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CERTIFICATES, AWARDS, AND MORE MEDALS

By: Wan Po
Reporter

The night began with the parents fondly admiring their most outstanding seniors of Valencia High School's Class of 2010. May 25, 2010 was meant for the ones who have shown most efforts, commitment, and dedication.

After VHS Orchestra performed the welcoming music for the ceremony, Mr. Bell made his introduction speech to everyone after the flag salute. And the night was announced to begin.

Various Department Scholars, Business/Technology E.L.D. Program and Language Arts, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Performing Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science, were announced first. They were followed by the announcement of the winners of 2010 Athletes of the Year and Senior Scholar Athletes for both women and men.

Right before intermission, Community Awards were presented and some of best seniors won multiple awards: Tiffany Hsueh, was the winner of both The Annis Crow Friendship Scholarship and The Paul Stockhoff Memorial Scholarship, Brian Escalante, won the Jim Bennett memo-

rial Scholarship and OCTFCU Worthy Student Award, Amanda Lee won Placentia Rotary Club Scholarship and the Placentia-Linda Hospital Docents Guild Scholarship, Jamie Gerhardt won Miss Placentia Scholarship Program, the Placentia Roundtable Scholarship, and The Boeing Scholarship, and Stephanie Song, won the Miss Placentia Scholarship Program and The Jamie Ainley Memorial Scholarship Award. There are even more and more great seniors and their awards that could be named.

As Dr. Samuel Myovich made his speech for the Social Science Department, laughter was stimulated in his humorous language describing this year's senior class and the student that he has had. The Department Scholar Awards were presented under the bright light, under the spontaneous atmosphere. Right after was the announcement of the winner of the PYLUSD Collegiate Scholar Program by Mr. Davis and some of the most recognizable students are Jasmine Aimua, James Byrnes, Marcus Car-

line, Alexander Chen, Kenneth Chong, Bhavini Deliwala, Kendra Galli, Sarah Jackson, Abraham Lara, Amos Lee, and Elisabeth Stump. Again, there are truly more and more great students who can be named for the class of 2010.

It was the feeling of nothing but nostalgia surrounded the entire auditorium after the almost 3-hour long award night. The lingering emotions were there because of the devotion of a 4-year process. Education is a process, so too is being educated. The late nights that our seniors have endured and the weekends that were occupied with loads of work will become their both valuable and amusing reminiscence.



JENNY JENSEN (12), JAMIE GERHARDT (12), HEATHER NGUYEN (12) SHOW THEIR MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES THAT SHOW THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS THEY ARE HIGH ACHIEVERS. PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. GERHARDT

TIGERS OF THE YEAR: CURTIS WU AND SARAH BLAIR

By: Josh Sumahit
Reporter

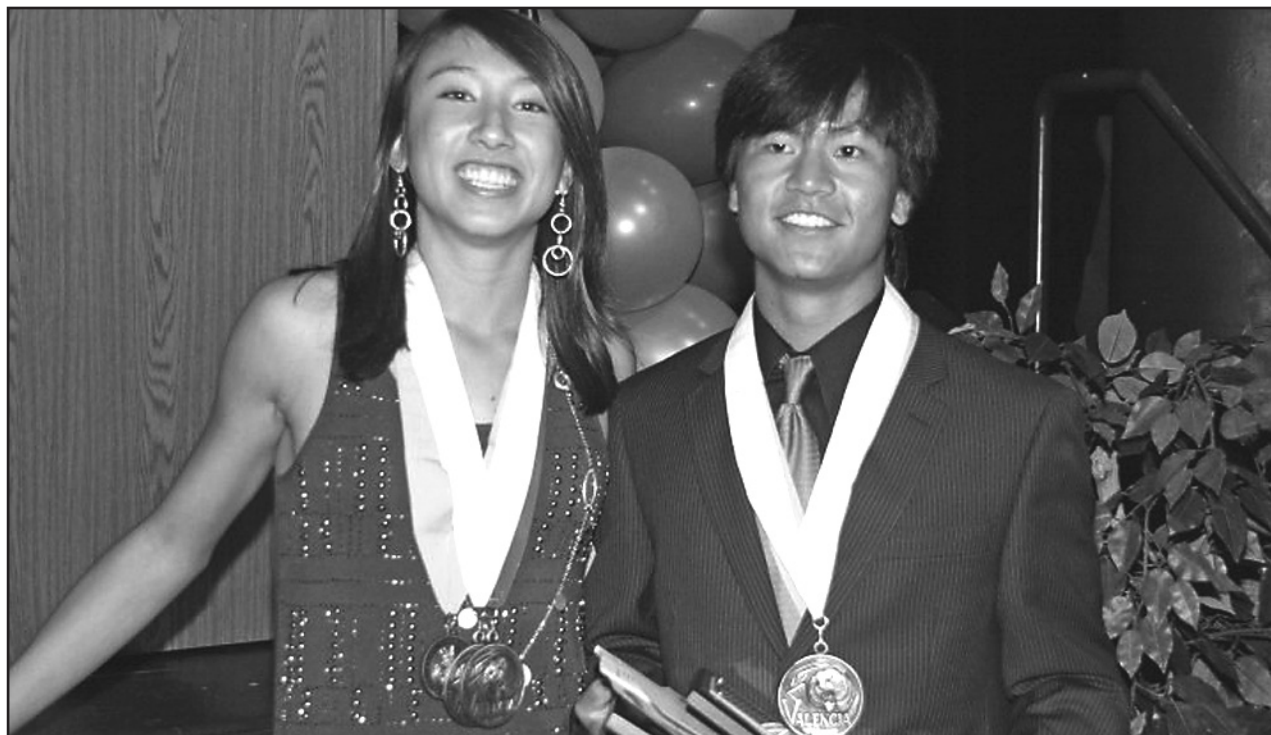
This year's Tigers who received the Tiger of the Year awards are Sarah Blair and Curtis Wu. When I was interviewing Curtis Wu, I could already see why he would have some of the potential to receive this prestigious award. He was easy-going and very helpful while I was interviewing him. I'm sure that there was more that would give people an incentive as to why he would be a candidate for Tiger of the Year. He had said it was a "great honor" to be chosen as Tiger of the Year. "In order to be Tiger of the Year, you need to be well-rounded; it's not all just academics". There was already some thought in his head that he would be Tiger of the Year because it had been brought up before him by the administration. Even though he had some idea of what was going to happen, it still was a surprise to him. When he said that you needed to be well-rounded, he gave me an example, such as how he's in Tennis and participated in our Science Olympiad team. Even though academics are a big part of school, that's not all that matters or applies in the long run. There is a lot more that can get a college to look at your transcripts and maybe consider accepting you to their school. Being as Curtis Wu said "well-rounded" helps not only in the long run, but overall as well.

Last of all, he added that being well-rounded pays off in the end. Curtis Wu is attending MIT coming this fall and he finishes up his last year here at Valencia, strong.

The other recipient of this award was Miss Sarah Blair. Just like Curtis Wu, Sarah Blair had some idea that she was nominated for Tiger of the Year. When she had heard that she was going to receive this award, she was quite happy. Not only was she happy, but it was a great honor to receive and to be called the Tiger of the Year. "I worked hard towards schoolwork, but it isn't only school

that matters; extracurricular activities help as well". This year Sarah Blair has been in Tennis, NHS, CSF, and has also volunteered for St. Jude's Medical Center. Her work in the community as well as around the school has proven her a worthy individual for this prestigious award.

As you can tell by the qualities that both of these Tigers have, they both are very well-rounded not with only schoolwork, but also with extracurricular activities as well. It takes much more than just one sole aspect to be the Tiger of the Year.



REVITALIZING OUR CAMPUS: VALENCIA'S MAKEOVER

By: Sarah Rafiqi
Editor

Over the course of three years, Valencia will shed some of its old skin to dawn a glossy new coat. How is this possible in the middle of a nation-wide recession? Who do we have to thank for these new improvements? Our very own taxpayers are the ones with all the answers.

A little over two years ago, the taxpayers of our community passed a bond to pay more on property, for the benefits of improving the PYLUSD (Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District.) Because of the relative antiquity of our school, Valencia will receive more money than the other schools for several projects over the course of three years.

The first phase of these improvements were completed the summer before the last with the installation of an all-weather track and artificial turf. The second phase is currently in progress, with the renovation of the east-side bleachers. These renovations should be successfully completed by mid to late August, just in time for football season. Finally, the third phase of the renewal will occur after football season, with the rebuilding of the

west-side bleachers, concessions, and bathrooms (near the field.) This should be completed by June 1, 2011.

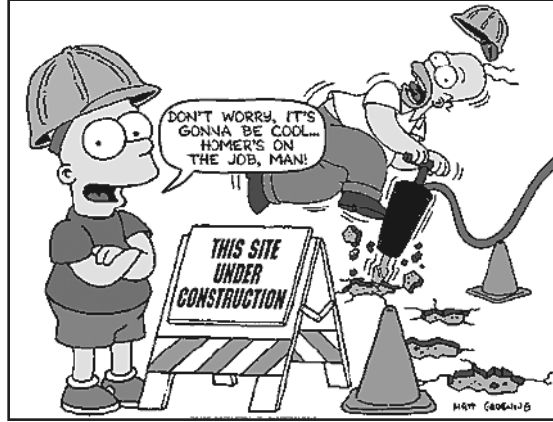
Originally, our current bleachers were constructed in the 1950s. With their increased age, they are becoming a safety hazard. At the same time, we also need more space capacity on our bleachers. Also, the field will receive a larger press box and the bleachers will become much more handicap-accessible by meeting all the new codes for handicapped people.

Other renovations that will occur and have been occurring are with the buildings. By a previous bond, about seven or eight years ago, the 1100 (math,) 400 (language arts,) and 200 (social studies) buildings were upgraded. New renovations to the science and fine arts buildings are also in the process of being planned. Similarly, this summer will see the restoration

of the 500, administration, and counseling buildings. It is estimated that the construction time on the administration and counseling buildings will be, approximately, a year.

Two additional two-story buildings will be constructed, as well. One of these will have 17 classrooms and will hopefully be ready by next Christmas for social studies classes. The other two-story building will be the 300s. These additional 12 classrooms will be for random classes, as opposed to one specific subject. Finally, there are plans for the auditorium to be upgraded as well.

Our Valencia High School principal, Jim Bell, had this to say about the remodeling that is taking place on campus: "A lot of our campuses are getting old, especially Valencia... I think the people in our community want to have nice schools for their children. Also, this gives us higher property val- ue." Then, with confidence, Bell told us this: "When we're done with our modernization process our school will look as good as any other school in the area."



THE PROJECTED DATE FOR THE COMPLETE REMODELIZATION OF THE SCHOOL CAMPUS IS SAID TO BE BY 2013. PHOTO COURTESY OF: [HTTP://WWW.CPTC.EDU/ONLINE/IMGS/UNDER-CONSTRUCTION.GIF](http://www.cptc.edu/online/imgs/under-construction.gif)

IN BRIEF

JUNE 11TH

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

THE DAY SENIORS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. CLASS OF 2010 IS FINALLY DONE WITH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.

JUNE 14TH

SENIOR BREAKFAST AND AWARDS IN CAFETERIA

COME IN THE MORNING TO EAT A DELICIOUS MEAL AT THE CAFETERIA. AWARDS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE SENIORS.

JUNE 15TH GRADUATION PRACTICE: BRADFORD STADIUM 6PM 8PM GRADUATION CEREMONY SENIORS WILL BE PRACTICING THEIR GRADUATION WALK FOR THE CEREMONY IN THE AFTERNOON.

JUNE 16TH

FINALS: 2,4,6

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST AND A GOOD BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING. STUDY HARD AND GOOD LUCK!

JUNE 17TH

FINALS 1,3,5

STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING THEIR LAST FINALS DURING PERIODS 1, 3 AND 5. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

LAST DAY JUNE 15TH
GRAD NIGHT: OLD GYM

COME FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH FRIENDS. IT WILL BE FROM 10 PM TO 5 A.M. HAVE A GREAT NIGHT CELEBRATING YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

GRADUATION ADJUSTMENTS

By: Sargun Singh
Reporter

Graduation is quickly approaching as this year comes to and end. Seniors are excited to walk the aisle of honor to receive their diploma. Like every year the graduation will be held at Bradford Stadium; however, things won't be the same. This year Valencia High School has made graduation adjustments to accommodate the changes being made to the Bradford Stadium. The east side bleachers have been removed to build a new set that will be able to seat more. By doing this, seating accommodations for the 2010 graduating class have been compromised. To lessen this void of seats, the district is installing portable bleachers which will be able to seat 1500 spectators. However, despite this, removing the bleachers has lead to a reduction of 700 seats. When compared to last year's graduation, seating accommodations create a dilemma for the school. The problem is that there are usually more guests coming to the graduation than seats for them. With an excess of people and lack of seats, the issue of safety arises. The flow of the crowd will be negatively impacted due to the rush and view will also be compromised. There is always the fear of an incident that might lead to an injury or other harmful consequence. In order to deal with this problem, our

school issued graduation adjustments that created a ticket system for the graduating class. Each graduating student receives eight tickets to distribute among their friends and family. When asked about this issue, Principal Bell commented, "It's unfortunate we have to give tickets this year, but the primary goal for doing so was to create a safe environment."

The graduation adjustments this year limit the number of guests allowed for graduation for many. Many people criticize this whole situation by questioning the removal of the bleachers being at a wrong time. They would have preferred it to be before graduation or during the summer. What is important to recognize is that the district didn't have any other alternatives for many reasons. One reason is that construction projects don't carry out as fast and on schedule as they might seem to flow on paper. Another important reason would be that building the bleachers over the summer would infringe on the football season. This would harm not just VHS but the other 3 high schools in our districts as well, since the Bradford Stadium is district-owned and shared by all four schools. All this aside, the most compelling of all reasons would be in relation to the finance. Football brings in much needed revenue to our school which we use to fund our athletic programs as well as other things. Without the football program our school wouldn't be able to fund many of our athletic programs. Analyzing all the possible consequences and alternatives, our school decided to impose these graduation adjustments as a fair safety measure to accommodate the situation.

ABOLISHMENT OF THE SAT II

By: Reetu Inamdar
Reporter

"Another boring test?" That's probably the general response of many students, who find out they must take the SAT subject testing. What is the point of taking these test that don't muster up the students personality or charisma, but entails yet another boring test? Well, for many who don't know, the SAT Subject testing is supposedly a great device to measure students' understanding of a particular subject. It tests the students' knowledge on the subject taken and is said to show the college admissions officers their test taking ability on a specific subject. This test has been subjected for years as requirements in graduating, however, this policy has changed and for students graduating in 2012 it is no longer required.

For the graduates of 2010 and 2011, this is still a requirement for UC schools, and they must complete this procedure. UC regents committee voted to drop the SAT subject testing for requirement, because they felt that they were depriving

many talented students from entering their program, due to low test scores. Many students are grateful for this change in the UC policy. This vote was conducted last year and it was voted unanimously. The committee was glad to be free of the complications of the process and was glad to get it past them, considering it opened them to see bright, intelligent students attend their school. Mr. Stanley, a Valencia High School counselor says, "It's a great way to boost up

your college applications, and I would recommend you to take it." Many students prefer to avoid taking these kinds of tests, yet it shows the College Board how well of test taking ability each person has. One great recommendation is if you are taking test for AP, then take the same subject test. This is best because the materials are still fresh in your mind and you can get it over with all around the same time. Although you may not like this test, it can definitely help you in the long run. If you

do really well in a certain subject, don't be intimidated about the test, try it and it will benefit you the most. So keep up the good work and don't be afraid to go for it! For those who still have to, take this test; you might be surprised at the outcome.

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