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Drumming Up Dedication

By Candy Wong
Staff Writer

"Band—march, mark time, moving out, atten-HUT!" It's 7 'o' clock in the morning and do you know where your band buddy is?

While you're sleeping in, snuggled in your warm blanket and bleary-eyed, begging your alarm clock for just a few more minutes, CHS' marching band is out on the football field.

While you're contemplating Cocoa Puffs or Cheerios or deciding whether that dark blue top goes well with your dark brown eyes, your instrument-toting buddy is occupied with her oboe; your saxophone-playing pal is memorizing his field show formations or perhaps struggling to march in step.

Band members are expected to play instruments, learn intricate arrangements, synchronize their marching steps, and practice before school and after school. Their perfected half-time performances and polished first-place trophies merely reflect their discipline and dedication to the CHS marching band.

"Practice is from 7:00 A.M. to homeroom in the mornings and about 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. after school," said Amy Lui, a sophomore who has been playing the saxophone for five years.

Lui gets bused to school and plans to major in music for college. Getting bused to the Valley means getting home late and having less time to spend on academics—an actuality that peeves her academics-oriented parents.

"I get home at 11:30 P.M. on Friday nights during the football games since the bus leaves at 10:00 P.M.," said Lui.

"We come in during holidays to practice, but I don't



Band members play at the homecoming pep rally.

Staff photo by Peter Tran

since I live so far away. And last year, I went to practice on Saturdays... I even went on my birthday—from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. My parents drive me to competitions, but they don't really support it [band]. They want me to get more involved in the math department," she said.

Junior Keith Cerrato, CHS' drum major, also finds band practice, performances, and competitions to be time-consuming.

"Yeah, band takes a lot of my time. I want to get a job, but I don't have a lot of time to work—school and band takes up a lot of my free time," said Cerrato, who was assistant drum major last year.

Cerrato has been playing the trumpet since 6th grade and currently participates in the 7th period Jazz Band, as well, which comprises the band's cream of the crop.

"It [Drum majoring] in
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All-City Musicians Prep for Band Fest

By Brian Cho
News Editor

As if the rigors of being in the CHS marching band couldn't demand any more work, representing the elite All-City marching band is quite a feat for individuals like Keith Cerrato, Anthony Valera, Jose Pazsoldan, Lacey Luce, Daniel Mckoy, and Jannet Torres.

"Its more than any band, being able to sound off with members from other schools," said drum major Cerrato.

All of the members in the All-City Band prepare for a major event known as Bandfest, which is a two-day festival when bands all over the world come together to celebrate music. It is usually held in the end of December in the Rose Bowl.

"You get to see what other bands in the world are doing," said All-City flag team captain Leia Bonilla.

Aside from Bandfest, the All-City members march an average of three miles a day in preparation for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade held in Pasadena, which is a seven-mile march.

Mr. Williams, who has been the band teacher here for three years now, has instilled in students the discipline it takes to become successful musicians. He has combined the band with the drill and flag teams, as well as starting the jazz program.

"The students love to play, they could play all day if they wanted to," said Williams about the members' devotion to the band.

Choose The Right Spot If You Park In The Lot

By Nidia Espino
Staff Writer

This year many students are worried about parking in the student parking lot. What are the requirements?

First of all, students can only have had five or fewer absences in the spring semester. The reason administrators came up with this rule was because there are only 150 parking spaces, but more than 150 students to qualify for a parking space.

"It doesn't matter how good you are in school," said Mr. Jarvis, referring to the fact that they got rid of the rule that students need a 2.0 GPA to get a parking space.

When a student requests a parking space, a driver's license, registration of the car, and proof of insurance is needed. The administrators will see if they are eligible and possibly grant them the parking pass.

Many students feel that it is not the best way to go. "I think it should be first come first serve because it gives everybody the same opportunity to park where they want," said senior Josh Ravin.

Each student that has been granted a parking space has a specific number assigned to him or her. Be aware that if you park in just any space with the big pink numbers on them, you could be cited by the school police. For now it seems that the spaces with the smaller white numbers are the ones that are free, although this might change if more parking spaces are requested.

"They need more parking spaces-- I'd rather not drive to school so I won't have to go through the hassle," said senior Sean Connor.

More Tuition Inflation Coming For Higher Education

By Jannet Torres
Staff Writer

Despite the importance of a higher education, students may not welcome the newly adopted college fees that the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees approved to impose on 23 of its institutions next year.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the UC system, and the CSU system approved a budget deal to increase undergraduate fees by eight percent and ten percent for graduates—the sixth increase in five years.

Full-time undergraduate students at CSU are expected to pay \$3,368 per year, an increase difference of 204 dollars. The overall undergraduate Cal State fees have soared approximately 79.4 percent since 2001, according to an article in the Los Angeles Times.

Graduate student fees swooped to a raise of \$312 on an average of \$4,058 from the current mean of \$3,746.

The agreement also requires the governor to invest in college funds to permit CSU campuses to grow an average of three per-

cent annually. Members of the board simultaneously settled on raising salaries of the top 27 Cal State executives, including CSU presidents, by at least 13.7 percent to "attract and retain top talent."

College students argued that boosting the fees would cause many students to rethink the idea of attending any of the public universities. Students such as trustee Corey Jackson from CSU San Bernardino called the hike a "student tax" in the Los Angeles Times, while being the

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Californians Said 'No' To Changes In November Election

By Luis E. Barco
Staff Writer

The Nov. 9 special elections propositions were all voted down, keeping teachers, the abortion process, unions, and school funding from suffering any changes.

Proposition 73 wanted to prohibit minors from setting abortions if parents were not notified 48 hours before the operation. "They should let the parents know...some day they will find out," said senior Richard Agbulos.

Even though parents would have the opportunity to talk to their daughter and look for different options, it could also have

the consequences of unsafe and illegal abortion.

"The consequences were worse than the benefits because girls would find another unsafe way to do it [abort]," said senior Ana Lopez. Proposition 73 was voted down by a 52.6 percent of voters.

Proposition 74 was to extend the probationary period for new teachers from two to five years. This proposition would have made it easier to fire teachers.

"It's no fair for teachers having to wait for five years to finally be secure in their jobs," said senior Grecia Zamudio. In the end, the proposition was

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Cultures Serve Up Holiday Variety

By Trang Nguyen
Staff Writer

Everything in the U.S. is so mixed because of all the different cultures and ethnicities that even our Thanksgivings are diverse.

The usual turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauces have been replaced. The all American Thanksgiving feast has gotten old and dreary. Even though Thanksgiving is an American holiday, numerous people have half a traditional, American Thanksgiving, while the other half is something different. The variety of food is what makes it so appealing now.

"Oh...I eat banana cream

pie, lobster, sea food," said senior Kai Ming Hu.

"I have all kinds of Indian dishes like samosas and pakoras," said twelfth grader Rajni Kaur.

"Tortas, tamales, champrado, popusas, don't forget the posole," said Raisa Solis, a freshman.

The different backgrounds of many Americans have different foods on Thanksgiving rather than just turkey because it tastes better to them or their parents were perhaps immigrants that came to this country. Nonetheless, a lot of people know what they're grateful for and what Thanksgiving means to them.

"I eat rice and beans. I am Haitian. My parents were from Haiti.

"Thanksgiving isn't that important to me because I am thankful every day," said Stephanie Baptiste, a sophomore.

"I eat Mexican food instead of turkey because it's a part of my family culture. I give thanks to God for all of the things he has given me," said ninth grader Karen Diaz.

"I eat kim chi because it goes well with our food. People want to try different things. I am Korean and my parents are immigrants. Thanksgiving is important because I love food," said Elissa Min, a freshman.



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Jigsaw Breaks Into His Toolbox in 'Saw' Sequel

By Huong Nguyen
Staff Writer

Saw II, released on October 28th, proved to be a hit by pulling in \$31.7 million during its first weekend in the U.S.

A sequel to Saw I, it proved to be just as intense. The promoted phrase, "Oh yes, there will be blood," guarantees a movie just as gory as the last.

Its prequel, Saw I, was also known to be a bloody and mind-twisting thriller. Just like its former, Saw II leaves you guessing right until the end, which includes yet another shocking twist, and a couple minor brain teasers.

Featuring a twisted killer named Jigsaw, played exceptionally by Tobin Bell, the movie is basically stretched during a 2-hour period of which 8 strangers are locked in a house and must work together to find their way out or just an antidote to the poisonous gas of which they were inhaling. What they are initially told is that the eight of them share a common link, which partially explains the reason why they are there.

Jigsaw's notorious line, "I want to play a game..." is repeat-

edly said throughout the movie. The detective on the case named Eric Matthews, played by Donnie Wahlberg, is desperate to get an answer from Jigsaw as he realizes that his son is one of the eight trapped in the house.

The director, Darren Lynn Bousman provides audiences with an edge-of-your seat suspense thriller. At 26, this was a golden opportunity of which he made the best of. "Yeah but it was crazy to be handed this type of opportunity at 26," Bousman said when asked of the movie. In addition, he added, "They never said no to me but they just made sure that *Saw II* maintained the feel and overall uneasiness of the original film," when referring to the directors of the original Saw.

Contradicting the well-known theory that sequels never exceed their prequels, this was an exception, as audiences who have watched both witnessed better acting and more grueling effects. Most audiences will find that Saw II is much better than expected and is well worth the money.

Harry Potter Gets Hotter

By Virginia Moreno
Staff Writer

Daniel Radcliffe comes back to the big screen on November 18th as Harry Potter in his fourth year at Hogwarts, the most famous and prestigious school for "non muggles."

"Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire," which is already in the movie theatres in the United States, welcomes back actors Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson as Harry, Ron and Hermione, the main characters in this fourth film adaptation of J.K. Rowling's popular novels.

The main point of this fourth Harry Potter movie is, again, the return to power of Voldemort, Harry's principal enemy. But this is not all what is causing anxiety to Harry, he also has to compete in the pres-

tigious Triwizard Tournament for which he has been mysteriously selected and has to find a date for Hogwarts' Yule Ball dance.

the movie is more directed to teenagers", said senior Jennifer Morales, who agreed that the movie pretty much follows the book.

Even though Radcliffe, Grint and Watson are older than they are supposed to be in the movie, they did an amazing job portraying the novel. "The actors have improved considerably since the first movie and still fit their parts well, even if they look too old," said Manzanera.

"My favorite character is Harry Potter because he's kind of cute," says Danna Dorma, "I like it a lot because it's totally different from the real world, it's fantasy, it's really nice," she says.

If you would like to know more about this movie, go to www.gobletoffire.com for more information.



Photo from www.newstodaynet.com

Many people consider the movie the best movie in the series. "The first two were too much summary and the third one left out many important things from the novel. The fourth stayed true to the book and still had a creative side to it," said junior Lizza Manzanera after seeing it. "I liked it a lot because characters are older and

'50 Cent' Fights For Fame In The Rap Game

By Katrina Vu
Staff Writer

The hardcore gangster rapper Curtis '50 cent' Jackson, who's known as the guy who got shot nine times and lived through it, stars in his first movie, which opened Nov. 9th.

In "Get Rich Or Die Tryin," which was the name of his album released in early 2003, Jackson's character, Marcus, is a struggling individual trying to make it back onto the top. This movie is basically inspired by Jackson's real life, from dealing with drugs, his own mom get-

ting murdered, him getting shot and trying to recover to get back into the rap game.

Many people who have watched this movie seem to like it. "The movie was bomb. I liked it a lot," said Caroline Garcia, a sophomore.

"It was real tight and real crazy. It dealt with real life situations," said sophomore Chris Hooks.

There are other people who don't even want to bother watching it. "It doesn't seem all that interesting, it hasn't caught my eye. I don't know, this movie just seems so predict-

able," said Yuri Campos, also a sophomore.

This movie has been criticized constantly by the media and parents. Some people say that this movie glorifies violence; others say it sets a bad example for young teens.

"Well obviously this movie is violent but, that's actually what's happening in the world today, people just don't realize it. Some are just even too afraid to admit that that's what's going on," said Maeliss Stemman, a sophomore.

This movie is very similar to the movie "8 Mile" that was out

in 2002, starring Jackson's close friend Eminem.

"8 Mile was a pretty good movie but Get Rich Or Die Tryin is better," said Hooks. Both movies encounter basically the same plot, which is that both Eminem and Jackson are trying to pursue their passion for rap and hip-hop.

Overall, "Get Rich Or Die Tryin" is a good movie because it has real life situations in it and you can learn a lot, whether it's a good thing or bad. Surprisingly, Jackson's acting is decent--people say that they didn't expect that at all.

"50 cent's acting was alright. I honestly thought his acting would suck like other rappers, but I was wrong," said Garcia.

"Get Rich Or Die Tryin" is a must see movie for those who are into drama/action. For those of you who didn't like 50 cent before, after watching this movie you will have much more respect for him because of the events that happened in the movie which 50 cent had to deal with in real life. However, this wouldn't be the type of movie that you would want to take your parents to see.

Features

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Hybrid Cars Recharge And Give You Lots Of Go For Not Much Gas

By Virginia Moreno
Staff Writer

High increasing gas prices are one of the main factors that are making people consider hybrid cars when buying a new vehicle.

A hybrid car is a vehicle that has both a gasoline engine and an electric motor, which propels the vehicle and recharges automatically while driving. It is basically a cross between a gasoline-powered car and an electric car.

Saving time, saving money, and causing less pollution are the main advantages of driving a hybrid. Some people aware of this subject agree. "It saves a lot of money on gas and it's better for the environment," says John



Photo taken from <http://students.bath.ac.uk>

Reff of Northridge, who has owned a hybrid for a year.

The Young family, of Northridge, is planning to buy a hybrid. "We thought it was a great opportunity to buy a hybrid when our car broke down," said David Young. "It will take me less time to go to work because I can use the carpool lane if I have a hybrid."

The Honda Civic Hybrid, the Honda Insight, and the Toyota Prius are three of the hybrid cars now available in the United States-- all of them cost around \$20,000. "It's a good business car; it rides very smoothly, can go very fast, and it's comfortable," says Reff, when asked about his Toyota Prius, which he drives to work everyday. "It's worthy," he said.

Hybrid cars can be more expensive than regular ones, but do they save us money in the long run? Presently, our personal vehicles consume around 65 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each year, and this number is expected to increase by 2.6 percent each year. "I think [the] price of gas is going to keep going up because the demand is high," said Young.

Zeno Zaps Zits For A Price

By Brenda Nequis
Staff Writer

A new solution for acne has arrived. It is a revolutionary gadget called Zeno.

Today there are so many products that can get rid of pimples. They go from soaps to lotions to creams. Now with the advancement of technology, Tyrell, Inc has created a new invention. This new invention is supposed to get rid of pimples faster and easier.

Zeno is a handheld, rechargeable device. "It is the most scientifically advanced and effective device available," stated Allure Magazine.

This gadget is very simple to use. It contains a replaceable metal tip that heats up to a pre-set temperature. You simply apply it to the pimple. The tip radiates heat to the pimple, and gets rid of it.

"Well I think that it's dangerous. It might keep a spot in

your face and maybe in 30 years later it can cause you cancer," said sophomore Whitney Turner..

As any other product Zeno does have it's negatives. Although it was FDA approved of it, Zeno did have some inconveniences. In a clinical trial made by the same company "some people experienced a reaction of a low level heat and temporary redness of the skin," said Sara Warren, a former worker of Tyrell Inc.

"It's good for people who don't have sensitive skin and people who don't get that many pimples," said sophomore, Pretty Bhamigi.

Zeno is available without prescription and comes with a price of about \$225.00, not including the replacement tip that cost about \$35.00 each.

"Well I would buy it even if it was expensive, if I was really desperate with my acne," said senior Pablo Salvatierra.

News

Orange Line Slices A New Path Through The Valley's Traffic

By Christopher Grey Foley
Staff Writer

For years transportation officials have sought out to harness the power of the locomotive for the road. And now, finally, we have. Well, sort of.

The Orange Line is a bus systems that travels entirely through the San Fernando Valley. Think of it as two buses held together by a rubber form of ribcage, with it's own lane and routes.

Some students rely on the Orange Line to go home. "I take it from De Soto to Hollywood, then I take the Red Line home," says Steve Yoo, a freshman. When asked if there could be any improvements made to the new bus system, Yoo replied, "Make it safer."

The Orange Line has had an alarmingly high amount of crashes, posing a serious question to its future.

"Yes we need the Orange Line because L.A needs public



Photo from Metro.net

transportation", said Mr. Wiessner, an economics teacher. "We rely too heavily on independent transportation, and the freeways are becoming more clogged each and every year. And how you solve that is either expand the public transportation systems or you expand the free ways. "The reason we have so many accidents is because the buses are all gray. They should

be bright orange. That's why Fire trucks are red."

Mr. Wiesner also had an idea to fix the problems of the bus lines. "We need a long-term plan, then we need to work the plan. We have the Metro Link, we have the Orange Line, and many different transit lines, each with their own buildings. They should all be 1 mass transit center," he said.

Band is hard work *Continued from page 1*

cludes tuning up the band, dealing with problems—internal ones, and conducting," said Cerato of his job duties. He is also in charge of teaching the band their formations.

"We practice for [a total of about] two hundred hours... for a ten-minute show," he said.

This fall, about thirty-three students are enrolled in band. They won the LAUSD Band and Drill Team Competition for their division last year and the 2005 Band and Dance Competition in Granada Hills for their division during the Veterans' Day weekend.

Band members also attend a two-week long band camp in the summer at CHS.

"Band is year-round. It's commitment—you have to like music and people. These kids are together all day long; we practice on holidays and [perform on] Friday nights, weekends, and summers," said Mr. Williams, the band director.

Williams hopes to improve

the band's marching this year. He expects to see the same uniformity in his band's marching that he sees in that of professional bands.

"Their feet are moving all the time--56 people starting and stopping at the same time. That shows real practice," said Williams.

Of the band's current performance, Williams said, "We did well last year, but I don't think they've touched their potential yet. They can go a lot higher. We need more accuracy [in marching]."

CSU Fees

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only one on the Board of Trustees who voted against the deal.

Trustees said that about 33 percent of the increase will go towards financial aid for those who need it most.

"I think that if it goes to get more books then it's good, but other than that--it sucks. I won't have money for other things such as gas," said senior Reggie Coffman.

Ballot measures fail to capture votes *Continued from page 1*

voted down by a 55.1 percent.

Proposition 75 would have required unions to get a written consent from members to use the money collected for political activities. According to proposition 75, contributions should be voluntary. This proposition was voted down by a 53.5 percent.

Proposition 76 would have

given the governor new authority to reduce state spending during certain economic situations. Proposition 76 was voted down by 62.3 percent of voters.

Proposition 77 was to establish a three member panel that would have made the required redistricting after each federal census prior to electing State

Legislators, which is currently done by the Legislature. Proposition 77 was also voted down by 59.5 percent.

Propositions 78 and 79 offered a discount for people in California with low or mid-level incomes on prescription drugs. Both propositions were voted down.

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V-Ball Hits the Pirate Wall

By Candy Wong
Staff Writer

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team finished its fall season and tied for fifth place in the L.A. City Section Playoffs with a league record of 8-2.

Under Coach Dow's management, the Varsity girls made it to the third round of playoffs, won two rounds, but ultimately lost to San Pedro 0-3 in the quarterfinals.

The team, who had also gone to quarter-finals the previous year, missed the title of City Champions by two rounds after

losing to the San Pedro Pirates, who came into playoffs as the number one seed in the league.

Senior Kelsey Mellor, a three-year Varsity veteran, said, "Our strengths this year were different from our strengths last year. We had more seniors this year. Being consistent [in our games] also helped."

The Varsity team defeated Reseda 3-0 in the first round of playoffs, crushed Carson in the second round 3-2, but lost to San Pedro in the third round.

Nicole Eugenio, another senior varsity player, agreed with Mellor, "This year, we had

a lot of seniors. I think having a more mature team helped."

To prepare for the volleyball season, the team trained in the summer for three days a week, but resumed daily practices with the return of the school year. The time spent practicing in the summer allowed players to play and bond with each other before the approaching meet.

"Everyone worked well together. Overall, everyone did what they had to do. We had a good season," Mellor said.

A Game To Remember

By Chris Cunningham
Staff Writer

The Homecoming football game against rival El Camino High School was a night to remember.

It was a very close game with El Camino in the lead going into half time. The Chancellors knew they had to go all out.

The score was tied 22-22 at the end of regulation, sending the game into overtime. Not one, but four overtimes were played caused by great execution by both teams.

Key blocks by senior Oliver Padre opened holes for RB,

James Walker. Walker had a total of 5 TD's for the night.

Wesley Spire showed great leadership and composure as QB. He was definitely "swiping," said Padre.

On El Camino's last drive, Chatsworth's defense came through with Junior Dennis Dickey coming up with a huge interception to seal the deal.

The final score of this exciting game was 50-43 with the Chancellors coming up victorious.

Seniors JP O'leary and Kyle Barbato said it was one of the greatest games they have ever seen.

Girl's Golf Garners Second Place in League

By Christopher Grey Foley
Staff Writer

FORE! This word may seem familiar to one who has spent time playing golf, one who understands the feel of a nine iron in their hands. For the Chatsworth High Girls Golf team, however, this word is more than familiar. It's downright common.

"We're the highest in years since the team was conceived," said Ms. Lapaz, coach of the Girls Golf Team. They placed 2nd in league, and 4th in city. "We're the only city team that beat Granada in 3 years."

"We rock," said Shayna Isenberg, a junior.

The main athlete of the team is Hannah Jun, a freshman. "She made it to state and placed 6th," said Lapaz. "She says she doesn't know if she's coming back next year."

Other additions to the team include Sharon Norfleet, a junior, Antoinette Aniceto, a senior, Roxeanne Welch, a senior; and Heather Runyon, a junior. "We're ghetto to girl scout,"

said Lapaz.

Part of why the team does so well, according to the team, is because they form friendships and truly help each other out on the green. "We're one big family," said Lapaz.

The team, though in one of their best seasons this year, don't perform special exercises before the games. When asked, though, some of the team (as well as the coach) admitted that yoga is the best exercises for a golfer, because it helps with flexibility. They don't need to work on endurance, because they carry their own golf bags. "Though the team won't agree to this," said Lapaz, "I think lessons really helped them out this season."

Runyon's father, Randy "Red" Runyon, is responsible for most of the funding for the Girls Golf Team. "He's really responsible for what the team got to do this year," said Lapaz.

With the exception of the two seniors, most of the girls are coming back next year. "We're getting some good golfers next year."

Hockey Fans Happy To See Their Players On Ice Instead On Strike

By Katherine Falcon
Staff Writer

After a whole year wiped out by a strike, the National Hockey league returns with a whole new lineup, new players, new game strategies established, and new fans moving on to a new beginning.

After asked about her opinion of the hockey players' strike, Rosie Mancia, a former ninth grader at Chatsworth High, said, "They had a good point. I mean, after all, they do play hard, they should get paid hard too."

Most students, when asked for their opinion on the matter, said it was a stupid reason to cancel hockey. Some sophomores said that if the players wanted more money, why not reach an agreement instead of completely losing their jobs?

The hockey season was cancelled due to a disagreement between the NHL and the professional hockey players about the players getting a raise. They could not reach an agreement

and cancelled professional hockey for a whole season.

Now that hockey is back, students welcome it wholeheartedly. "I guess it sort of made sense," said freshmen Suzan Arasheben.

Some hockey fans, though, are a little upset about the new players added to their favorite teams. "It isn't the same without Lappi," said John Lube, a 2000 King's Kid Captain referring to Ian Laperriere, a former L.A. Kings player.

Many professional hockey players became free agents when the hockey season was cancelled last year.

This year, as hockey rules dictate, all free agents are eligible to play for any team they choose. Many teams chose free agents such as Daniel Heatlee, Khabiboulin, and "the domina-

tor" Dominic Hashik. Most of those players used to be team stars last year and are now missed by fans and teammates.

Other students would agree that their once favorite hockey teams have changed drastically. Many fans that favored hockey teams, favored the teams based on their players. Now that the teams have new players, fans are changing their favorite teams, which means less money for that team.

Even after all these changes, hockey fans are more than happy to have their favorite sport back. Before the hockey season returned, many teens had nothing to do on the weekends. Now that hockey is back, teens will have something worthwhile to do while they watch T.V. and eat junk food.

Vara Committed To The Courts

By Luis Barco
and Brenda Nequis
Staff Writers

A real lesson of commitment is given by Andrea Vara, a girl from South Central who had never touched a racket up until last year, and now is part of Chatsworth Girls Varsity Tennis team.

"She (Vara) is a good athlete and a tough player," said CHS girl's tennis coach, Mr. Bautista.

This is her second year playing tennis and her first in the Varsity team. Vara shows her talent with the racket and her hard work with 22 wins and



Staff photo by Luis Barco
Varsity Tennis Player Andrea Vara maintains a 3.5 GPA.

"She works so hard. She really deserves to be in Varsity," said Vara's teammate, Arielle Ferber.

Vara's work is not only reflected on the tennis courts, but also at school. For Vara, waking up every morning at 5 A.M. to take the bus to go to school is a daily routine. She stays after school at the exhausting tennis practices and doesn't come back home until 8 P.M. Regardless of coming home late to do homework Vara still manages to maintain a 3.5 GPA.

"For somebody who travels such a long distance she is here. She is really committed and consistent," said Mr. Bautista.

only 2 losses. "You have to give it your everything."

"Teamwork is very important," said Vara, who plays mostly in doubles.

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