much a walk in the park as they have "The toughest competition in their league,"

said Coach Flores. Although the team was unsuccessful this year as they ended the season 0-5, Coach Flores hopes for better next year.

Senior Leah Flowers went to state though, competing in long jump and high hurdles and junior Julian Leiro placed second in city in high hurdles.

Players to watch next year are freshman Ryan Flowers and sophomore Kevin Jaramilla. Coach Flores stated, "Although we are losing a lot of seniors, many juniors are returning next year and we hope to have a competitive season."

Golf – Boys golf did very well this year as they went undefeated in league play. The team was also City 5-A League Champions and won the City 5-A league tournament.

Sophomore James Holley and juniors Kenji Iwamizu and Robert Campbell were all sent to compete in city competition but no other championships were brought home.

Sophomore Kevin Fitzpatrick and freshman Pat Phoosomboon competed in invitational competition on June 6.

For next year, Coach Parker expects the team to be moving up to the top level of competition, 6-A. Coach Parker said, "It's the level where really good golfers play."

Junior Makes Tae Kwon Do Olympics

By Sangeeta Prabhakar
Staff Writer

While many teens spend their weekends at the mall or partying, junior Leah Streb is busy sparring with girls almost a foot taller than she is.

For the past few months Streb has been training hard for her dream to qualify for the junior national or senior national tae kwon do Olympics and on April 12th it became reality. She went to a national qualifier in Fresno and placed second for juniors and third for seniors. So this Fourth of July weekend she will be in Detroit for the tae kwon do Olympics.

"I was very nervous because it was a different weight class than how I fought but in the end I did fine," she said of her qualifying competition.



Photo courtesy of Leah Streb
Junior Leah Streb competes in a tae kwon do match

For the junior qualifier she won her first fight 6-2 and knocked out her second opponent, but for the third one she

bowed out so that she could register for the senior national qualifier. Streb had gotten to registration 10 minutes before deadline and did well at the senior qualifier, receiving third place.

The top four for juniors go to the junior national Olympics and the top four for seniors go to the senior national Olympics. Streb is qualified for both.

"I am really excited to go because it's my last year to be able to do the junior Olympics, since I recently turned seventeen," she said.

Decline in reading

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routine hardly balancing school and free time wasted away in the Internet," said sophomore Sally Herrera.

Although the decline in book reading is troubling, the increase of technology is not a bad exchange. To most, the essence of books is not to be stored in a shelf, but to inform and entertain the public. In this

way, books, when uploaded to the Internet, keep their purpose. Teenagers may not buy the printed novel but they read it online.

Yet some teachers are desperately looking for ways to get teenagers back into books. Offering them material that is of interest to them, listing the benefits gained from books, and

making it part of extra credit for certain classes, are some of the ways they've come up with.

Other teachers, however, are looking for ways to adapt to teenagers' new pastimes. These teachers opt for online textbooks and courses. Instead of having to carry a heavy load of books, students can make use of

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important thing is to start saving as soon as possible.

Thieves don't just steal wallets.

There are many different ways you could prevent having your identity stolen. You could start off by getting a shredder to shred all of your bills or important documents you won't be needing anymore. You don't want to throw your mail in the trash because there are people who dig through trash cans every day. Try not to give your social security number or credit card number over the phone unless it's absolutely mandatory. Also, you should check your credit report once or twice a year by going to annualcreditreport.com. There you can check the status of your credit account, identity theft, and errors that you can correct.

This Sunday Is The Day For Dad

By Kimberly Brandon
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what would be a perfect gift to give to your father on Fathers' day? No need to worry, I have organized the perfect day your father will never forget. First you start the day off with making him breakfast in bed. Try to make him feel like a king, and then take him golfing, a sport that he will enjoy. Lunch at Olive Garden is great to satisfy his afternoon hunger. After lunch you would want to take him to get a spa massage so he could relax and feel stress free.

As the day dies down you take him home where your mom has put together this big surprise party with friends and family that will blow off his socks. Try to make a poem or letter you could recite to him at the party to let him know how much you really appreciate all the hard work he has done. Then, give him the biggest bear hug you could possibly give to him.

At the end of the day he will remember all of the great things you have done to make his day so perfect.

the Internet.

The book has been and may still be a great item for many. Such a great thing would be a shame to disappear, as Ball sadly says, "I would hate to see books go away. It takes a little time to find a book you want to read, but once you read it, its magic."