

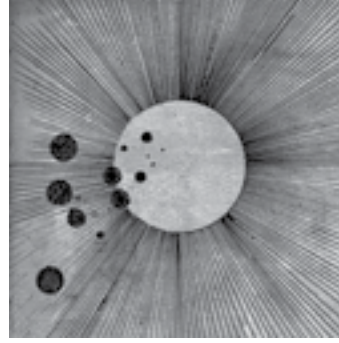


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Welcome, Principal Hernandez

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The SOCES community welcomes Principal Hernandez with pride and high hopes. After just one week here at SOCES, Principal Hernandez is already pleased with the atmosphere and the student body, and is anxious to begin the improvements that she feels are necessary. With years of experience in the education field under her belt, she has the potential to make the changes needed to enhance SOCES, in order to maintain its honorable reputation throughout the district. Ms. Hernandez's entrance into the SOCES community signifies a new era that students and teachers are looking forward to partaking in. This brief interview will ensure all students and faculty that Ms. Hernandez is the best possible addition to this school.



Knights Times Q & A with Principal Hernandez

Where did you go to college and what did you study?

I went to UCLA and graduated with a major in History and a minor in English.

What inspired you to work in the field of education?

I went to school with the intention of becoming a lawyer. I participated in a summer program at UC Davis for pre-law students, but I turned out hating it. When I came back from this program, I joined the tutorial program at UCLA, where we went out into the Venice community to tutor elementary and middle school students. I absolutely loved it. The next summer, we had the opportunity to run a summer program at one of the elementary schools where I was one of the teachers and I thought to myself, "Whoa, this is fun!" Even though

What was your first job in the education field?

When I graduated from UCLA, I received a credential to teach history, but there were not many positions for this at the time. I went back to school to get an elementary credential, so I first began in the education field as an elementary school teacher.

What other jobs in the school district have you had while

working your way up to Principal?

I started working as a classroom teacher and then a Leadership advisor, and from there I moved up into administration at the district level, as a district coordinator for Title One programs. I then moved onto work as an assistant principal for several years, and now, of course, I'm a principal.

What are some other schools that you have worked at?

I worked at a couple of schools in the valley, Madison Junior High School, Erwin Street Elementary

School, and Foshay Learning Center, which is similar to SOCES in that it is a span school from grades k-12, and from there I moved over to Los Angeles High School as the Assistant Principal for a year and a half.

What made you want to come to SOCES?

I have a lot of experience in the things that are prominent here at SOCES, I've been at a span school, I've worked with elementary, middle, and high school students; I've worked at gifted schools and not so gifted schools. SOCES is one of the best schools in the district and I am so fortunate to be here.

What are your thoughts on SOCES so far?

So far, from what I can tell, everything they say about this school is true. It is a great school and all of the students are so nice, bright, and articulate. I like the name of "Knights" because when I was studying history, it was my favorite period of time and it is a very respectable and honorable mascot. With that as the mascot, it holds students to a higher set of standards and I can tell that there is a very high set of standards academically at this school. We are

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Race for California Governor Comes Down to its Last Leg

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With the race for California Governor coming to a close, tensions are heating up and the two final candidates, Jerry Brown (D) and Meg Whitman (R) are each struggling to achieve that last advantage over the other. However, many people are only as informed as their televisions make them, and do not know much about the candidates' actual intentions as Governor. Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman—both qualified for the position in their own respects—are determined,

excited, and completely different from one another.

Jerry Brown is a Democratic politician with a fairly extensive political background. His most recognizable positions in government include Governor of California from 1974-1982, Mayor of Oakland, California from 1998-2006, and Attorney General of California from 2006 to the present day. What he has accomplished in these positions is quite impressive. As Governor of California, Brown created 1.9 Million jobs, a higher growth rate than the rest of the country at the

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NEWS

Out with the Taliban and In With Peace

By: AIDA ASGARI
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One of America's biggest concerns is keeping terrorism from spreading. This matter is one of the main excuses given to justify our most recent war. The current war in Afghanistan began on October 7th 2001, but still receives a lot of publicity, as shown when 30,000 more U.S troops were added. President Obama announced that he does not plan on ending the war in Afghanistan until Al Qaeda and its Taliban is removed, and the country can find peace.

America's first step into Afghanistan was the launch of Operation Enduring Freedom, which started from the aftermath of the atrocities that were committed on September 11, 2011. The aim of the invasion was to find Osama bin Laden and other high-ranking Al-Qaeda members, and put them on trial in order to destroy Al-Qaeda and to remove the Taliban regime. Under the Bush administration, it was stated that the U.S would not differentiate between terrorist organizations and the nations that sheltered them; therefore, the United Nations authorized the U.S led invasion of Afghanistan.

The U.S is not the only country involved in this war anymore, since 2002 the UK has led its

own military operation, Operation Herrick. In 2002 Canadian infantry along with Special Forces from several allied nations were committed. By July, 2009, NATO gained control of ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) and sent around 64,500 troops from 42 countries, 29,950 being American troops.

Although the initial attacks made the Taliban weaker, they are still very powerful and pose a great threat to Afghanistan's stability. President Obama announced to escalate U.S military involvement by sending an additional 30,000 troops in December 2009. He plans to begin returning soldiers by July 2011. This year, Afghan President, Hamid Karzai, spoke at the International Conference in London in front of 70 countries and organizations, sharing his intentions of reaching out to the head of the Taliban with a peace initiative.

This war's purpose seems to be one of peace; however, there are always two sides to a story. Some people in Afghanistan are protesting our involvement saying that U.S troops are destroying their houses, and fearing that Afghanistan will become another Iraq. Secret US military files released by Wikileaks and sent to the *New York*



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Times reveal how coalition forces have hundreds of unreported civilians, and show how Taliban attacks have actually increased.

This is where we ask ourselves, is the continuation of this war really necessary? There have been over 1,000 U.S lives lost just within the last six years, not to mention all the physically and mentally wounded victims.

So many of our soldiers are gone fighting at a war that many of us have forgotten the purpose for. The reality is that America is a strong nation that tends to get itself involved in helping less stable countries, whether it is right or wrong. This issue is very controversial, but it is our duty to keep ourselves updated and be aware of what is going on in our world.

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But however important his political past is to his future as a politician, it is far more important to know what Brown plans to do to fix the current problems California is facing, primarily, California's struggling education system.

According to Jerry Brown's campaign homepage, the Democratic candidate has an extensive education reform plan.

One of the most crucial points of current educational controversy across America is the multitude of budget cuts toward the creative arts. Here is an excerpt from Jerry Brown's education reform plan:

"Current federal and state policies encourage much more school time for basic math and language arts at the expense of other vital subjects. California's public schools need a broader vision of what constitutes an educated person. I will create local and state initiatives to increase school focus on science, history and the humanities—without reducing needed attention to math and English. We also need to experiment with on-line and other instructional approaches that will use the available school time in more efficient ways." -Jerrybrown.org/education

This focus on the creative and independent arts in school systems statewide is an important factor in solving our education crisis. Studies have proven that children who are more involved with extracurricular and performing/visual arts activities tend to perform better in school than do strictly studious students. However determined Jerry Brown is to serve a third term as Governor of California, he faces a challenge: his opponent, Meg Whitman is a Conservative Republican and long-time business tycoon. She has been a part of companies such as Disney, Hasbro and, of course, eBay. Her experience in American politics

is severely limited. She has only served as both Governor Mitt Romney's and Senator John McCain's National Finance Co-Chair during the 2008 Presidential campaign. Regardless of her short political career, Whitman is an incredibly dedicated and qualified candidate in the race for California Governor.

Meg Whitman's intention is to create a better learning environment for the students of California. In fact, education reform is one of her top priorities as Governor, and she has a well-defined plan of action to mend it.

"Only 60 percent of education spending in California actually reaches the classroom. Meg will usher in reforms that will collapse the state's more than 50 categorical grants... into simplified grants for special education, rewarding outstanding teachers and schools, and other programs that contribute to greater student achievement. The remaining state funding will flow directly to local school districts in the form of a unified block grant that can be used as local administrators, principals, teachers and parents deem best."

In other words, Meg Whitman has a plan to streamline funding to schools and allow the receiving schools to spend that money in whatever way that they need it, rather than being told what to do with it.

Both gubernatorial candidates have qualified histories and revolutionary ideas for the progression of the state of California, but only one of them can be elected the next governor of the state. Who will it be? A lifelong politician who knows the rules of the game inside and out or a business and economic maverick who may possess the know-how to get us out of our financial slump? Only you can decide which one is the better candidate.

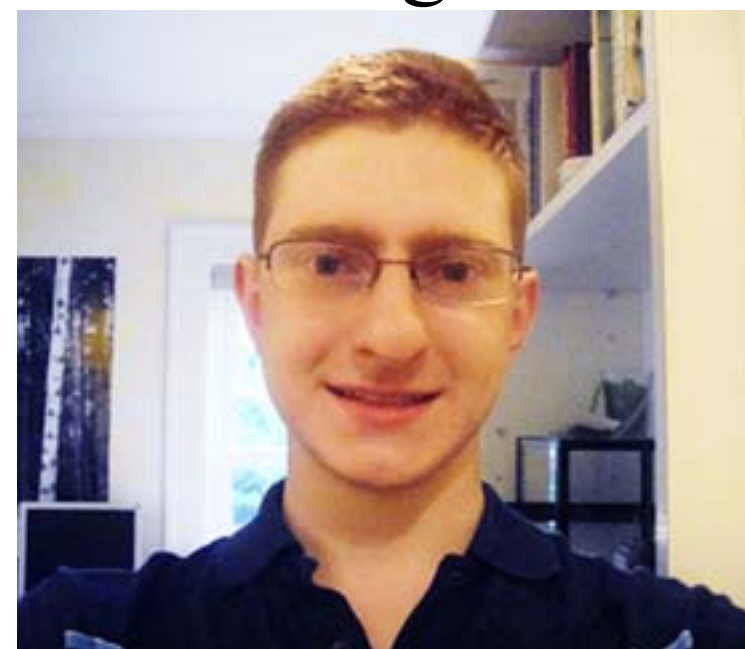
FEATURES

Rutger's Student Comes to Breaking Point

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On September 22, Rutger's University freshman, Tyler Clementi took his life after learning about his live-streamed sexual encounter with another male student. After being humiliated by roommate, Dharun Ravi and friend Molly Wei, Clementi jumped off of the George Washington Bridge. He made a final post on Facebook that read, "jumping off the gw bridge, sorry." Although no one has identified the body that was discovered by police officials, Clementi's car, cell phone, and computer were found near the bridge and his wallet was recovered on the walkway adjacent to the New York-bound lanes. Tyler was an accomplished violinist who was on scholarship from the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra. Although he tended to keep to himself, people who knew him loved him.

The 18 year old's roommate, Ravi, 18, and friend Wei, 18, are being charged with two counts of invasion of privacy. It is a fourth degree crime to collect or view images of nudity or sexual contact involving individual's without their knowledge or consent, and it is a third degree crime to transmit or distribute images, according to New Jersey law. The two set up a camera in Ravi and Clementi's dorm room, where they used it to view and transmit sexual encounters of Clementi and his male partner. On September 19th, Ravi posted this tweet on Twitter, "Roommate asked for the room till midnight. I went into Molly's room turned on



Tyler Clementi, courtesy of: www.crimesider.com

my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay." Two days later he posted, "Anyone with iChat, I dare you to video chat me between the hours of 9:30 and 12. Yes it's happening again." Ravi surrendered to the Rutgers police on Tuesday, September 28th and was released on \$25,000 bail, while Wei surrendered on Monday, September 27th and was released on her own recognizance. However, if the two are convicted, they can face up to five years in prison on a third-degree offense or 18 months in prison or probation under fourth-degree offenses.

The grieving family had this to say about their son, Tyler, in a statement, "Tyler was a fine young man, and a distinguished musician. The family is heartbroken beyond words. They respectfully request that they be given time to grieve their great loss and that their privacy at this painful time be respected by all."

In today's society, with Facebook, Twitter, and all other sorts of social networking available, it is easy for one's life to fall out of their hands. Things online can be misinterpreted, and sources of information can be false. It is so important that what is posted online is not harmful to anyone in any way. What goes online is there forever, whether it was meant to be harmful or not. The term "gay" for instance, is loosely used by many people, especially the younger generation. When out on the street, one can overhear a conversation where the word "gay" is used completely out of context to describe something. More often than not, "gay" is used as a derogatory comment. It is unnecessary to use this term so loosely and so often. It is offensive to certain beliefs and lifestyles, and the inappropriate use of the word must stop in order to protect the lives of people it is offending.

School Site Council Elections

By: JANET LEE
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The School Site Council (SSC) is the decision making council operated by the school to improve student achievement. The SSC meets at least eight times per year, once every month. The committee consists of parents, students, and staff. The members of the council review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. They are also in charge of making decisions about parent involvement, instructional materials, and new academic programs. Every year, there is an election for the new candidates to take part in the SSC to help students get their voices heard and make positive changes to help our school become a better learning environment. Since high school students take part in SSC, it is ensured that student's voices are heard. The SSC has improved our school in numerous ways. For example, our school has the privilege of using cell phones during nutrition and lunch thanks to our SSC members. Unlike SOCES, other schools are not allowed to use cell phones during school hours. Although it might take time for the changes to get approved, changes surely can happen.

Only high school students are able to be a part of the committee. This year, there are many candidates running, hoping to bring more positive

changes to our school. Seniors: Avi Oved and Greta Lieberman, Juniors: Denkinsh Argaw, Julia Gelbart, Sonali Gupta, Rebecca Richards, and Cameron Silverberg, Sophomores: Jorge Chavez, Rachel Katz, Raz Miyara, Justin Ochoa, Ahmer Qureshi, Dale Tager, Faye Tager, and Freshmen: Caroline Macdonald and Alexis Smith. For many candidates, it is their first time running for SSC, however, for Seniors Avi Oved and Greta Lieberman it is not only their third or fourth time running, but they have had experience being a part of the SSC. Avi Oved says, "As Student Body President, I need to be on SSC in order to fulfill my promises to the student body." Greta Lieberman says, "If I am elected, you can come to me to have your ideas brought up at meetings and I will fight for what the students want." The SSC gives an equal say to students in the decisions the school makes. Many candidates have different goals and similar reasons on why they want to be in the committee, which is helpful in making a difference in our school by changing policies and having our SOCES student's voices heard. The sixteen candidates are confident that they are able to carry out the responsibilities of an SSC member and to plan different ways to help our SOCES students.

Backpack Troubles

By: JASON NADERI
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It seems that each and every year, backpacks get bigger and bigger. Most teachers assign giant textbooks to students to bring home and back to school every day. There are some solutions to these problems. It's hard for people to use their lockers either because they're too lazy or they just don't have the time. I always have a problem remembering to get my books out of my locker before class starts. When I'm in class and realize that my books are in my locker, the teachers don't let me leave to go get my stuff. If you keep all your things in your backpack, it may be easier in terms of having everything you need with you, but it still causes a lot of back pain and other problems. One possible way to solve this is to place the heavier items near the center of the back. Roller backpacks can serve as a way to relieve back pain and always keep necessary materials in the same place. Some teachers are also noticing this problem with students and are trying to take action by having a class set of textbooks so no one has to bring their books to class. Still, due to budget cuts, not all teachers in CES can keep a class set. It has become a style to carry the backpack with one strap, but a recent study has shown that this can cause neck pain. To prevent

this, people should either wear their backpacks with both straps or switch off with each different strap. Posture problems have also been associated with heavy backpacks, especially in boys and girls who are carrying loads that are heavier in proportion to their body weight.

The worst day for kids using backpacks tends to be on Tuesdays, the 1-6 period day. No one has time to leave all their items inside their locker and it's hard for people to keep track of all their pain and always keep necessary materials in the same place. Some teachers are also noticing this problem with students and are trying to take action by having a class set of textbooks so no one has to bring their books to class. Still, due to budget cuts, not all teachers in CES can keep a class set. It has become a style to carry the backpack with one strap, but a recent study has shown that this can cause neck pain. To prevent

Club Daze: An Exhibition of Our School's Diversity

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Staff Writer

Every year at SOCES, leadership dedicates a whole week for students to sign up for fun and interesting clubs. The clubs cover a wide range from the new African Drumming Club to the old Visual Art Music Society Club. There is always a variety of clubs to join, regardless of what grade you are in. Although most clubs are for high school students only, there are still quite a few clubs that are mainly for elementary and middle school students. Some fun clubs to join include Kid Inventors, Food Club, Jewish Club, Christian Club, Armenian Club, New Kids on the Block, Guitar Club, etc.

Two clubs that are enjoyable and look great on college applications are CSF, California Scholastic Federation, and Key Club. Both clubs are greatly involved with providing volunteer and community service opportunities. In order to be a member of

CSF, it is required to have a certain amount of points, and a certain GPA. In CSF, you are essentially rewarded for having good grades. For example, Key Club members attend a banquet at the end of the school year. Another great club to join is Pegasus. Pegasus is an art and literary club that takes all kinds of submissions, such as photography, poems, drawing, short stories, etc. At the end of the year, the editors take the best work, and publish a book that is sold to all interested students. This is definitely a great club to join because artists get an opportunity to display their work to the SOCES community.

Many of the clubs on campus do great things for people. One club that is very involved, and welcomes anyone is Chef's Club! Not only is this club tasteful, but all of the accumulative dues are donated to charities that help feed children. If you're interested in becoming a part of the medical field, then Future Doctors of America and Red Cross Club might be your

pick! The Red Cross Club teams up with volunteer organizations to help the community in many different ways of volunteering. BSU, Black Student Union, also focuses on helping young peers in the community. This club helps increase the percentage of African Americans who succeed in school and apply to college by motivating them and teaching them school is not all just books and homework. SOCES may be smaller than most schools, but there is always an abundant amount of clubs to join! Every year, students have little trouble coming up with more creative and clever clubs. There will always be at least one club that fits every student's personality, no matter what grade you are in!

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Teacher Highlight: The Incomparable Mr. LaFraniere

By: **NICOLAS HARTEL**
Staff Writer



Mr. LaFraniere proudly displays the flag that fostered his passion for political studies.

Most students at SOCES know Mr. LaFraniere as the outrageously funny United States History teacher. From his annual adventures with his students to the nation's capitol, to the amazing yet informative stories of his life and American history, every student has come in contact with this incredible teacher. But where did he begin his calling for political science? Where did it start? Well the SOCES *Knight Times* got the story directly from the man himself, his first steps of political activism.

When he graduated from high school, Mr. LaFraniere attended the University of San Francisco, which had a dominant Catholic influence at the time and did not satisfy Mr. LaFraniere's political desires. He hated the atmosphere USF had to offer. At the time, the Vietnam War was going on and if he left school he would surely get drafted to fight in the war. This is what caused him to remain at school. During his stay, he witnessed some amazing history happen, and took part in his first demonstration at the Fair-

mont Hotel in San Francisco. The Vice President of South Vietnam, Nguyen Cao Ky, was addressing the Republican's Men's Club at the hotel to discuss the war effort. Mr. LaFraniere decided to rally against this and protest for peace or a way to end the war. He had also just bought a standard size flag of the United States but instead of all 50 stars there was a peace sign next to the stripes.

When he arrived at the Fairmont Hotel with his flag on a pole, he immediately saw that an

numerous police, some even on horseback, was surrounding the building. They said that if they wanted to demonstrate without getting arrested they had to stay on the sidewalk. The thousands of activists then commenced to walk around the building chanting their anti-war cries and songs.

After a while of chanting and marching, Mr. LaFraniere sat down on a parked car to rest and a passerby had a pair of dogs who got excited when they saw the horses and began barking loudly.

come up behind him. He clubbed Mr. LaFraniere, who wasn't doing anything wrong, in his chest, causing him to collapse on the ground. Mr. LaFraniere got up to run but got caught up in his flag and tripped scraping his hands on the asphalt. He was arrested and taken to jail. The bail was more than any college student at the time could pay for, but luckily Mr. LaFraniere had his uncle in town who was a salesman with connections all over the city. Mr. LaFraniere had dinner with him the night before so he used his one phone call to call his uncle to get him out. His uncle showed up and used his charisma to work his magic. This got Mr. LaFraniere out of jail for free on something called O.R., own recognizance, which means he really didn't commit any crime. He got out for free, with no charges.

Mr. LaFraniere and his uncle were walking out of the jail when he remembered that he needed to get something. His flag with his blood on it. He proudly carried that flag with the symbol of peace out of the jail, knowing that he had found his calling.

The horse got spooked and bucked the policeman off the animal onto the ground. This caused chaos to erupt.

The policemen who weren't aware of what really was happening thought that a protester knocked him off and then charged the protesters. Another officer somehow figured Mr. LaFraniere knocked the officer on horseback off and approached him readying his baton. Mr. LaFraniere was watching the police rush the activists and didn't see the officer

Student Highlight:

Super SOCES Senior Charlene Konkankit

By: **MAGALY JIMENEZ**
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Chilaluck Charlene Konkankit is one of the most productive and well-known SOCES students. Her last seven years here at SOCES have definitely not gone unnoticed. Since her arrival in 2003 as a brand her fifth grader, she has flourished and grown into a well-rounded senior who is now at the end of her high school journey.

I have been fortunate enough to meet her and know that it is not just her brain that attracts people but also her actions. She has helped fundraise numerous organizations and has always been a helpful hand to teachers and students alike. It is no wonder that she is the president of four clubs and captain of the tennis team. Her charismatic personality combined with her strong work ethic has allowed her to achieve all the greatness she has made happen today.

Currently she is the president of PTP, Asian Club, Science Bowl, and K.E.Y. Club. That are several groups to commit your self to, but she manages to run them all smoothly. Chilaluck Konkankit, better known as Charlene, grapples with all these extracurricular activities while still maintaining an unweighted grade point average of 3.87.

She has also earned awards like KEY club of the month, which means that she has been active in volunteering more than anyone else. Just last Friday, October 8, 2010, she helped sell snacks at the football game to support her senior class. Ms.

4 Konkankit also received the certificate of most improved in tennis and

now she is captain of the team. Most people would say that they are most proud of their trophies or awards they received, but not Charlene. She is most appreciative of her A's in both semesters of Honors Integrated Coordinated Science. Mr. Mukai's ninth grade class was a very tough year for everyone and she was just proud that she exceeded many of the students in her class that ninth grade year.

However, Charlene is not all super human as she appears. When I asked, what is most difficult for you right now, she responded with, "I guess my college apps. They're really long, stressful, and very time consuming. Also, I'm having issues with time management. I mean, I get things done, it's just I get less time to rest. For

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a "character counts" school, so we hold students to those ethical and moral standards too, and that is what the knight symbolizes.

What are your expectations for SOCES and what do you hope to improve here?

I know we have a couple of subgroups that need to improve academically so I would like to work on that and I want to make sure that we provide extra services for those students who need them. I'm hoping that we can move into an age where there are more opportunities for students to work with advanced technology to benefit their educations. I think that our students need to start looking at out of state colleges and universities in order to expand their horizons and to see what is happening throughout the country, rather than just in California. I think it is important that our students start looking at the world and engage in community service and other activities outside of the classroom and out of school. It is crucial that we start preparing our students for a global economy so that they are able to compete with people all over the world for jobs in the world market. My friends and I laugh when we think about this but many years ago when we were young kids, our parents would say "eat all your food because people all over the world are starving," but nowadays its like "do all of your homework because people are starving for your job!" We have to train our students to have an open mindset with room for growth and they must always look at the big picture because the picture is definitely a lot bigger now.

Do you have a plan to increase our API score so we can finally surpass LACES?

Yes, I have some ideas. We need

to work more on differentiation so that students are able to work at their own paces and their own learning styles. We also need to give students an opportunity to become passionate about something that they are learning about so they can go into deeper complexity on the subjects that interest them.

How do you plan on bolstering school spirit?

We definitely need our students to support our athletic teams. I went to the football game on Friday and saw that they played with a lot of heart. They did not give up; they constantly put up a good fight and worked extremely hard. I know that they have the spirit and determination to be an excellent team. The football team is definitely a good rallying point for school spirit. When we can have games closer to our school and more people can attend, I think that it will give the team a bigger push. But besides football, we need to get people supporting all of our sports teams, girl's and boy's.

What else would you like the student body to know about you?

I have the four "Fs": friendly, fair, firm, and frank. I try to be friendly and fair to all of the kids here but if you get in trouble and have to come in and see me, I am definitely going to talk to you. By the time I finish talking to you, you are never going to want to do something that will force you to come back here. I just want students to see all sides of a situation; I have a belief that no matter how flat the pancake is, there is always two sides. There are always different perspectives and I always try to get students to see them. All I want is for people to be honest.

SOCES Fall Sports Season Report

By: **DUSTIN RANDOLPH**
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The fall sports season is under way at Sherman Oaks CES. In the next few months, the Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Tennis, Cross Country, and Football teams each look to surpass their records from last year.

The Girls' Volleyball team, coached by Mr. Brian Noguchi, began their season with a win against Reseda High School on September 16. They won in four sets: 25-22, 12-25, 25-22, and 25-20. They then went on a four game winning streak, defeating East Valley, Hollywood High School, Fulton, and Discovery Prep with outstanding numbers. On September 25, the team participated in the Van Nuys Volleyball Tournament, one of the largest tournaments city-wide. They lost their first two

matches to South Gate and Poly, but came back to with their third match against Garfield in two sets: 27-25 and 25-18. They lost the next two games against Northridge Academy and Vaughn in close sets. On October 7, the Knights got revenge against Northridge Academy by beating them in three straight sets: 25-14, 25-19, and 25-21. Coach Noguchi had the team start practicing in early summer so they could be ready for this fall season, and it sure is paying off. Olivia Jefferson leads the team with 38 kills, Melissa Andrew leads the team with 47 aces, and Ellen Perlmutter-Gumbiner leads the team with 55 digs. The Girls Volleyball team is proving they are the team to beat in the Los Angeles City Section League. With upcoming matches against Valley Alternative, East Valley, Fulton,

Discovery Prep, and Vaughn, the Girls Volleyball team must keep playing with the fire they started off with in order to finish in first place.

October 1 marked the season opener of the 2010 fall season for the SOCES Football team, led by Head Coach Mr. Ted Arlington. Football Friday is back at SOCES, this time at Reseda High School. Many SOCES students and faculty were on hand at Reseda High School to witness the Knights 32-6 victory over Bright Star Charter. The Knights had 456 total offensive yards, 416 of them coming from running backs Uwe Kerner (165) and Jimmy Martinez (145). The explosive running duo proved to be the "Secret weapon" for SOCES. The Knights scored a total of five touchdowns, two from both, Quarterback Alec Escamilla

and running back Jimmy Martinez, and one from receiver Ramon Leon. On defense, Sophomore Philip Fang had one interception and a blocked field goal. The move from an 8-Man football team to a newly added 11-man football team seemed to be no problem for the Knights. The Knights had plenty of momentum going into their next game against CSD Riverside, but fell short, losing 52-0. Head Coach Ted Arlington and the Knights look to play hard in their upcoming games against Annenberg, View Park Prep, Fulton, Frederick Douglas, and Amino SO. L.A.

The 2010 fall Cross Country season was off to the races on September 30. The Cross Country Team, coached by Mr. David Belinsky, participated in the Pierce College Invitational, where Sophomore Hank Sneddon

took 3rd place. On October 7, the Cross country team took on Fulton and East Valley at Pierce College. Boys' varsity took 1st through 7th places, and Girls' varsity took 1st, 3rd, and 6th places. Hank Sneddon had the top time for the boys and Amanda Ochoa for the girls.

The Girls' Tennis team, coached by Ms. Ann Young, started their season on September 20. "There are many new players. We are starting from scratch, but I see a lot of potential in the girls," Coach Young remarked. The Knights hope they can win against upcoming opponents, Polytechnic High School, Verdugo H.S., North Hollywood H.S., Monroe H.S., and Grant H.S.

For more up-to-date scores and info on all of our teams, listen to the daily SOCES Sports Report on the Public Address System.

SOCES Volleyball and Tennis teams show the value of hard work and character.



DATE	FOOTBALL OPPONENT	RESULT
October 1	Bright Star Charter	W, 32-6
October 8	CSD Riverside	L, 0-58
October 15	@ Annenberg	L, 0-49
October 22	@ View Park Prep	
October 29	Fulton	
November 4	@ Frederick Douglas	
November 12	Amino SO. L.A.	

DATE	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL OPPONENT	RESULT
September 17	@ Reseda	W, 3-1
September 20	@ East Valley	W, 3-0
September 22	Hollywood	W, 3-2
September 23	@ Fulton	W, 3-0
September 25	@ South Gate (Van Nuys Tournament)	L, 0-2
September 25	@ Poly (Van Nuys Tournament)	L, 0-2
September 25	@ Garfield (Van Nuys Tournament)	W, 2-0
September 27	@ Discovery Prep	W, 3-0
September 29	@ Northridge Academy	L, 2-3
October 4	Vaughn	L, 0-3
October 7	Northridge Academy	W, 3-0
October 11	Valley Alternative	W, 3-0
October 14	@ East Valley	TBD
October 18	@ Verdugo	W, 3-0
October 21	Discovery Prep	
October 28	@ Vaughn	

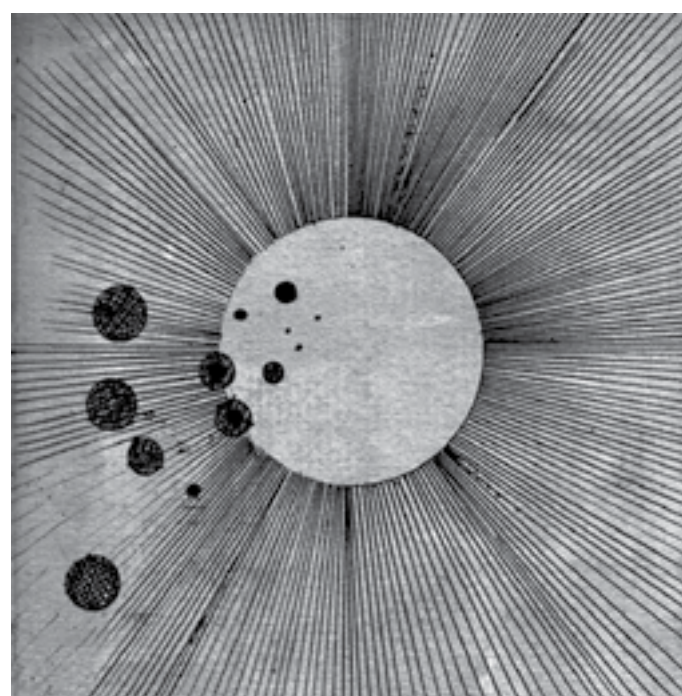
DATE	GIRLS TENNIS OPPONENT	RESULT
September 20	Polytechnic H.S.	L
September 22	Dorsey H.S.	L
September 23	Reseda H.S.	L
September 27	North Hollywood H.S.	L
September 30	Verdugo H.S.	L
October 5	Grant H.S.	L
October 7	Monroe H.S.	L
October 14	Polytechnic H.S.	L, 3-4
October 18	Verdugo H.S.	Postponed to 10/27
October 21	North Hollywood H.S.	
October 25	Monroe H.S.	
October 28	Grant H.S.	

Music Review: Cosmogramma and Maniac Meat

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On May 3rd, 2010 one of the best albums of all time was released. It is called "Cosmogramma," and if you don't already own a copy, then you're crazy. If you haven't heard of the mastermind behind the music, he goes by the name Flying Lotus. For over ten years now, Flying Lotus, properly known as Steven Ellison, has been changing lives and minds with his music. He is an electronic artist whose creativity knows no limits. With every track he makes there are a thousand new musical ideas evolving and expanding like an entire ecosystem of sounds. With that said, "Cosmogramma" is the super-evolved futuristic alien race of Flying Lotus' albums.

The album opens with an in-your-face, appropriated synch riff being carried up a chromatic sequence by smashing cymbals and trademark textures. The sounds are then beautifully contrasted by Rebekah Raff's dream-like harp patterns. As the two musical elements dance together over the avant-garde beat, skillfully crafted by Flying Lotus, a new, powerful sound emerges from the elegant chaos. Instantly you can see that this album undeniably emulates the ways of the cosmos.

The following track comes in with a new type of beat, uncommon and persistent in progression. More chaos ensues but with completely different instrumentation. With no previous knowledge of the album, it would become clear now that with this

new album, Flying Lotus has assembled a league of mind-blowing musicians to forge the 8th Wonder of the World that is "Cosmogramma."

As you question yourself and everything you know throughout the first three songs of the album, you get lost in a labyrinth of explosive percussion, inspiring musical composition, and unbelievably professional production quality. Just as it all seems too good to be true; the first part of your "Cosmogramma" experience comes to an end. The fury of the cosmos halts and the universe sits still. You've now come to a celestial oasis, enticing you with a soothing ambience and epic string orchestrations, compliments of Miguel Atwood-Ferguson.

Now you are ready for the journey through this musical masterpiece. There has never been an album more of-a-piece than

"Cosmogramma." With every track there is a new story and by the end you feel that your life is much more complete. Flying Lotus saw something incredible before he made this album, and flawlessly succeeded in sharing it with the world.

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TOBACCO! He's not a drug! He's not a robot! He makes music that is awesome! In 2007 I heard Black Moth Super Rainbow for the first time. They are currently one of my favorite bands of all time. If you've never heard of them, they are a band that consists of a drummer, a bassist, two synth players, and TOBACCO on vocoder. A vocoder is a type of synthesizer that allows you to speak into a microphone and project the words you say as notes you play. In many cases it does make you sound like a robot. If it does not make you

sound like a robot then definitely not a human. Nevertheless, the vocoder allows TOBACCO to "sing" and be the front man for Black Moth Super Rainbow. In 2008, TOBACCO established a solo career, and by May 25th, 2010 he released his second full-length album. It is called Maniac Meat.

Maniac Meat is hard. It's really, really hard. It's also maniacal. It kicks off with an up-tempo pop drumbeat. Heavy synths are overdriven and slide inaudibly around your skull as TOBACCO preaches, "Feel the berries around you. Don't eat the berries around you!"

Track two features Beck. Everyone loves Beck. In this track you can barely understand a word Beck says because the audio samples of him singing have been mercilessly chopped and distorted in all the

coolest ways. It is a must-hear.

If you love catchy beats and riffs, this album is a necessity since they are found on every track. To describe this album in one more sentence: It is a warped nightmare infected with double vision, nose-bleeds, and monster truck collisions.

Must-Get Albums:

Los Angeles- Flying Lotus

Madvillain- MF DOOM & Madlib

Low End Theory- A Tribe Called Quest

In Ear Park- Department of Eagles

Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots- Flaming Lips

The Social Network

By: JASMINE SALVINO
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Since we currently reside in the age of technology, is it no surprise that there are two movies out about Facebook, the most prominent means of social networking available today. People around the globe use it to keep in touch with others by sharing photos, posting comments, and updating statuses. *The Social Network* tells the story about how Facebook originated by centering the plot around emotion to provide a dramatic effect.

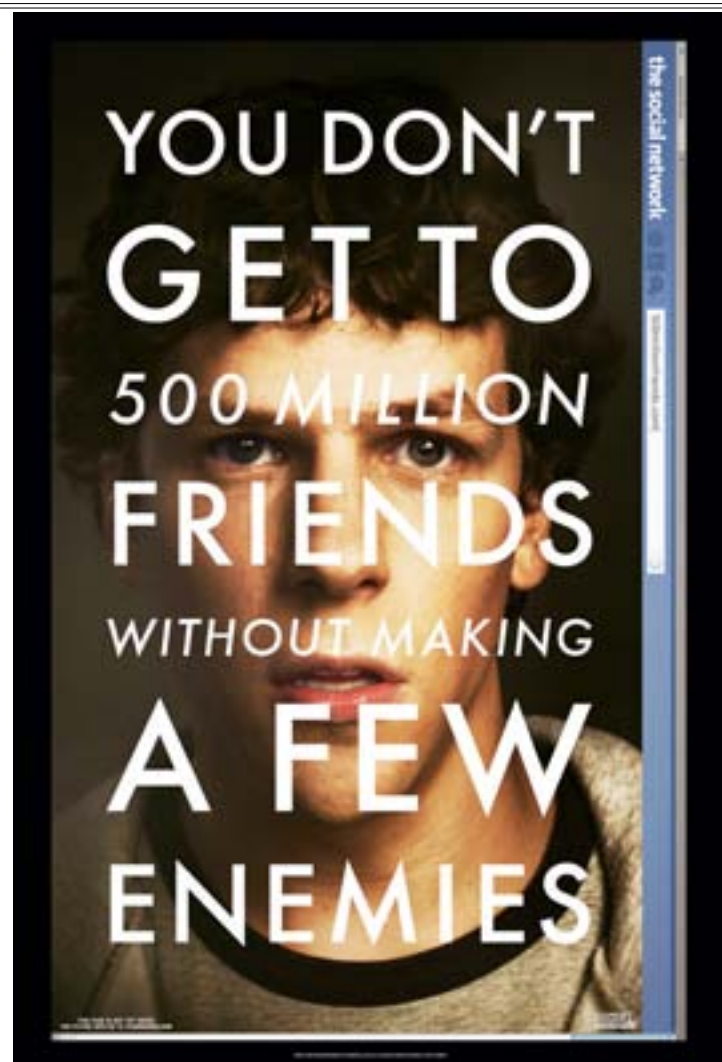
The movie opens with Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student, explaining to his girlfriend, Erica Albright, how getting into a final's group is consuming him and he must do something substantial. He appears condescending and overly self-confident. Their date comes to an abrupt end when Erica decides to end their relationship. Zuckerberg runs back to his dorm room and immediately starts bashing Erica on his blog. With some help from his roommates, he creates facesmash.com where

people choose which Harvard girl is more attractive between two pictures. This site ends up crashing Harvard's network because so many people visited it in a short amount of time. Zuckerberg's incredible technical ability catches the attention of the Winklevoss twins (both played by Armie Hammer) and their friend, Divya Narendra. They hire Zuckerberg to assist them in creating the HarvardConnection, a social networking site exclusively for Harvard students. After these initial events, the story takes many twists and turns to lead up to the final result.

David Fincher, the director, devotes a large portion of the movie to Eduardo Saverin, Zuckerberg's roommate and only friend, and Mark's relationship. *The Social Network* was adapted from the book, *The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius, and Betrayal*, written by Ben Mezrich. This book was told from Saverin's perspective, so his character is portrayed the most accurately in the movie. With any adapted screenplay, it is expected for Hollywood to

dramatize the sequence of events and even completely alter the storyline. However, Fincher did an exquisite job generally staying true to what really happened and creating an intriguing movie that appeals to a wide range of viewers. The first fallacy was what happened with Zuckerberg's girlfriend. He apparently had the same girlfriend he has now throughout the entire making of Facebook. The Winklevoss twins play a much larger role in the movie than they did in real life. Most of the crucial events, including Saverin freezing the Facebook bank account, actually did occur. Most of the fictionalizations are justified in the name of creating the most suspenseful movie possible.

I thoroughly enjoyed *The Social Network* and would definitely recommend seeing it. David Fincher portrayed the story of Facebook successfully with combining elements of infidelity between friends as a result of what happens when money is added into the equation. The well-told story encompassed the perils of corporate America while also showing how the



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internet world makes it more possible for people with ideas to become entrepreneurs. *The*

Social Network sheds light on the technological era that is gaining momentum worldwide.



Dear Julia,

It's the beginning of the year and I'm already getting a C in science. All my other classes are going great and I want straight A's. I need to bring up my grade. How should I do it?

-Determined To Excel

Dear Determined,

It's great that you care about your grades so much. The bright side is that school has only been in session for about five weeks, so you have plenty of time to get your grade up. I suggest talking to your teacher about the most effective ways to do better. You should be completing your homework diligently and if there is something you don't understand, make a note of it and ask your teacher the next time your class meets or at nutrition if lunch if they have a moment. Try setting aside some extra time to study for your tests and be sure to review your notes daily.

Sincerely,
Julia

Dear Julia,

I really like this girl in my grade and I've been trying to get her to notice me, but I feel like she won't give me the time of day. I'm too shy to talk to her and I don't think I'm her type at all. What should I do?

-Hopeless Romantic

Dear Romantic,

I think the best place to start in this situation is to try to strike up a casual conversation with her. Actively

take an interest in her life and ask her a few general questions about herself, nothing too personal at the beginning. From that, she'll conclude that you're a nice guy and easy to talk to. After you've gotten to know her a little better, let her come to you. Not all girls have a "type" per say, and even those who do, don't necessarily restrict themselves to just that certain type. Just be affable and friendly and you'll be surprised how far you will get.

Sincerely,
Julia

Dear Julia,

I want to get in shape in a healthy way. How do I do it?

-Not So Active

Dear Not So Active,

The two parts of getting in shape include diet and exercise. As for diet, you should try and find a good balance of nutrition. Going on diets is NOT a good way to get in shape because when you limit yourself to certain foods, like sweets, you tend to binge. The best way to go about it is to eat a lot of fruit, vegetables, and allow yourself to have sweets in moderation. Being conscious about what you consume as well as exercising are the most important components to healthily getting in shape. A great way to get active is to join a sports team at school. You get a lot of exercise in practice and gain a sense of sportsmanship as well. It's a win/win situation and it makes being active fun!

Sincerely,
Julia



Halloween is drawing near so The Knight Times asked our fourth graders: *What do you want to be for Halloween?*

"For Halloween I'm going to be a hot-dog, banana, or sumo wrestler"
-Brandon, 4th Grade

"Maybe a dragon ninja."
-Liam, 4th Grade

"Some version of Alice in Wonderland."
-Alice Douner, 4th Grade

"I'm going to be a bumblebee!"
-Alyse Rouner, 4th Grade

"The transformer named Bumblebee."
-David Zubarev, 4th grade

"I am going to be a zombi ninga!"
-Meghan Jenkins, 5th grade

"I am going to be a ladybug!"
Ashley Pobanz, 5th grade

"Really scary."
-Roger, 4th grade

"I am going to be Willy Wonka for Halloween, because even though I didn't get the part in the play, it would still be fun to."
-Jake Moreno, 7th grade

"Mabe a old fashin girl."
-Catie, 4th grade

"A diva."
-Dimushi Pathirana, 4th grade

"For Halloween im going to be a dead fairy."
-Amy Thomas, 4th grade

"Devil in a robe."
-Max Manley

What is your favorite Halloween memory?

"My favorite halloween was when I was a farmer, I drew whiskers on my face and I borrowed my grampa's electric razor."
-Travis Whitcomb, 4th grade

"Last year I got a lot of candy and it was yummy."
-Ben Gelbart, 5th grade

"I poked a mummy in someones front yard and it was a person giving us a trick instead of a treat."
-Shannon Lamb, 5th grade

"My favorite halloween was when I didn't really get much candy at first but in school I got a cut under my eye and it was bleeding alot so I went home and it worked out because it mached my costume when I went trick or treating. I met my friend and we all combined our candy and I got alot in the end."
-Donovan Jnmiss, 4th grade

"My halloween memories is my parade and halloween night."
-Nichole Dodson, 4th grade

"Getting scared a million times."
-Damon Driscoll, 4th grade

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October Horoscopes

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ARIES ♈
(Mar. 21-April 20)

When it comes to getting things done, you may need to tone things down a bit, Aries. An aggressive approach now may ruin things instead of making it better. Don't forget to look back in the past and reminisce in those happy days.

TAURUS ♉
(Apr. 21- may 21)

You may find that your love is incredibly magnetic now, Taurus. All you need to do is be yourself and people will flock your way. There are terrific opportunities for you to strengthen the bonds you have with the people you care about the most.

GEMINI ♊
(May 22-June 21)

Complications on the work front are very possible this month. Projects may stall or could be in need of review. Try your best to work independently and to set your own pace on the job because team work can be challenging now. However, you are in a playful and demonstrative mood.

CANCER ♋
(June 22-July 22)

Close friendships may not exactly be going as well as you'd like, Cancer, but don't get discouraged. Hang in there and you will find that things eventually come around your way

LEO ♌
(July 23-Aug 22)

The month ahead is a busy one with much emphasis on communications, learning, and family interactions. Making a fresh start with a neighbor is possible this month. Tensions are possible around the home, however, especially if you are coming across as too bossy in your attempts to take charge.

VIRGO ♍
(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

You have quite a few opportunities to have fun, splurge, and to bond with loved ones. Those of you working in "happiness" industries could find that business is definitely picking up.

LIBRA ♎
(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

It's one thing to be a friend and it's

another to feed someone's ego just to make him or her happy, Libra. Make sure that you aren't telling someone lies just because you know that that is what he or she wants to hear. A true friend is someone who is honest at all times, even if it means that you may temporarily hurt that person's feelings.

SCORPIO ♏
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

While you are keeping others at an emotional distance this month, Scorpio, you are charged up and ready to pursue your goals. Work is demanding, and you could be facing many deadlines. Stay on top of things. There is no easy road right now.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Team work, group activities, and networking are big themes for you this month, Sagittarius. As sociable the climate is in October, however, a lot is going on behind the scenes and on an inner level.

CAPRICORN ♑
(Dec 22- Jan. 20)

Things should be going quite well for you today, Capricorn, and you will find

that aspects of your life that may have felt disconnected in the past are finally slipping into place. Have faith that all of your painstaking planning and organizing is finally going to pay off.

AQUARIUS ♒
(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

You need a break this month and it's a good idea if you take one. Aim for a vacation trip – somewhere relaxing where your mind will be able to tune out and relax. Take a long weekend to get out of your neck of the woods and find some greener pastures that are quiet and all yours.

PISCES ♓
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Your energy levels run high this month, Pisces, and it's the kind of energy that is easily channelled into productive activity rather than experienced as stress. Others are attracted to your vitality and enthusiasm. Money might be earned through publishing or promotional activities now, and support is available when you need it most.



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