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The Round Table

Prevailing Over Defeat

By: Cameron Bell

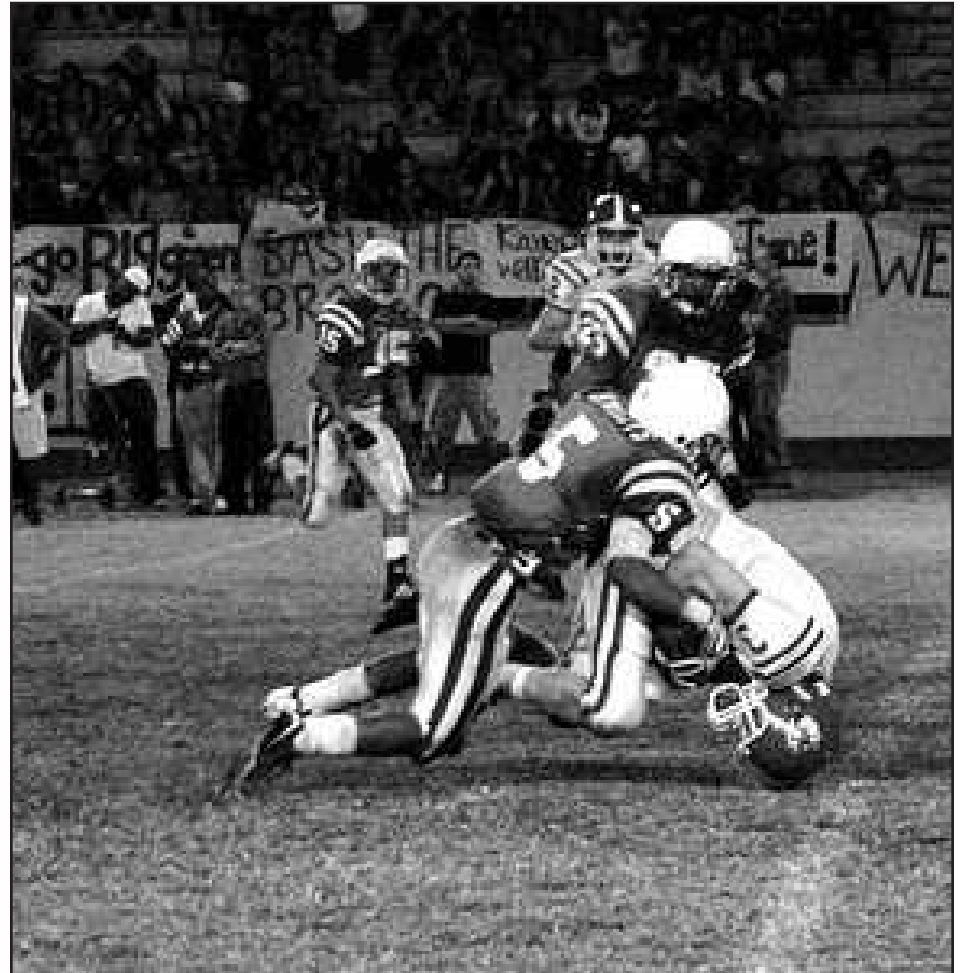
Brophy has a powerhouse team. Brophy is going to beat on Saint Mary's. Brophy's entire team is getting recruited by D1 schools. Brophy, Brophy, Brophy Quite honestly, I'm getting pretty sick of hearing how great Brophy is. I went there, and believe me, it wasn't that great not even close. The ugly truth is that we have been caring so much about what a school filled with "men" is saying, that we've forgotten, and even lost, our sense of pride. The truth is, however, we once were the school that whipped on Brophy in everything. We once were the team that scared them. We once were a true rivalry to Brophy. So what happened?

Our football team has endured the worst of practices this summer. They drilled six days a week in 115 degree heat (every week since summer started), they practiced twice a day; they even trained past exhaustion and then even further. Yet they still stuck together. Has Brophy done that? No!

Brophy is coming into this season thinking they're going to whip

weak teams like, Saint Mary's, into submission. They're coming into this season thinking we're the team we've been for the last three years. The team they beat 41 to 12. The team they shot down 38 to 10. The team they embarrassed 52 to 21. Well that's not us anymore! Our football team has more heart and talent than almost any team out there!

But guess what Saint Mary's? It's not just up to the football team to prove that. As a student body, we have to back them up. We have to get to the game support our team. Everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, has to get to this game and show Brophy and any other team out there that we have the ability to beat them! But it's going to take every student here. Get ready for this game! Get the face paint, get the spirit shirts, get your friends, and go! I mean seniors: this is your last Brophy football game as a student! Freshmen: this is your first true rivalry experience as a high school student! No person who is a part of Saint Mary's should miss this game. Our high school need to restore its former sense of pride and glory and this is, truly, going to be the game that shows everyone who we are.



Colton Krolak

Preview of what's to come at this year's St. Mary's vs. Brophy game?

Re-Uknighthed and It Feels So Good!

By: Daniel Ramirez, Nathan Trauscht, David McGlothlin

Another Year has begun here at St. Mary's and again we are starting with our school spirit early. This

year, student council tried something different, a program called "Be My Buddy". Be My Buddy takes place during U-Knighthed week, where as you students know is our week of games,

activities, group meetings and full of nothing but representing our school spirit! Be My buddy is a program where sophomores, juniors and seniors all pair up with a freshman to help them meet people and get more situated at St. Mary's and into the St. Mary's family. This year U-Knighthed week was a real hit! Monday—the start of the amazing week—consisted of pie-eating contests that students participated in with their buddies. Tuesday we had group meetings, an egg hunt and painted class murals. Wednesday

was the wackiest of them all; a Disney dress-up day with an all school lunch that students were required to spend lunch with their freshman buddy. Thursday was a buddy balloon toss and "pass the orange" game and on Friday there was a DJ at break, it got crazy! This year's U-Knighthed week was packed with fun activities. Although there are still doubters amongst us, U-Knighthed week was a good jump-start of school spirit—great job student council!

Are those really laws?

Ever wonder about dumb laws that shouldn't exist? The following laws still are illegal if broken or committed, although they are no longer enforced.

In Arizona:

Hunting camels is prohibited.

Donkeys cannot sleep in bathtubs.

Any misdemeanor committed while wearing a red mask is considered a felony.

When being attacked by a criminal or burglar, you may only protect yourself with the same weapon that the other person possesses.

Different City laws:

Nogales: An ordinance prohibits the wearing of suspenders.
Mohave City: A decree declares that anyone caught stealing soap must wash themselves with it until it is all used up.

Prescott: No one is permitted to ride their horse up the stairs of the county court house.

Tombstone: It is illegal for men and women over the age of 18 to have less than one missing tooth visible when smiling.

Tucson: Women may not wear pants.

"Spirit now is nothing like it was before."

Ramirez, Trauscht, McGlothlin continued...

We had the chance to chat with Junior, Karina Pacheco, who is deeply imbedded in the St. Mary's family and knows much about school spirit and tradition. Sadly, the talk was not as we expected. We asked Karina what she thought about the school spirit and what she knows from previous years when her family attended. She told us that the spirit now is nothing like it was before. She mentioned at football and basketball games, the student section is not half as big as it used to

be. Everyone is supposed to be standing; something that does not happen anymore. She also mentioned that at our pep assemblies not as many students get involved or follow along with it anymore, another issue she is very ashamed of.

We also talked to the bandleader, Nathaniel Glenn. We asked him how the band has been preparing to get the school hyped with their drum line. Nathaniel told us they are definitely getting there and have been working hard. He also thinks that body paint should be allowed here at our school

events, such as football and basketball games. But unfortunately, the AIA doesn't allow body paint or any nudity. With that rule in mind we need to find new creative ideas.

U-Knighthed week was pretty snazzy & festive! Even though we only had one dress-up day, dressing up like Disney characters was a good idea. Sure, it was no New Orleans Marti Gras but it helped start the year out with a bang. The true test will be seeing if the student body can continue to carry this spirited momentum through out the school year!

Teacher/Student Spotlight

Back And Ready To Go!

Interview with Mr. Rogers
By: Stephanie Gutierrez

This new school year brought an old staff member back. Mr. Rogers was the Dean of Students in the 07-08 year and he came back this year to be the Assistant Principal. He worked at Brophy last year but moved back to our administration for this year. During 07-08, everyone knew him and almost everyone has had a personal experience with him, whether it was good or bad. He also knew a lot of students and enjoyed the school as a whole. This is why he is back and ready for a new school year.

His last job he enjoyed, but decided to come back to our school because he thinks of it as a great school and that it is very hospitable. He enjoyed coming back and remembering all of the students (mostly upperclassmen) and he felt incredibly welcomed. His transition went easy and he was very excited to come back. He thinks SM is a very fun school and enjoys all the teachers and feels challenged. He views the school as a big family and thinks everyone is involved. Mr. Rogers enjoys the wide variety of students and

thinks SM represents Phoenix very well.

Mr. Rogers believes that SM is a harder job, but he benefits from it in a lot of ways and becomes a better person with challenges he can overcome. Mr. Rogers stated that our principal, Mrs. Fessler, brings a lot of energy to the school and she holds a strong leadership which he admires from her; he enjoyed coming back and seeing her in charge. She has been here for 26 years and she knows the school inside and out so she knows what is best for the school.

His past jobs were three Catholic schools in Ohio and two public schools in Arizona. Mr. Rogers considers Catholic schools to be more caring and they have a lot of energy. SM has the most energy he has ever seen and loves the enthusiasm the kids bring to school and at sporting events. This year, when he goes out to the legendary "Brophy-SM football game," he is going to be on the green side.. "Green all the way!"

"Green all the way!"

-Mr. Rogers



Colton Krolak

Mr. Rogers - Assistant Principal

"I shoot like Shaq"

By: Alisa Bass

Father Bolding is one of the newest members to our staff being recently ordained in June. He grew up here in Arizona going to Loma Linda Elementary School. Father is fascinated by history and loves college football and basketball. Agreeing to play in our gift of life game he said "I have no hops and I shoot like Shaq." He made it clear that unlike Shaq he can shoot free throws.

After reluctantly stating that he attended Brophy High School he wants everyone to know that he is strictly a knight.

Father Bolding is eager to experience the Brophy vs. St. Mary's football game on the Green side. He encourages all of us to remember that it is a Christian rivalry. He wants our students to cheer intensely and for football players to play fiercely.

Father Bolding will be taking the place of Father Paul. Father Bolding's office is located just past the business office. He will be available in his office most Tuesdays and Fridays. He is also at Saint Simon and Jude Parish. If you see him around campus, don't be afraid to speak.

Student Spotlight: Kalist Elkik



RT: I'm here with Kalist Elkik(09). How do you like high school so far?
KE: It's been going nice. No troubles.

you're older?
KE: Get married, have loads of kids and maybe open a restaurant.

RT: What's your favorite subject?
KE: I don't have one yet. They all give me too much homework.

RT: Awesome. Do you have any special talents?
KE: Hockey.

RT: Where are you planning on going to college?
KE: ASU.

RT: How long have you been playing?
KE: I've played club for a couple of years, but now my season is off so I'm just training.

(Enter Mr. Hart.)

Mr. H: I heard you say you speak 3 languages!
KE: Yes.

RT: Nice. So what kind of music are you into?
KE: I don't have favorites with music. Music is a way of art.

Mr. H: You're a pretty intelligent kid.
KE: You could say that.

RT: Who are your favorite music artists?
KE: Sublime, Simple Plan, Guns and Roses, Eminem, and 50 Cent.

Mr. H: Why wouldn't you aim a little higher?
KE: I don't have the brains for that.

RT: Thanks very much. It's been a pleasure. I hope you enjoy high school.

RT: What do you think you want to do when

KE: Thank you.

Advice and Opinion

Ask Ebony

By: Ebony Maldando

Dear Ebony,
I'm just a freshman this year, and I don't really know anyone here. I want to get involved, but I don't know how or into what. With everyone knowing each other, I feel like an outcast. Do you know how I can make more friends or maybe even join something at school?

"I feel like an outcast."

- Confused but Willing Freshman

Sincerely,
Confused

but Willing Freshman

Dear Confused But Willing Freshman,

It's really easy to make friends here. You should try starting a conversation with the person next to you in one of your classes. Maybe even sit next to someone during lunch or break. A good way

to make new friends is by joining a sport. We have 10 amazing sports, each for boys and girls, like volleyball, basketball, soccer, swim, and track. If you don't want to

join a sport, you can join one of the 18 clubs like Art Club, Key Club, or Drama Club. Also, when clubs start having meetings,

you need to listen to the announcements to see when they are. If you have trouble finding where the club meetings are or who the club moderator is, you can always go to Dr. Rockwell to find all this out. You will eventually find someone and when you do, don't be afraid to be yourself. Good luck!

Sincerely,
Ebony

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Colton Krolak

Ebony here with an answer to all of your concerns!

Top Ten Ways to Ensure A Great Year!

By: Chelsea Ferrero

Almost every student will have the opportunity to go to the Dean's office before the year is over, so make your next one a good one! In the first week of school 120 summons and 25 detentions have already been written. That is \$600 already paid in the first week; save your money and your time by following the dress code. As you know, the most popular offenses are shoes and untucked shirts. I went and got a few tips from the Dean to help us stay out of trouble:

10. Bring a padlock to P.E. class to lock up your valuables

9. Think about the concept of plagiarism and academic honesty (technology is producing new and more subtle ways to be accused of academic dishonesty)

8. Read the dress code section from the handbook (summons will cost money and may lead to suspension)

7. Do not share your locker combination with anyone

6. Speak with your parents about your day at school

5. Communicate regularly and positively with your teachers

4. Do not leave valuables unattended (remember classes are locked when you have to leave your bags)

3. Choose your friends carefully and be a positive influence (your friends often determine how well you do)

2. Introduce yourself to the Dean before the Dean introduces himself to you!

1. Pray for everyone at St. Mary's

Colton's Corner



Terror in Darfur

Hello, my name is Colton Krolak. Here in Colton's Corner, I talk about subjects that are happening in school or worldwide with a slightly opinionated tone. This month we will be talking about the genocide in Darfur.

Some people do not know about the genocide in Darfur. Darfur is located in the western region of the Sudan in Africa. The genocide in Darfur has been going on for six years now. The conflict started with farmers and nomads fighting for Darfur's water resources. The situation was not handled right and the situation escalated.

In 2003, rebels attacked because they felt the central government was neglecting the region of Darfur. In my opinion, this conflict is unnecessary and millions of people are being killed because some vigilantes wanted to make

a change, a change for the worse.

Here are some statistics about the genocide in Darfur.

- Over 450,000 people have died since the starting of the war in February 2003
- 90% of the villages have been burned to the ground
- Over 3 million people have been driven from their homes
- More than 260,000 went to refugee camps
- 80% of children are starving and dying of malnutrition, every day.

We should try to help the victims in Darfur. We can do something about it. We can help by donating money to an organization that helps the people in Darfur. Now that you know the facts, I will let you make your own opinion on the Genocide in Darfur. Remember, you can make a difference!

To Glee or not to Glee: That is the Question

By: Erica Bauer

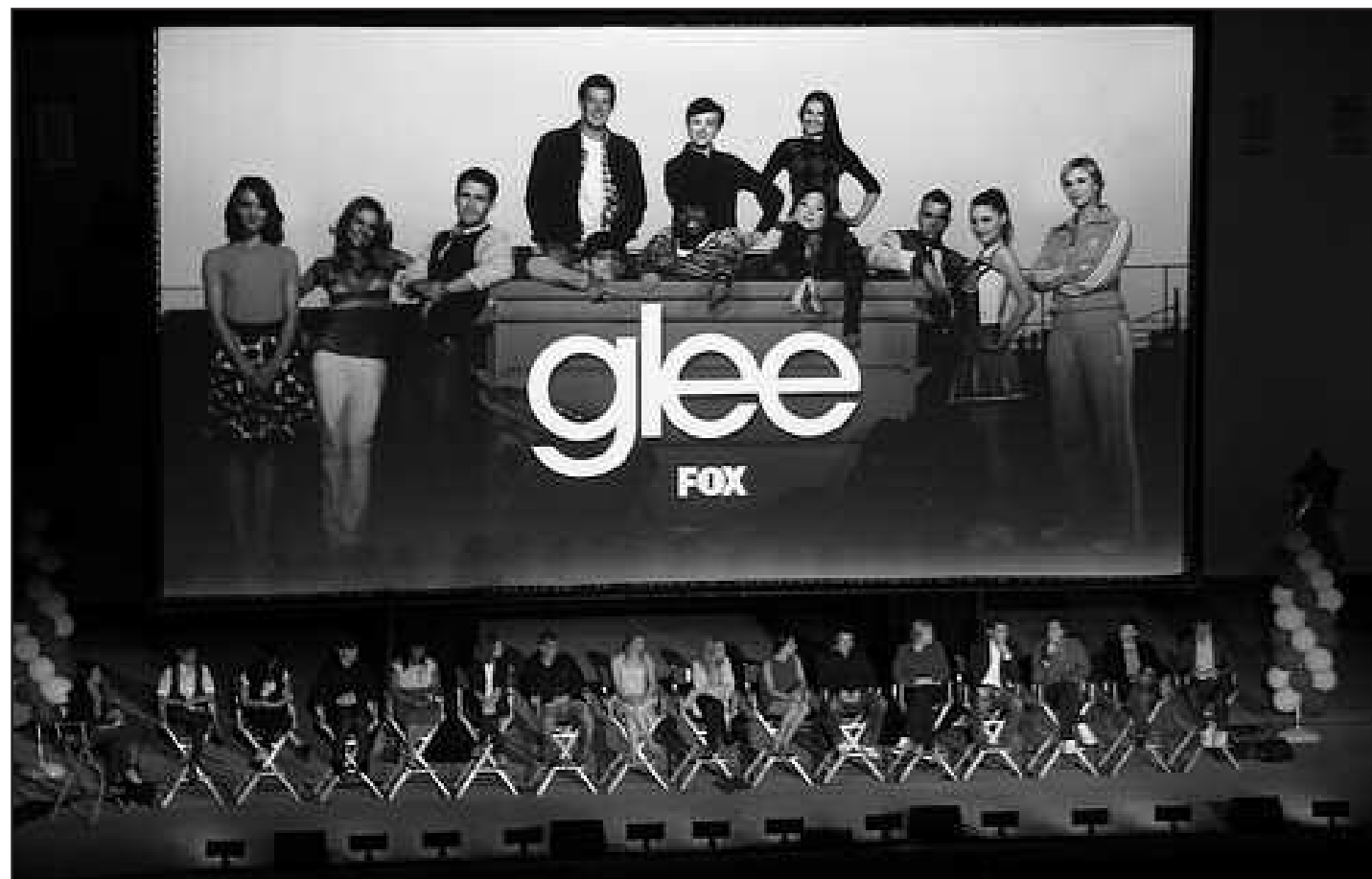
The upcoming new Fox series, *Glee*, will air the first Wednesday of September. Judging from its title, *Glee* is certain to not face competition with Shakespearian mentality. *Glee* works on the hope that this generation of pathological song and dance junkies will want to support yet another variation on the same theme.

Set in all places, Lima, Ohio, *Glee*'s creator, Ryan Murphy, does not show the originality of his *Nip Tuck* series. Apparently, Murphy, yearning for his high school past, devised the plot scheme bent on resurrecting the obscure 'Glee Club'. Being, of course, a dark horse club, Murphy sees to it that the club outscores even the high school football team.

Touted as an edgier version of 'High School Musical', which Murphy insists he has never seen, the show has created buzz from critics' circles.

Picked up nearly immediately by Fox, each show breaks out in music and dance fashion as an optimistic Spanish high school teacher of McKinley High, Will, played by Matthew Morrison, tries to transform the underdog club, and rise to status by competing in nationals. Jane Lynch plays Sue Sylvester, head coach of the cheerleading squad and the *Glee* Club's arch-nemesis. Lynch states that Sue is "pure evil and doesn't hide it" as she perpetuates the stereotypical 'mean girl' theme. Jayma Mays is Emma Pillsbury, high school guidance counselor who is in love with the Will who is married to Terri, played by Jessalyn Gilsig, a demanding, and vindictive wife.

Lea Michele plays Rachel Berry, talented star of the *Glee* Club who is bullied, of course, by the other clubs. Cory Monteith is Finn Hudson, star quarterback, who surprisingly, risks taunting by



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joining the *Glee* Club. Several others play chubby people, celibates, and even paraplegics. Throw a little Asian and Hispanic in the mix, and, voila, 'deep'.

With all the above investment, Murphy still didn't leave anything to chance, so to make certain the show's success was sealed, nearly three million dollars was pumped into each episode for choreography alone. With those numbers, who needs a mental fix of Shakespearian proportions?

Critics seem to agree that Fox brings one of the most entertaining new shows to television. This is rationalized from the idea that these troubled and stressful times welcome such reality shows

like 'American Idol' and 'America's Got Talent', for pure escapism.

Let's face it; *Glee* is merely a re-worked 'Fame' for modern times. *Glee* can only up the ante with its millions that will 'buy' a superficial audience.. If you don't believe that, buying rights to such high profile artists like Rihanna and Amy Winehouse gives you an idea of just how far this show will go to guarantee success.

The sad thing is: where is the originality? The hope is that the format hasn't heaved it's last breath to this nation who multi-task while watching TV, eating dinner, or seeing movies. It won't matter if you are in the middle of texting and

miss five minutes of plot, because it is really song and dance technique that's intriguing.

Therefore, *Glee* comes in at the top of this season's most anticipated series with high marks.

For those that like typical entertainment, this is it. For those who like originality, one full episode will be utter torture.

We have already Deja-Vu'd this Vu.

As for me? Highly anticipated? No thanks, I will wait for the next season of 'Lost'.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By: Amanda German

Looking for a great movie to watch in the fall? Well if you're looking for action, comedy, love and possibly tears, the new installment of *Harry Potter* is the movie for you! In

this film, Voldemort is tightening his grip on the Muggle and wizarding worlds and Hogwarts is no longer as safe as it once was. Harry believes that the danger is in the castle and is intent on solving this mystery. Unfortunately, Harry's

mentor, Dumbledore, believes there is a situation that is far more troubling. Together, the two set forth to discover the truth. Meanwhile, most students of Hogwarts seem to be affected by a quite different plague, love. And while everyone is scrambling to make their mark on the other, one student is planning on theirs being a bit more...dark. What lies ahead is not for certain but one thing is for sure, Hogwarts may never be the same again.

The *Harry Potter* movies have hooked just as many fans as the books, which made the opening weekend a HUGE success with a grand total adding up to more than \$77 million nationwide. This movie is action packed with so many different

"Whip out your ticket, tissues and wands"

-Amanda German

genres that it is difficult not to like. The only bad things to say about the film is that if you haven't seen the other installments the latest may be a bit puzzling and though it has been rated PG prepare to be thrilled. Even so, it is still worth the price of the ticket and popcorn! So whip out your ticket, tissues and wands because this movie is a must see!



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Away We Go

By: Chelsea Ferrero

On a hot afternoon after school you will find one of the most enduring sports, the Cross



Season Opened

Sept. 5

Country team running through the streets of Phoenix. Coach Durkee and Coach Hart run with the team daily and usually practice around 20th Street and Glendale. Short workouts are 3 to 4 miles, medium workouts are 6 to 7 miles, and for long workouts they run anywhere from 8 to 14 miles. They run canals, golf courses, and through neighborhoods



Mr. Reilly

Last year's Cross Country team competing at a local meet.

to train for their meets. This year the team consists of 5 girls and 17 boys.

One of the seniors on the team, Anthony Giorlando said, "Our

practices consist of lots of mileage and lots of hills; running 18 to 20 miles a week not including Saturday practices. It's a fun sport and I am looking forward to a great year. Our team

looks good and we have a new schedule ahead of us." Their first meet was on September 5th in Flagstaff. Make sure to come out to their meets and cheer on our Cross Country team!

One Lap At A Time

By: Jade Cruz

Swimming is back and assistant coach, Mr. Sanchez, is very confident about the

season. Mr. Sanchez says, "Not too confident about the upcoming meet, but we've been practicing and preparing a lot so

let's see how we do. The boys had a good season last year and we brought back some girls so we'll see how we do in the upcoming season, but I'm very confident." There are eight swim meets and two invitationals so let's be sure to cheer them on and support the boys' and girls' swim team!

"I'm very confident"

-Mr. Sanchez

The first swim meet was on September 2, 2009 between North Canyon and North High School at Brophy Swim Club. The season and invitationals end on November 7th.



Mr. Reilly

Brady Laughlin at a swim meet last year.

To Those Who Rock: Tempe Salutes You

By: Lauren Guzman

Miss out on the Warped Tour this summer? Fear not music fanatics, for yet another concert series is coming to town. Mark your calendars for September 18th, 19th and 20th; the upcoming Fall Frenzy



“promises to be the event of the year.” Acts such as Jason Mraz, Slightly Stoopid, Fall Out Boy, Pepper, Asher Roth, Flogging Molly and Blink

182 are just a few of the musicians to hit the stage during this three-day event. Although tickets are a little pricey—\$55 per day online or \$60 each day at the door—sponsors assure fans that it will be worth the cost. In addition to purchasing cheaper tickets online, there will also be a limited amount of two day and three day passes available for \$90 and \$135 depending on the pass. This inaugural music festival will go down at Tempe Beach Park located between Mill Ave. and Rio Salado Pkwy.

With such a wide variety of artists performing, the Fall Frenzy does what a lot of concerts



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Blink-182 Members: Tom DeLonge; Mark Hoppus; Travis Barker

fail to do. Accommodate to fans of diverse music genres. On day one, you'll find a mixture of pop meets easy listening. Day two: mainly alternative/punk rock, a few reggae inspired musicians and one rapper who definitely defies the norm of his genre. Lastly on day three, you can expect an opening act of alternative and hard rock closing out the final show.

Due to the unassigned seating, be sure to get there in plenty of time if you want to catch a front row spot. Gates open at various times each day starting at 4 pm on Friday and 1 pm Saturday; both days ending at midnight. Sunday gates will open at 11 am and the concert is scheduled to come to a conclusion around 10 pm.

Along with the vast range of musical acts there will be water slides, a Ferris Wheel, arts and crafts booths, a gaming center, food vendors, beverages and much more! So bring your sunglasses and camera 'cause this is sure to be an experience you don't want to miss!

Finally First Friday

By: Marissa Correa

Have plans for this Friday? Well if it's the first Friday of the month then get ready for an amazing, inner-city, urban experience. Take a free tour in the heart of downtown Phoenix. There are over 100 galleries, studios, and

art vendors on the First Friday Art Walk.

For about 20 years people have been enjoying the First Friday experience. It was envisioned by Artlink, a nonprofit organization that sought to bring their love of the arts to everyone.

Toward the late 1980's there was a tremendous interest in downtown art and entertainment. What was once known as The Art Detour, is now so descriptively known as First Friday.

This event is for anyone who has a love for any kind of art. The majority of the crowd is mostly young trendy people, but you can find a range of age groups enjoying this event. The next First Friday will be held on October 2nd. The events begin at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. You can park at a number of sites but the Phoenix Art Museum offers a free shuttle to not all but most of the sites. Spaces are from Indian School Road to Buchanan Street and from 12th Street to 17th Avenue. It is impossible to walk the whole thing in only one night but luckily you can pick up where you left off the next month. By far

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- Marissa Correa(12)

the best part about First Friday is that it is totally free to walk around and view amazing pieces by some awesome people.

For those who are not the night owl type, there is always Saturday After from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the day time experience. This event will be just like Friday but only with a few less venues open to view. I hope you will go down and enjoy a night on the town or a sunny Saturday in downtown Phoenix and support our local artists.



First Friday Photo © 2006 Judy Hedding

Some stops at First Friday are a mix of gallery space, retail space, flower design, interior design and garden design.



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American Soldier

War on Terror

By: Gabrielle Garrison

The War on Terror is a consistent problem in today's society. Our nation, as well as others, is being affected in mostly bad ways, however, the government believes it helping us protect our nation against terrorism.

Money spent on the War on Terror has impacted how America operates. The money being spent on the war until the middle of 2009 by tax payers is about \$800 billion and

also \$76 billion has been given to President Obama by Congress. Just to deploy one soldier costs \$390,000.

The troops in Iraq are risking their lives for what they believe, will stop terrorism. The amount of American troops in Iraq totaled 1,300,000. Casualties of U.S troops are 4,325 people. The majority of deceased troops were male, non-officer, Caucasians under twenty years of age. Journalists have also been targets of the war. A hundred and thirty-nine have been murdered and forty-six by acts of war.

However, President Obama is withdrawing troops from Iraq and sending more to Afghanistan where he believes the terrorism is continuing to get worse. He states that the American soldiers and army will be given more money. He believes that over the next five years he will spend \$25 billion or more. Soon Afghanistan will become another nation with a full impact war which was really never established the first time around under President Bush.

Arizona senator John McCain also be-

lieves that, our war on terror is a super important subject to the United States. However, John McCain disapproves with President Obama's views on Iraq. McCain believes that Iraq is the main front of the War on Terror.

The War on Terror is an issue that impacts, us all as students and teachers. Also the well-being of the world should be a top priority as well as its safety. Although the War on Terror has been long and continuous, its importance and significance to society should not be forgotten.

A Relieving Flight from North Korea

By: Paul Arambula

To have a prison sentence be cut from twelve years to five months must have been the most overwhelming sense of relief for American reporters Euna Lee and Laura Ling. After entering North Korea illegally to cover a report, the two were detained and sentenced to 12 years of hard labor. They were being held captive for 140 days until a familiar figure saved them from their nightmare.

Euna Lee and Laura Ling were covering a story for the Al Gore owned

news network, Current TV. They traveled to the China and North Korean border to report on North Korean refugees entering China. They briefly entered North Korea illegally. As a result, on March 17, 2009, the reporters were arrested and held in captivity under the North Korean government. They were looking at the next twelve years of their lives to be enduring hard labor day in and day out. All that was fed to them was bowls of rice that often contained small rocks.

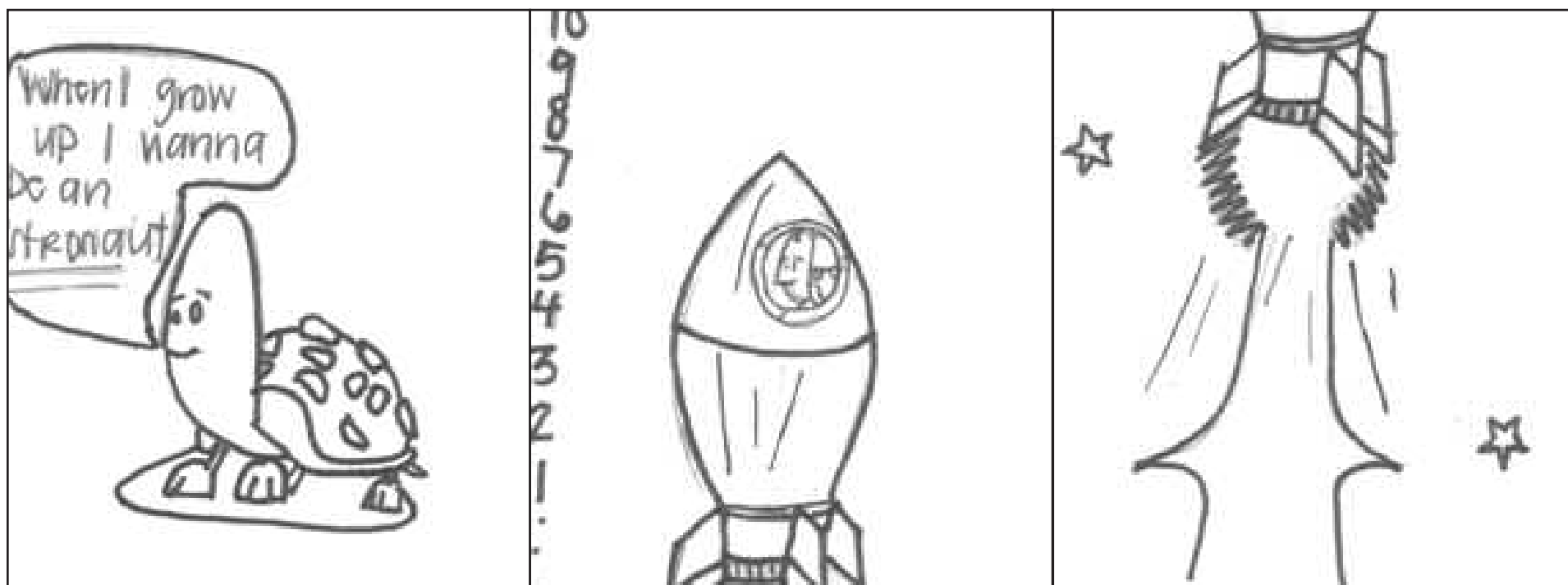
Ling's sister, Lisa Ling, played a crucial role in the rescue of her sister

and Euna Lee. Ling had made five phone calls to her sister in the time she was contained. She informed her that they were treated humanely and believed they hadn't been put into hard labor due to health conditions the two had. She gave her instructions to inform the public and to send former president, Bill Clinton, to negotiate with the North Korean government on releasing the two detainees. She chose the right candidate, for Clinton came out successful. He ended up convincing North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il and his administration on releasing the

reporters on amnesty (pardon).

On August 4, 2009 the deal was settled. The two journalists got onto a plane with Clinton to return home. They walked off of the plane with tears of joy and embraced their families. They gave a statement saying they will stick to their jobs as journalists and tell their story, in time. Though for now, they just want a nice, quiet time, reunited with their families. They have woken up from this terrible dream.

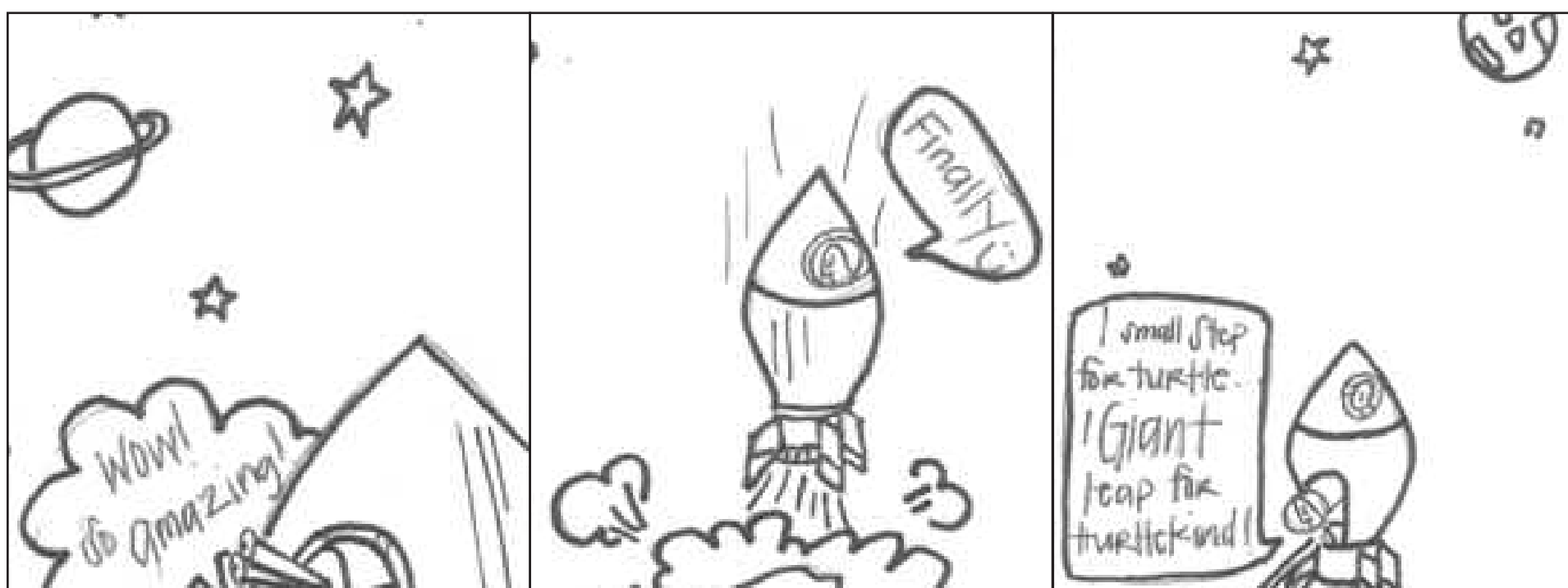
COMIC GENIUS



I wanna be an Astronaut!!

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BLASTOFF!!



Wow! So Amazing!

Finally!

One small step for turtle,
one giant step for turtle kind!



SM?

-Welcome!
-Huh??

By: Cheyenne Fimbres