## MORP RECAP

By: Keanu Silva Editor

Valencia kicks off the school year with its first dance MORP. This is the second MORP dance that Valencia High School has hosted. For those unfamiliar with the concept of MORP, which is prom spelled backwards, unlike Prom which takes place at the end of the year and is typically formal; MORP takes place at the beginning of the year and is very informal. MORP was initially conceived as an exhibition of malcontent toward prom, and everything about it, from the high cost to the ridiculous amount of flashiness involved, but it has slowly become somewhat of a reverse prom. The theme this year was neon colors; each of the four classes wore a different color. Freshman wore purple, sophomores green, juniors red, and seniors blue. faces, others wore full body suits

Each student went all out to repreciose to home, and relatively inexsent their class, some painted their pensive, but has all the grandeur that one of the main dances may have.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CARISSA GARCIA (ALUMNI), MANNY CORDOVA(12), CHRISTIAN ROJAS(12), ALANA DONNELL(12), IVAN MUNOZ(12), ANTHONY FLOURNOY(12), AND GENESIS QUINTANAR(12) PHOTO TAKEN BY: JESSICA FERNANDEZ

of their color. With DJ Pegleg at the helm of his television decorated party van, the dance floor was full of noise and excitement. Tigers love this dance because it's very casual,

Dancers were kept entertained by frequent foam glow stick distribution and the occasional blast of cold fog from Pegleg's liquid nitrogen cannons. Students even had a chance to partake in "The Gangnam Style." Even our own Tiger mascot got in on the festivities. If students

got tired they could sit down and enjoy a film on the huge projector screen that was in place on the rally stage. Free Otter Pops were being handed out of giant ice chests for those who needed a break from the heat of the dance floor, also Cheer and Song were selling Monster and Red Bull energy drinks, and assorted candies. When asked how the first dance of the year was going Archie Sandoval(12) responded, "I am super pumped, this is super awesome, and I think we can all agree I am a super amazing dancer!!"

Well there you have it, MORP went off without a hitch and the whole student body had a great time, the next school wide dance is Homecoming which will be held at the luxurious Marconi's Auto Museum in Tustin, which features hundreds of new and classic cars on exhibit .It takes place on November 3rd so get your tickets and don't forget to get a date too.

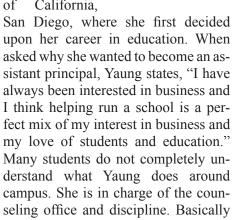
## A Fresh Face in **ADMINISTATION**

By: Hiba Raza Reporter

As we all know by now, Ms. Olivia Yaung is the new Assistant Principal of Student Services at Valencia. She has taken over Mr. Lopez's position, while Lopez has become the new Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction. Although we are sad about Mr.

Davis leav-Yaung ing, has proven to be an amazaddition to the administration team Valencia High School. Yaung was previously the assistant principal at Artesia High School in Lakewood. She attended

the University of California,



this means that she is responsible for what class each teacher teaches building schedules for students, and guiding counselors in what they do. She also deals with the behavior of students around campus and what they should and should not be doing. Although this is Yaung's first year here at Valencia, she has already established many goals that she would like to accomplish. "I would like maintain the previous changes and also continue to works towards creating a safe and comfortable campus for the students," she

says. While it

is true that she

has a tough

act to follow.

and

its programs,



Ms. Yaung in her new office PHOTO TAKEN BY: NATHAN SAAVEDRA

Tech, AVID, Hope, and House. I want all kids to be able to get involved in something on campus and have a safe and secure place where they feel they belong. Lastly, Yaung states, "I would like to get to know the students better and build positive relationships. My intention is for students not to view discipline as punishments but rather as a way to build successful individuals, who will become great leaders in the future.'

## New Variable IN THE LAB

By: Amy Truong Reporter

Valencia High School welcomes Connor Drake, the new teacher, to the Science Department. Mr. Drake went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for both his bachelors in Physics and credentials in Physics and Chemistry. Drake

first began teaching at Robles Paso High School halfway into considering 2010the that Lopez had 2011 school been in her pobefore year sition for many years before teaching here her, she states, at Valencia. "My main goal However, he here is to con-did not realize tinue to culti-that he wanted vate the school to become a teacher until support his last year of such as IB, Val college. Planning on getting a

PhD in Physics, Drake found his calling in teaching. He soon came to realize that teaching allowed him to have the best of both worlds in working with people and continue his passion for science. When asked why he loves science, Drake simply responded, "Science gives you the explanation for everything [...] while chemistry is fun because you get to do dangerous labs and experiments [...] I just always liked science as a kid." Our new science teacher here at Valencia has already grown fond of the school. After going to a VHS graduation, where he was hired, watching the Bell Game, and teaching a month at VHS, he explained, "Valencia has great science department [...] it's also nice to see how involved the school, and all the school spirit the students have." Not only does Drake enjoy teaching, he shared that he likes country music and sports, especially Ultimate Fris-

> bee, which he played in college. One of Drake's favorite hobbies is backpacking every summer. Last summer, he went on a 46-mile backpacking trip. However, the life-changing event for Drake that summer was getting married. As a teacher,



Mr. Drake is enjoying his new position PHOTO TAKEN BY: ALPHA GALLEGOS

he encourages his students to strive for the best through the quote by Albert Einstein, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." Science is all about asking questions and discovering. Drake is helping students tap into the world of curiousity and the wonder of science. With Mr. Drake joining the VHS staff, this year will surely be a great one.