

# The Clarion

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## Courageous Freshman Faces The Fire

By Caleb Sperling  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m., CHS freshman Tammy Tran went downstairs to her kitchen to make some food when she heard a small crackling sound and smelled something burning. She looked outside her kitchen window that overlooked the patio and she saw a fire.

Quickly, she ran to the phone to call the fire department, but the line was busy. She darted upstairs to her brother Timothy's room and told him that there was a fire and that they needed to get out, practically pushing her younger brother down the stairs because he did not believe her. When they went back down the stairs, the fire had gone through the kitchen window and into the house. The fire covered the front door forcing them to leave through the window in the front of the house.



Freshman Tammy Tran

Photo by Caleb Sperling

"Tammy thought quick on her feet and saved my little brother," said her older brother, Paul Tran.

When they exited the house, there was a growing crowd of neighbors and passersby who were watching the fire in disbelief. Tammy's neighbor brought both of them into her home and called Paul

Tran, who was at Pierce College. When called, at first he thought it was a wrong number. Then once he realized the seriousness of the situation, he couldn't stop repeating to Tammy, "What did you do?"

Many depressing thoughts ran through Tammy and Timothy's minds as they sat and watched their house burn down.

## Students Make Their SLC Choices

By Kishi Smith  
Staff Writer

What do you want to be when you grow up? CHS students recently were given the choice of an SLC group that will help them decide.

Starting next year, Chatsworth will be divided into Small Learning Communities or SLC's. Students will be able to choose from five career-themed academies. These academies will be arts and media, international business and government careers, engineering and design, humanitas academy of education and human services, and medical careers. Next year's freshmen will have their own academies.

On Feb. 20, students attended a choice assembly in which they heard about the special programs and electives that are offered in the academies, as well as the college majors and career possibilities.

Junior Jose Mata attended the assembly and felt, "It was interesting and helped me better decide where I want to go." Mata picked the engineering and design academy as he one day hopes to become an architect. "I'm excited to do hands-on activities that I hope to learn a lot from," stated Mata, who also added that the academies are "cool."

Jorden Smith, a freshman, thought that the assembly was well thought out and actually a lot of fun. He also chose to go into the engineering and design academy because ever since he was little he wanted to make and create his own video games.

Sophomore Lauren Weaver  
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## Why Can't We Get To Myspace On School Space?

By Andrew Park  
Staff Writer

As a student at Chatsworth High School, you can receive projects from classes that require you to use your school internet account. Let's say it's a science project and you need to find a picture of a functional ecosystem. You go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in "functional ecosystem." You then click the small "Images" link and press "Search," only to find a red siren telling you that you can't view this certain site. Why is this site blocked for viewing when you need it for an educational purpose?

CHS and the district restrict access to sites such as Google Images, Myspace, Facebook, and Youtube, as well as popular sites where students would retrieve their email, on the school network.

One reason these sites are blocked is that the LAUSD does not allow its students to view sites with adult content such as drugs, violence, and sex. Mr. Jarvis, the assistant principal in charge of the network, says some blogging sites can have some "vindictive comments and pictures."

Yet why is the whole website blocked when only a fraction of it contains such inappropriate material?

According to Jarvis, about two or three summers ago a virus, or "worm" infected the CHS network, and the whole network was shut down. Viruses like this can get to the school network through sites called proxy sites that are blocked by the school or district. These proxy sites act as open doors to blocked sites like Myspace. The downside to the proxy sites is their ability to

break the firewall on the school computer and not only let school information get out, but also bring unwanted information in.

Getting through the firewall on proxy sites, Jarvis says, is considered an attempt "to hack the school system."

Some students just want to download pictures or videos through the network. Jarvis and Mr. Greitzer, the network administrator, both agree that the district restricts such downloading because the downloaded material can take up too much of the school's limited bandwidth (how much data can be transmitted at one time), therefore slowing down not only the downloading computer, but all the other computers connected to the school network.

Greitzer said that the school internet connection is slow and can only take so much

downloading. "The Internet you use at home is probably ten times faster than the Internet here at school," he says.

Jarvis thinks it's unfair for one student, trying to do research, to be limited in network speed while another is downloading irrelevant pictures or videos.

The network that the district uses to restrict the inappropriate sites is called Websense. Websense works by filtering all the sites a school computer tries to get to. After going through the system, the district decides whether the site is appropriate for viewing. This way, the district or the school can monitor anything being accessed through a school computer.

## New Elevator Will Suit Building To a 'T'

By Andrew Park  
Staff Writer

The construction of an elevator attached to T building is scheduled to begin this spring.

Yet the elevator will not be available to all students. According to CHS principal Mr. Guy, it will only be available to students with ambulatory problems, meaning students who have trouble walking or getting around.

The elevator will also be used on special occasions when heavy equipment needs to be placed on the second story.

The elevator will cost about \$750,000 and it will be placed on the south side of T building

where T faces M building.

Ms. Summerlin, an English teacher in T building, said, "What a great thing for students who need to get where they want to go."

Guy expressed concern students might attempt to misuse the elevator. "We will be as cautious as we can," he said.

Summerlin said, "I'm hoping that all students will respect the new elevator out of kindness towards those who need to use it."

School staff will discuss restrictions and rules regarding the elevator on one of the professional development days, Guy said.

## Baldwin Goes East To West Point

By Desiree Ramirez  
Staff Writer

West Point is a prestigious military college accepting only about one in ten students. Next year's class of plebes, or first-year cadets, will include CHS senior Rahul Baldwin.

Baldwin has excelled in sports such as cross-country and track, as well as academically, achieving over a 4.0 G.P.A.

Baldwin is among the few from Chatsworth High to be accepted into West Point. The last was 2004 graduate Jonathon Lawes, who graduates from West Point in May.



West Point is very selective, not only through grades and extracurricular activities but also based upon one's

physical condition. Prospective students must also secure a nomination from a member of Congress before being admitted.

West Point is one of the oldest colleges in the United States and, unlike regular schools, it provides a very different college experience. At West Point one is required to take courses such as survival swimming and combative boxing. First year cadets are rarely allowed to leave the campus, even on weekends.

West Point is fully funded by the government, so every  
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## Candidates Take Stands On The War

With the presidential election approaching, the next several editions of the Clarion will feature the front-running candidates' positions on important issues. This month's issue is the war in Iraq.

**By Huong Nguyen**  
Editor in Chief

The United States invaded Iraq six years ago citing former ruler Saddam Hussein's alleged attempts to acquire weapons of mass destruction. Since then, nearly 4,000 American soldiers have died in the conflict, which is costing taxpayers about \$12 billion per month. Here are the presidential frontrunners' positions on the war.

**John McCain, Republican:** McCain strongly feels that in order to be successful and carry through with our intentions in Iraq, we need to send more troops there. The additional troops would be able to more

successfully clear areas of insurgents (those who rebel against the government), and be able to stay there to make sure that they don't come back. They will also effectively strip the Sunni and Shia militias of their weapons. This "clear, hold, and build" strategy will promote safety for the common Iraqis and also make it more difficult for the insurgents to follow through with their plans, therefore allowing the Iraqis to reconstruct their economic and political structures. McCain also feels that Iraq's neighboring countries have been contributing to the disaster in Iraq and he intends "to apply real pressure to Syria and Iran to change their behavior."  
www.johnmccain.com

**Hillary Clinton, Democrat:** Clinton is adamant on ending the war in Iraq and has advised President Bush to take action. She has devised a three-step plan that she intends to act upon

immediately after she takes office to bring our troops home. Her plan is to first end our troops' affiliation with Iraq's civil war, then she would attempt to negotiate peace among the people in Iraq by appointing a UN representative, and finally, she would work to create a "stable Iraq" by reaching specific goals that have been set.  
www.hillaryclinton.com

**Barack Obama, Democrat:** He believes that it is time to end the war and, according to his website, he has spoken out against what he calls the "rash war" since 2002. As our president, he intends to provide as much as \$2 billion to repair the conditions in Iraq since he feels like America carries a responsibility to do so. He also plans to draft a contract that will bring peace between not only Iraq, but also its neighboring countries, such as Iran and Syria.  
www.barackobama.com

## Former Music Teacher Gustafson Passes Away

**By Katherine Falcon**  
Staff Writer

Don Gustafson, a former CHS music teacher and composer of our school's alma mater, passed away recently.

He was the music teacher since the opening of Chatsworth High School in 1963, but left the school in 1983 to join the music department at Valley Community College

Amelia Byrd, a student of his from the class of 1976, remembers him as being amiable and easy to talk to. "He was a great teacher who really left a mark on me," she said. According to Byrd, most of his students and school staff felt the same way.

Mr. Shay, AKA "The Boot," a substitute teacher you



Mr. Gustafson in a 1967 photo.

might have seen on campus, remembers Mr. Gustafson as a very friendly person. "I don't think I ever heard anything negative about him." Even though Shay, as part of the coaching staff, associated mainly with coaches, he remem-

bered Gustafson as an active member of the school. "I saw him at the games and plays," he said.

Known and remembered for his "cool" self, Gustafson, instead of going to the teacher's lounge, kept his door open to students looking for extra help, or just looking for a laid-back place to hang out at lunch.

"I felt great grief when I found out he died. He was a good man. I will miss him a great deal," said Byrd.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Action Flick 'Jumper' To The Top Of The Box Office

**By Huong Nguyen**  
Editor-in-Chief

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the action thriller, "Jumper" was released, pulling in \$27 million during its opening weekend and instantly leapt to the top of the box office. Since then, "Jumper" has been as high as second in the box office, which is impressive considering that it is now going into its fourth week released in theatres.

Directed by Doug Liman ("Bourne Ultimatum"), "Jumper" is an action-packed flick that tells the story of David Rice (Hayden Christensen) and his life with the special ability to teleport any time he pleases.

His enemy, Roland (Samuel L. Jackson), was a member of the "Palladins" who hunt and kill Jumpers. Throughout the movie, their random encounters add excitement to the film as they fight it out and Rice somehow gets away, a couple of times even when thousands of watts of electricity are being forced through his brain.

David's partner in crime and fellow jumper, Griffin (Jamie Bell), is my favorite character because he is very sarcastic and makes the movie less serious.

In the movie, Rice struggles to keep his special ability and private life on the run from Palladins away from his high

school dream girl, Millie (Rachel Bilson). As he returns to town and rekindles their friendship, the chemistry is undeniable and they fall for each other. Fearing for her safety now more than ever, Rice has to make some decisions that ultimately put their relationship on the line and she never has an idea of what's going on.

This movie is packed with special effects that will amaze you. In one scene, Griffin drives a Mercedes straight into traffic and suddenly jumps the entire thing to another part of the street to avoid the collision that was anticipated by the audience. During the fight scenes, the characters fly all over the room as the walls crumble down and suddenly, they teleport to another part of the world and continue to duke it out.

The idea for the movie was quite original and remained that way throughout the movie. It never got boring and even the slower scenes had their way of keeping the audience's interest. Although it was a tad predictable, it didn't spoil the ending at all.

Another great thing about "Jumper" is that it is filmed all over the world. One minute you see Rice eating lunch at the top of the Sphinx in Egypt and in the next scene, he is taking a stroll through Tokyo. This makes the movie unforgettable and I highly recommend it.

## 'Step Up 2' Has All The Right Moves

**By Kimberly Brandon**  
Staff Writer

If you want to see a movie with jaw dropping moves and sexy Channing Tatum, then "Step Up 2" is your movie.

The movie is about a girl named Andie, played by Brianna Evigan ("Something Sweet" / "House of the Damned"), who is given a second chance to prove to her family and friends that she can do more than just get into trouble. She attends the Maryland school of Arts, the same school as Tyler Gage, played by Channing Tatum ("Step Up" / "Coach Carter"). Andie tries to find a way to prove to everyone that she has what it takes to compete with the best of the best in an underground competition.

Andie and costar Robert Hoffman ("Wild n' Out" / "You got served") will remind everyone that it's not where you're

from, but it's where you're at that counts.

"Step Up 2" has great choreography by Jamal Sims ("Bring it on") and Dave Scott ("Stomp the Yard").

This is the perfect movie to go see as a couple and even alone. It's very inspiring and can teach us a lot on how we need to stop judging one another on what we wear, who we hang out with, and where we live; those things aren't important in life, being able to sur-

vive is.

The amazing soundtrack features Flo Rida (Low), Plies featuring Akon (Hypnotized), Trey Songz (Can't help but wait), and many more upbeat tunes that just want to make you get up and dance.

Jon Chu, who also directed "Silent Beats" and "When the Kids are Away," directed the movie. This 98-minute movie is rated PG-13 for language, some suggestive material and brief violence.

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Be sure to include your name, grade level or staff position, and homeroom (for verification purposes). Anonymous submissions will not be printed. The deadline for the April edition is April 4.

## Improve The School, Earn Hours

By Andrew Park  
Staff Writer

Many students may not know it, but school beautification day can help both the school and the student. By giving up only three hours of a Saturday, a student can gain community service and Humanitas hours or work off a detention.

School beautification day is an event where students can help out, hang out, and get rewards. About 50 to 100 students attend the clean up days, which are sponsored by two to three clubs. The school holds this event seven times a year. Specific dates are announced by the school or clubs such as Key Club, Leadership, and Booster Club. It is held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Chatsworth.

Mrs. Donner, the Leadership adviser and a frequent at-

tendee of the event, said, "We're always looking for clubs to make a presence." She welcomes everyone to "support the school."

Yet school beautification day is not all fun and games. Raking, painting, picking up trash, and spreading mulch around plants are some of the beautification day activities.

At 9:00 a.m. when the event starts Jerome Thomas, the gardener at Chatsworth High School and the one in charge of beautification day, addresses the students usually by saying, "Thank you for coming," and informing them of their duties and what he expects done. After that the work starts.

At around 10:30, the students are allowed a 15-minute break, where they can eat and drink snacks that are given by Booster Club. After the break,

clean up time is in effect. Students finish up any of the projects they didn't finish before the break and then gather tools.

Thomas said, "If students bring their friends, I tell them to work fast if they're going to talk and hang out." Thomas does not allow the use of cell phones and expects everything to be neat and orderly at the end of the day. He also said that students should work and be awarded the full three hours so tardiness is not an option.

After a long day's work, students sign out confirming that they have worked from 9 to 12. Assistant Principal Mrs. Bushner issues certificates stating that the student has done his or her work and hours have been given.

Anyone can come out and help out on the next beautification day, which is April 12.

## It's Meetings And More For The President

By Perri Eriksen  
Staff Writer

Ever had brilliant ideas for events at school that you're sure would be successful and fun? The person who actually is able to give a voice in that is the student body president. This year's study body president is senior Jonathan Carlos.

As president, Carlos attends meetings once a month called CLC meetings, which is the Chatsworth Leadership Council. Along with four other students representing the student body, he gets to be on the committee with teacher representatives, parents and the principal.

"Every other week I hold a

meeting with the chancellors of our school where we run most of the activities that we have for the students," Carlos said. They take control over events like, Winter Formal, Spring Fling, Prom, etc. "I make sure that everything goes along smoothly and that we get the signatures needed to run these events," he said.

Having the freedom to decide such decisions is harder then it looks, and Carlos puts a lot of time and effort into his job. He goes to school early in the morning before his fellow Chancellors arrive, usually before 7. "It's very time consuming. I think out of most of the students on the campus I spend most hours at school."

To become the SBP, one has to have been in leadership for at least a year and should have some kind of leadership skills. "I guess I wanted to be the president because not a lot of people thought I could do it," Carlos said. "There weren't that many people that were willing to take on the responsibility of leading the school."

Carlos had different expectations about how the position would be, he thought it was going to be difficult, but when he got the hang of it, it was just like any other job. "It's cool. It's just quite annoying being called Mr. President a thousand times a day," he said.

## Relax, It's Another CD From Jack Johnson

By Caleb Sperling  
Staff Writer

After making his mark on people with his hit album "In Between Dreams" which includes the songs "Sitting, Waiting, Wishing" and "Banana Pancakes," Jack Johnson returns with "Sleep Through The Static," yet another laid-back, acoustic album.

The album has the single "If I Had Eyes," which has made the top on MTV's top ten music videos. It also features numerous peaceful songs like "Go On" and "Monsoon."

"The new album is awesome, it sounds so peaceful," said freshman Deniro Armstrong.

Although his new album has the same basic ideas, beats

and rhymes, people have still taken a warm liking to it.

"His new album has a very deep feeling to it, it's really good," said freshman Michael Bennet.

So if you're looking for a breezy, tropical influenced album that's as peaceful as the person that made it, you might just want to pick it up.

## Brutus Has His Day In Court

Recently, tenth-grade humanities students put the character Brutus on trial for his part in the assassination of Roman ruler Julius Caesar, in Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar." Students studied different elements of the event in English, history and biology classes. Here, students Miguel Paez, left, plays Caesar's ghost, and Max Specter acts as an attorney questioning him.



## Valentine's Day Horrors And Lucky Scorers

By Belen Espinoza  
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is the one holiday out of the year in which emotions are officially celebrated. For some, it is a memorable day filled with romance and adoration for their partners. For others, it has become a day remembered by awful memories.

There is nothing more romantic than praising and admiring a great relationship between two individuals. For senior Jenny Espinoza, her best memory was just that.

"My best Valentine's Day memory was when I went out with my boyfriend. We ate at Olive Garden, watched a movie, he got me balloons, a teddy bear, and chocolate," said Espinoza.

Everyone needs a valentine on Valentine's Day and junior Miguel Orellana found his valentine and claims it was his best.

"It was a year ago or so. This girl had a crush on me a week before Valentine's Day, so I asked her to be my valentine. Instead of getting her something, she got me chocolate, and balloons. I later liked her sister," said Orellana.

Holidays aren't always remembered as a result of good things, they could easily take a turn for the worst.

Senior Simone John spent her worst Valentine's Day one year comforting a sibling.

"One year, on Valentine's Day, my brother got very sick and was admitted to the hospital. I had to stay there till 10 o'clock in the evening," said John.

If you think that's bad, consider what happened to sophomore Aaron Simmons.

"I gave a girl a chocolate heart, it had almonds in it. She was eating it in front of me, when all of a sudden she started breaking out and throwing up," said Simmons.



Clarion photo

Students from Chung-Ju High School in South Korea, Chatsworth's sister school, visited the campus recently. Some of the 13 visiting students are shown here with their CHS guides.

## Jimmy, Juno and Wu Tang Offer Up New Sounds

By Caleb Sperling  
Staff Writer

### Various Artists "Juno" Soundtrack

From the hit indie movie "Juno," starring Michael Cera and Ellen Page, comes this fantastic compilation of 19 songs by 12 different artists, including a version of "Anyone Else But You," originally by The Moldy Peaches, sung by Cera and Page. This album has many artists including: Buddy Holly, Sonic Youth, The Kinks, and Kimya Dawson, who wrote many songs that are in the movie.

### Jimmy Eat World "Chase This Light"

Coming after the album "Futures," Jimmy Eat World's new CD, "Chase This Light," takes on a more rock, less

acoustical approach. It features diverse songs, from the fast-paced "Big Casino," to the very slow and deeper "Gotta Be Somebody's Blues." Jimmy fans who liked the "Futures" might be slightly disappointed because it seems the band didn't put as much feeling into their new album. Fans of older Jimmy Eat World songs will not be disappointed.

### Wu Tang Clan "8 Diagrams"

After 14 years of silence, Wu Tang Clan is emerging from the shadows with a new album featuring many deep and sincere songs. There are great beats to songs like Unpredictable and "Wolves." It also features the absolutely stunning song "The Heart Gently Weeps," which is bound to be a classic.

## Sports Round Up For Winter Season 2008

By Desiree Ramirez  
Sports Editor

As we put away our sweaters and say goodbye to winter, we also give our farewells to this year's winter sports.

The most successful of the winter sports has been our **girls' varsity basketball** team. They went undefeated during the season with a 10-0 record. They managed to clinch league champions, achieve an overall record of 24-5, and attain top seed in playoffs. Unfortunately they were defeated in the finals by Narbonne. "I want to establish CHS as a perennial; power not only in the valley, but elsewhere like the southern division," said Coach Chevalier. Although they did not win city they competed in the regional playoffs and won two rounds before being defeated again by Narbonne in the semifinal.

In contrast to the girl's var-

sity basketball team, the **boy's varsity basketball** team was not as successful this year. "We struggled throughout the season," Coach Switalla said. "It was not the team we expected since we lost players to injuries and grades."

The boys had a record of 8-17 overall and placed fifth in league with a record of 3-7-0 and did not qualify for playoffs. Although it has been Switalla's "worst year," he does expect a "much improved although young team" next year.

The **girls' varsity soccer** team ended their season in the quarterfinals, the third round, to San Pedro. Coach Altshule remarked that season "ended very prematurely." The team went 5-4-1 in the season, placing third in the league and had an overall record of 10-6-5.

Altshule said, "I feel like the team was very successful

and it's hard to end our season so early, especially since we have become a family." One of the captains, senior Taylor Zisfain, is proud of the way the season turned out mentioning it was "the best season of my high school career." When asked what she expected for next season, Altshule replied "Championship!"

The **boys' varsity soccer** team ended their season with a disappointing loss in the first round of playoffs to the number one seed, Banning. The team had a season record of 2-3-5, placing fourth in league. This season has been a disappointment to the team since last year the team was league champion and made it to the semi-finals.

"I hoped for a successful season, but the chemistry just wasn't there this season," said one of the senior captains Sha-

yan Norouzzadeh. "Nevertheless we went down fighting."

The **wrestling** team ended the season by placing fourth in city and third in league. Coach Landau said the season went "very well" with a team of ten wrestlers, of which most will return next season. Senior Robert Gunther placed first in league and second in city. Senior Thomas Cottrell placed first in city and competed in a state-wrestling tournament, going 2-2. Most of the wrestlers placed second, third, and fourth in both league and city. Landau said that next year "we are expecting a much better season, with a better record and several returning prospects."

Staff writers Kishi Smith and Kimberly Brandon contributed to this report.

## Baseball Aiming For The Stadium

By Kishi Smith  
Staff Writer

2007 will be a tough act to follow for the Chatsworth baseball team. After all, it's not every year you win a city championship with a team that includes two first-round draft picks, including the National Player of the Year, who set a state record for homeruns in a season.

But this year the team expects to once again be battling for first place at Dodger's Stadium.

The team is working hard both on and off the field. They trained hard three days a week strictly working on getting stronger and faster. Now that the season is almost under way, they are practicing to sharpen up some skills on the field.

"The team is where we want to be," said coach Meusborn, as the winter league and preseason went well. This year's squad contains only 13 players, consisting of all juniors and seniors.

Shortstop Kasey Toven stated, "We've won a lot and lost few so far. Most of all, though, I expect our team to go out every game and play hard."

Although Matt Dominguez and Mike Moustakas are not on the team any more, Moustakas having been drafted second by the Kansas City Royals and Dominguez taken twelfth by the Florida Marlins, Meusborn feels that the team still has a lot of experience and talent. "It's a great mix," he said.

Meusborn also stated that he expects the team to put out their best effort each and every game. He expects to be in Dodger Stadium at the end of the year, vying for another championship ring. He also states that they look at every school as big competition and take no one lightly.

Catcher Carlos Escobar, feels, "In order to win another championship we have to be ready for every game... so far I think we are."

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decided upon the Humanitas Academy of Education and Human Services because she was already a part of the Humanitas program and felt, "It will help me be a well-rounded person in case I want to change my profession."

Oscar Cortez, a freshman, stated, "It will be a change from how this freshman year has been so far, but I think I'm going to like it."

## Boys Volleyball Is Set With New Coach

By Sangeeta Prabhakar  
Staff Writer

With a new coach, the boys' volleyball team expects to build on last year's 4-1 playoff record. In fact, coach Sheriff said that, according to coaches from other teams, they are expected to win the city title.

The boys have practiced long and hard and are ready to get paid for all their work. Starting opposite and setter Andy Ouano is rather approving toward coach Sheriff.

"He is doing a really good job at giving us more attention. We are even going to Vegas this year for a national tournament; it's invitation only," he

said.

Zack Pallack is also positive about the new coach. "He has brought a coaching style that I think will work well for the players on the team."

Sheriff as well is confident in his team. "We are returning all but two starters and we were in the semi finals last year," he said.

One of the most important aspects of being a team is developing a strong connection with your coach and its obvious that this team has.

"Volleyball is a team sport and without more than one player we can't be successful," said Sheriff.

## Veteran Softball Team Looks To Continue Success

By Kishi Smith  
Staff Writer

The CHS softball team came close last year —ending their season with a quarterfinal playoff loss to Banning—so this year's expectations are very high.

The team's new coach is Jaisa Creps, a former UCLA softball athlete who is also a government and U.S. history teacher. She states that she expects nothing less than a championship from the team, which is composed of returning players and only three rookies. "It's a great group of girls with really good talent," said Creps.

Last year's coach, Miss Altshule, is getting the girls in great shape and ready for the hard season ahead. "I'm excited that our coach from last year is at least returning to be our

coach for the fitness side," said Tyler Cano. Cano and the rest of the team are working out hard to be able to beat every team not only skills-wise but fitness-wise as well.

This team's competition once again will be Granada Hills as well as El Camino Real, but Dianna Russell said, "We can beat all the teams out there and hope to do just that. Every game is just a step closer to the championship."

Coach Creps added that she and the team look forward to building a winning tradition for the softball program.

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thing is paid for, but five years of military duty is required after graduation.

"Attending West Point has been like a calling," said Baldwin. "Being accepted is just another step in this journey of a thousand miles." Baldwin said he is content with the appointment. "It's made me want to work harder and be more dedicated than I already was," he said.

Baldwin's dream has been to attend West Point for as long as he could remember. Last summer he attended West Point's summer program. West Point has always intrigued him from their programs and staff to their military. "With the way the world is headed today I want to be part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership," Rahul Baldwin said.

West Point is known for the top army officers and for being the alma maters of a few of our nation's presidents such as Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight Eisenhower.

## Sports Results For The Winter Season

<u>Winter Sport</u>	<u>Season Record</u>	<u>Place In League</u>	<u>Playoff Results</u>
Girls Basketball	10-0-0	First	City Finals
Boys Basketball	3-7-0	Fifth	Didn't Qualify
Girls Soccer	5-4-1	Third	Quarter Finals
Boys Soccer	2-3-5	Fourth	First Round
Wrestling	N/A	Third	Fourth In City