

# Senior Interviews

By: Kenia Espinoza

1. What college(s) did you apply to?  
"Loyola Marymount University" - Stephanie Sanchez
2. What do you want to major in ?  
"I want to major in Architecture or Mechanical Engineering" - Josh Quezada
3. How does a college application differ from the HMSA application ?  
- "A college application asks for pretty much everything [starting] from grades to how much your parents earn every year. They ask specific [things] like what do you do [with] your free time and also ask what would you like to study. The HMSA application does not do as much, they just see your grades and make you write some business letters on why you would like to go there." - Josue Pena
4. What was the hardest part of the college applications?  
- "The hardest part was pressing submit [because] I got all scared [and I was] not sure if everything was correct." - Andrew Padilla
5. What was the easiest part of the college applications?  
- "The easiest part of college applications would be writing your name because everything else requires reflection." -Christian Rivera
6. What is something you didn't expect from the college applications?  
- "I think there wasn't anything that was unexpected, we were all well informed about what was going to be expected from us thanks to Mrs. Ramos and Mr. Jahnke. We were all prepared and knew that most, if not all, of the applications required writing assignments." - Daniela Carillo

## THE NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

By: Nhi Nguyen

The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) was established in 1983 to recognize outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. This year, the NHRP is recognizing only 5,000 of 235,000 students who took the PSAT and identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino. Students who achieved a minimum PSAT score for their region are recognized by NHRP; those with GPAs of 3.5 or higher received the Scholars Award and those with GPAs of 3.0 to 3.49 received the Honorable Mention Award. Daniel Gonzales and Christopher Iniguez were selected as either 2011-12 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars or Honorable Mentions. They were given this award on October 12, 2011 during the Hawthorne School District board meeting and were applauded. Although the College Board does not provide monetary awards, it is a privilege to recognize these outstanding students and our school.



## MESA COLLEGE DAY

By: Nhi Nguyen

On October 22, 2011, USC hosted a College Day event on behalf of the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievements program (MESA). The event consisted of numerous workshops, campus tours, and a college fair. While the workshops took place inside the classrooms, the college fair was

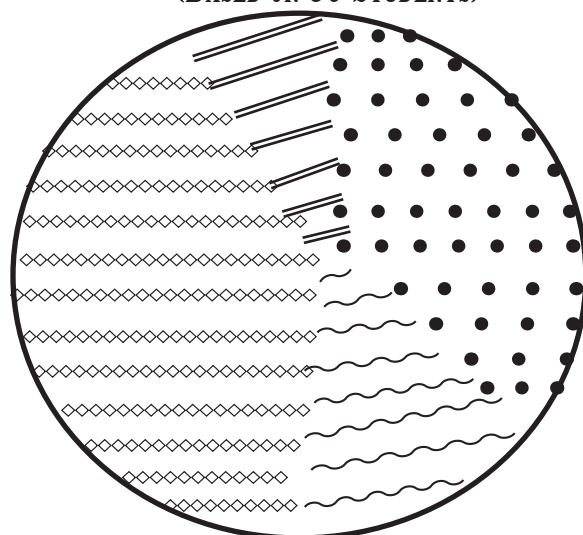
outside and free for visitors to explore.

Students, mainly seniors and juniors, and parents had the opportunity to meet and ask various questions to different college representatives. Each college obtained their own table and



placed papers and flyers for those who were interested to grab one and look it over. About 40 colleges were represented at this event, including UCLA, UCI, Berkeley, Santa Barbara, NYU and even Ivy League schools such as Harvard and Cornell. This was a great opportunity for students to understand "college life" and consider other colleges as options.

## HMSA STUDENT STUDY HABITS (BASED ON 35 STUDENTS)



◇◇◇◇◇ Using studyguide (46%)
===== With a partner/group (11%)  
• • • • Flashcards (29%)
~~~~~ Afterschool tutoring (14%)

MR. BERUMEN'S INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE:  
"Be nice to nerds...chances are you'll be working for them someday." - BILL GATES

## Red Ribbon Week

By: Chris Gomez

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Although the start/end dates can vary slightly depending on the school or city, many people participate in spreading this awareness. Red Ribbon Week generally takes place the last full week of October. This year Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 22-30, 2011. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children, through a commitment to drug prevention, education, and personal commitments to live drug-free lives with the ultimate goal of a drug-free America. Red Ribbon Week is also a celebration for a person that not many people know about: DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. He made the ultimate sacrifice, by protecting us from traffickers in Mexico who were trying to export and import drugs through the country. While fighting this battle against illegal drugs to keep our country safe he lost his life. So for these reasons, we celebrate Red Ribbon Week nationally.

## MODERN VS. TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING

By: Dax Capangpangan

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, but thanks for what, and why? The answers to these questions have changed since the "first Thanksgiving." The "first Thanksgiving" was with the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans, after the Wampanoag helped the colonists with their first corn harvest. The Governor of Massachusetts, William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited their Native American allies to join them. They were giving thanks to finding new allies and learning a new valuable skill, but more importantly, they were giving thanks for living another day and being assured life and survival.

Today, people give thanks for just about anything. Many people don't even know why we celebrate Thanksgiving. They are oblivious to the fact that most Native Americans don't even own land nowadays. People just give thanks for food, family, football, and, well, more food. That's pretty much what everyone thinks of Thanksgiving: food, football, and family. Families get together and eat their delicious food. If they ever care to give thanks, it's for personal reasons, not for any historical fact, or the fact that their family is alive today.

No matter what everyone else gives thanks for, we all know we students will be thankful for the upcoming one week vacation.



## SPOTLIGHT

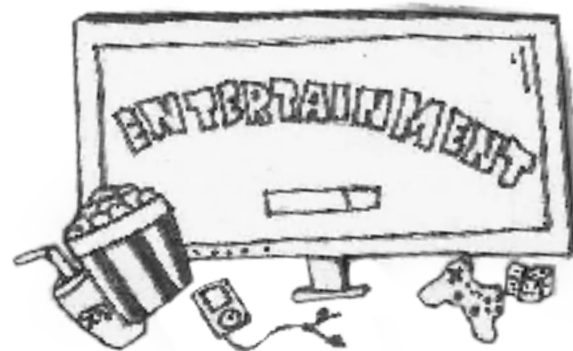
By: Victoria Rosito

Chuggaaconroy, aka Emile or Chugga, is a Let's Player. A "Let's Player" is a gamer who broadcasts videos of his/herself playing videogames with additional commentary. Chugga started making Let's



Plays because his friend told him that he was hilarious when playing videogames and should start making videos. He was also inspired by ProtonJon-

SA, another Let's Player. He uploaded his first video on March 26, 2008 about Earthbound. Chugga only plays Nintendo games, calling himself "Nintendo-exclusive." Some titles include Legend of Zelda, Super Mario Bros., Pokémon, Pikmin, and Okami. He has been part of a collaboration group called The Runaway Guys with ProtonJonSA, aka Jon, and NintendoCapriSun, aka Tim, since February 5, 2011. The three Let's Players play co-op together. Their games of choice all belong to the Super Mario franchise due to its multi-player functionality. The Runaway Guys is a closed group, only allowing one guest, JoshJepson, since its formation. At one point, Chugga had his account suspended from Youtube because of accusations of copyright infringement, but he is now a Youtube partner with benefits and all. His suspension unexpectedly drew more attention and viewers to his channel. Chugga is very popular because his videos are entertaining. He demonstrates extensive knowledge of the videogames he plays, often sharing tips with his viewers. He also tells random stories about his daily life, which are usually very funny. Viewers find Chugga's reactions to his failures to be the highlight of his videos.



## ♪ Mainstream Music: Friend or Foe? ♪

By: Yasmine Gutierrez

Music fanatics won't hesitate to give their honest opinion when it comes to mainstream music. Many would say that it's helping the music industry grow while others say it's doing the exact opposite.

Appealing to a younger generation, the music industry profits more because of the adolescent need to fit in. Many artists got their big break with one hit song that gets stuck in your head for weeks at a time. Signing new up-and-coming artists is how the business stays alive. Even remixing a popular song will get a DJ out there.

Sadly that's where the benefits stop and the faults start. There are many artists with actual talent that never get showcased because they're not "in" at the moment. Seriously, name 10 different artists you hear frequently on KIIS FM or KROQ. I can't even think of five. Anyone can say they LOVE Drake or Lady Gaga or whoever without going any deeper than the radio hits. Real music fans will be able to debate with someone about how music has changed for better or worse, how an artist has sold out, or what exactly makes a certain artist worth listening to, while those who've been sucked into the hype can only hum the chorus of the new LMFAO remix that plays 24/7.

The line has been drawn, so it's time to pick your side: friend or foe?

## ALBUM REVIEW

by: Azucena Castillo

Florence + the Machine's second studio album, Ceremonials, was released on October 31st in the United Kingdom and November 1st in the United States. The album has garnered well deserved positive reviews from music critics. Ceremonials is different from Florence + the Machine's debut



album, Lungs, in that it sounds more like baroque pop than art rock. The song "No Light, No Light" is much more reminiscent of the band's past work, but "Spectrum" is best when it comes to accentuating lead singer Florence Welch's vocals. The only negative thing to say about Ceremonials is that the style of the songs prevents Welch from releasing the emotionally captivating vocals that are heard on Lungs. However, that's not to say that Welch does not deliver. She does and she sounds amazing, but just not quite as powerful as she did on the previous album.

## November Releases

By: Elsa Ayala

1. Jack and Jill: This upcoming comedy stars Adam Sandler and Adam Sandler playing both roles of Jack and Jill! Jack lives with his wife and kids and dreads every Thanksgiving because...his twin sister comes to visit. Can he survive his obnoxious sister and the holidays at the same time? Jack and Jill is in theaters 11.11.11
2. Arthur Christmas: This 3-D fantasy/comedy celebrates the holidays and the meaning of giving, not receiving. On Christmas Eve Santa's son, Arthur, goes looking for a present that goes missing for a little girl before Christmas morning. Starring the voices of James McAvoy and Hugh Laurie this film hits theaters 11.11.11
3. Happy Feet 2: This 3-D family film follows Mumble's son, Erik, and his struggles to dance. He meets his hero, a penguin that can fly, and has to unite the penguin nations to overcome powerful forces on Earth all at the same time! Sure to have lots of singing and dancing this movie comes to a theater near you 11.18.11
4. Breaking Dawn Part 1: Stephanie Meyer's fourth installment in the Twilight franchise comes to life. It follows Edward and Bella's life after marriage and with a baby on the way destroying Bella and her relationship with Jacob. This movie comes out 11.18.11
5. The Muppets: The first Muppets film to be released in theaters in 12 years follows the Muppets and the attempt to save the Muppet Theater. Kermit the Frog must reunite the Muppets to save the theater from being drilled. With the help of Gary (Jason Segal) and his girlfriend (Amy Adams) they stage a telethon to raise 10 million dollars. Can they earn enough money to save the theater? Find out 11.23.11

## REEL STEEL REVIEW

By: Tiffany G.

Real Steel takes place in the year 2020 where the sport of boxing has gone high-tech, now including robots. This film stars Hugh Jackman as Charlie, a washed-up fighter who lost his chance at a title when 2000 pound robots took over the ring. Now a promoter, he makes money putting together scraps of robots and piecing them together to fight. When he finally hits rock bottom, Charlie teams up with his estranged son, Max (Dakota Goyo), to build a championship contender, Atom, who surprises everyone as the underdog no one thought would make it to the top fights. This action-packed, intensive film is a mesh between Transformers and Rocky. It'll leave you shaking your head and smiling in disbelief at how shockingly great the movie was.



## FAMILY MOVIES TO WATCH ON THANKSGIVING

- ◊ A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
  - ◊ The Muppet Movie
- ◊ Planes, Trains and Automobiles
  - ◊ Toy Story
- ◊ A Winnie the Pooh Thanksgiving
  - ◊ Hannah and Her Sisters
- ◊ Anne of Green Gables (1985 film)
  - ◊ Pieces of April
  - ◊ An American Tail
  - ◊ My Neighbor Totoro

## Should the Spelling Bee be Considered a Sport? NO.

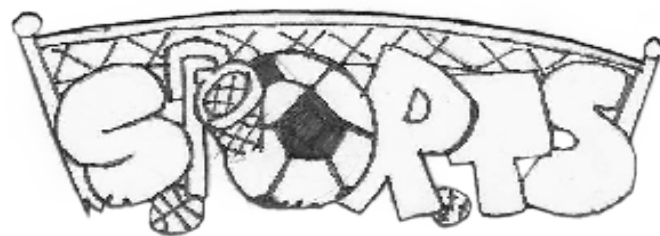
By Enrique Ruvalcaba

Every year the Scripps National Spelling Bee takes place at the end of May.

Not all participants are from the U.S. but participants from different countries join and compete. It all sounds nice with the high diversity of the competition and most participants are happy to only participate instead of competing, but it all crashes and burns when the spelling bee is considered a sport. Every year ESPN, the self proclaimed "worldwide leader in sports," televises the National Spelling Bee. How ESPN can televise and consider the spelling bee a sport is beyond me, but is it?

According to Dictionary.com a sport is: an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature. There is no athletic activity required in spelling or physical prowess of any kind. So why would ESPN then place the spelling bee under the same label as other sports that truly involve heavy training such as football, soccer, basketball, baseball, etc.?

As a passionate soccer fan I take soccer to extremes at times. Watching my favorite teams in a win-or-go-home match or a frustrating game in which they're about to lose completely transforms me. That moment when they score the game winning goal at the last minute fills me with euphoria, or that unforgiving moment when your team makes the most tragic mistake and concedes a goal during the dying minutes of the game completely breaks your heart and you scream at the TV, "how on earth did that just happen?" and then that sorrow-filled feeling all over you lasts for an excruciating hour. Are you watching the Spelling Bee and yelling at the TV when someone misses a word like it's a sporting event? No you are not. The bottom line is that the spelling bee is not a sport in terms of athletic activity or as sports entertainment.



## TOP TEN MOST EXPENSIVE PLAYERS

By Franklin Gonzalez

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| <p>1. Tiger Woods<br/>Sport: Golf<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$75 million</p> <p>After the November 2009 car crash and the scandals that followed, Woods is still the highest paid athlete in the world. His sponsors, Nike and Electronic Arts, have created big businesses around the former #1 golf player.</p>                                          | <p>6. David Beckham<br/>Sport: Soccer<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$40 million</p> <p>David Beckham was an ambassador during the process of London's 2012 Olympic Games bid and he signed a deal with Samsung to be the ambassador for the company's brand for the Games.</p>                                                                                                              |
| <p>2. Kobe Bryant<br/>Sport: Basketball<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$53 million</p> <p>The five-time NBA champion earned \$24.8 million during the 2010-2011 season, more than any other player in the league. He is also a pitchman for Mercedes-Benz's Smart Car Brand in China, and his jersey is the #1 selling jersey in Asia.</p>                     | <p>7. Cristiano Ronaldo<br/>Sport: Soccer<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$38 million</p> <p>Cristiano Ronaldo became the most expensive soccer player in the world after signing a transfer deal from Manchester United to Real Madrid for \$132 million for six years. Ronaldo uses social media to expand his brand; he has millions of Facebook fans and 3 million Twitter followers.</p> |
| <p>3. Lebron James<br/>Sport Basketball<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$48 million</p> <p>Lebron James has the #1 basketball shoe on the market, and his jersey was the bestseller during his first season with the Miami Heat. His partnership with Fenway Sports Group allowed him to receive a minor tie to Europe soccer club Liverpool in April 2011.</p> | <p>8. Alex Rodriguez<br/>Sport: Baseball<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$35 million</p> <p>In 2007, Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees agreed on a ten-year, \$275 million dollar contract; this contract made him the most expensive baseball player in history.</p>                                                                                                                   |
| <p>4. Rodger Federer<br/>Sport: Tennis<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$47 million</p> <p>Rodger Federer has the most impressive endorsement portfolio in all of sports, with 10 major deals that include Nike and Rolex</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p>9. Michael Schumacher<br/>Sport: Formula One Racing<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$34 million</p> <p>Michael Schumacher's return to Formula 1 racing in 2010 was disappointing; he finished ninth in the overall standings. However he still has many endorsements that include Navy Boot, Jet Set, Schubert and Rosbacher.</p>                                                          |
| <p>5. Phil Mickelson<br/>Sport: Golf<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$46.5 million</p> <p>The #2 golf player in the world earned a deal as a spokesperson for Pfizer and Amgen. Both companies created ENBREL, which is a medicine used to treat long-term inflammatory diseases.</p>                                                                           | <p>10. Lionel Messi<br/>Sport: Soccer<br/>May 2010-May 2011 Earnings: \$32.2 million</p> <p>The two-time FIFA World Player of the Year has a portfolio of endorsements that includes PepsiCO, Konami, Adidas, and Air Europa.</p>                                                                                                                                                              |

## Girls' Soccer Preview

By Jasmine Umanzor

With a new soccer season beginning, the girls' soccer team finally found a new coach. Without Mrs. Carlson as the coach, there was a possible chance of no girls' team this year. Luckily, Mr. Kircher, formerly girls' volleyball coach, will be the new coach for the girls. The search for a new coach had become such a dire situation that it went public, meaning that anyone outside the Hawthorne District could have taken the position. With Mr. Kircher as the new coach, the girls will be able to play this season as he leads them to victory.

Even though the team did not have an official coach, this did not stop them from practicing everyday for the last month. The girls played alongside the boys' team during CP and at Alondra Park. The practices consist of running, shooting the ball, passing the ball, and dribbling the ball etc. Constantly running and setting up the goal posts are two of the least favorite things to do at practice. Even though running could seem like a burden during practice, it is vital for the soccer games. The players must be quick in order to defend or save a ball. Also, the players must always learn how to shoot correctly, if not it could come at the cost of the team winning. With Mr. Kircher's time and dedication during practice, the girls will be able to prevail and become an eminent team.

Two players, Hilda Montiel-Moreno and her sister Monica Montiel-Moreno have been playing soccer since they were seven. However, Hilda is mostly looking forward to "scoring goals and saving" while her sister, Monica, is mainly concentrating on winning. Another player, Viviana Ruiz, has been playing defense for years and believes it's the most important position in the game. The girls' soccer team is full of enthusiastic players who are only looking forward to victories.

The girls are all expected to keep decent grades in order to remain on the team. The resolute team is looking forward to winning while keeping academics as an important factor. The first game is expected to be on December 1, 2011.

Have some Aviator pride and support our girls!

## BOYS SOCCER

By Hassan Nadeem

HMSA's boys' soccer team is back this season with their coach, Mr. Launius. In order for HMSA's soccer team to win they need the combined effort of all four grades. The team is working very hard this year by putting in extra time in practices and helping out their teammates.

Practice is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the park and conditionals are held Monday and Friday at HMSA. Belmez Reyes (12) said, "the exercises are harder this year, we really want to win." The team trains in and out of school, whether they are going to the gym or the park; it's obvious how much they want to win.

Some new players include Erick Estrada (11) and Erick Ramos (11), who both stressed the need to win games and try their best. Estrada said, "It's going to take all of us in order to win." Ramos said, "[staying on the team] requires good grades as well as balancing school and soccer," so you won't see these guys procrastinating on their homework. Reyes had another goal in mind: to "at least beat Animo once." All the players have goals of their own but mostly they simply want to win.

The 2011-2012 boys soccer season will begin on December 1st. Go support the soccer team to see if their hard work pays off!



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# FEMALE SUPERIORITY

By: Nardeen Gorgy

In the last Aviator News issue, Juan Carlos Dominguez expressed his point of view that men are better than women in sports and implied that they were also better at doing everything on a daily basis. The following paragraphs seek

to correct these fallacies, and in a more elegant way than Juan Carlos Dominguez is capable of.

To start off, my fellow classmate explained that most people seem to think that women do not have the equivalent sport skills that men have. To prove this, Dominguez

chooses the only sport that does not have a women's league (football) as evidence. He failed to mention that women have a league in almost every other sport. In some countries, women play sports that men don't play. Dominguez speaks of many sports throughout his article but does not seem to provide the full picture for his audience. He based his entire article on only the three top sports in the United States; failing to mention women's leagues in the United States and in other countries as well. Therefore, his evidence is invalid, not to mention that the US women's soccer team goes to the world cup final almost every time, whereas the men have only advanced past pool play once. That doesn't sound very dominant to me.

Subsequently, Dominguez blamed the patriarchal society for these misconceptions in the beginning of his article, and later remarks that we are in the twenty-first century and the way people think has changed. This only confuses the reader and is contradicting to what he is trying to prove. To counter his claim of the patriarchal society being the reason of such paralyzed thinking, you just have to look around. Men and women are completely equal in our society. Men and Women are not judged by their gender as Dominguez seems to think.

To sum up the topic, men and women should not be viewed differently. People do not see women's permanent place in the kitchen anymore, as Dominguez states. Females have progressed and elevated from the general thought of being lower and frailer than men.

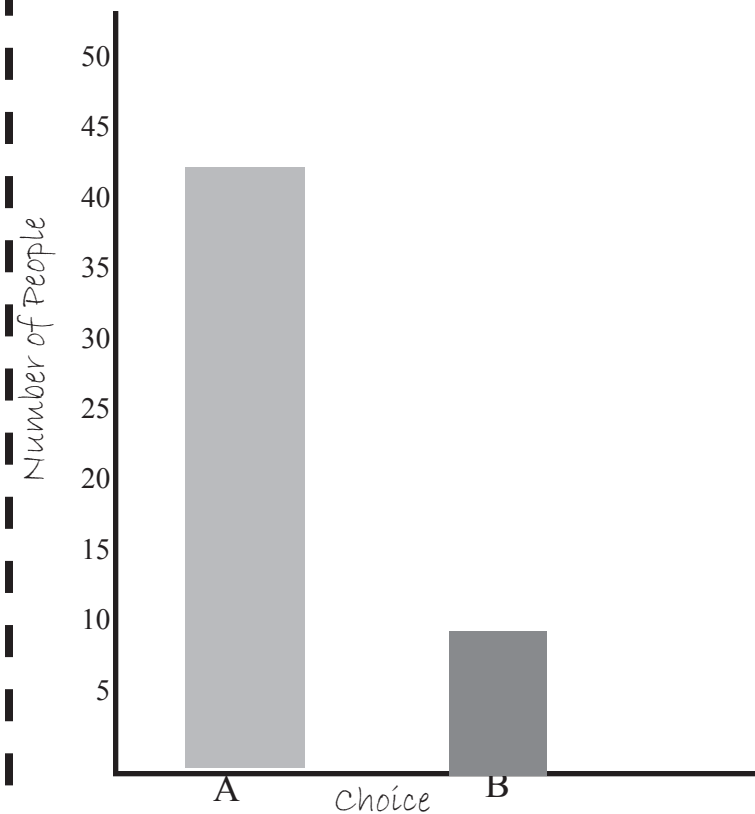
Women have proven themselves equal to men over the years. Women now have the same jobs and duties as men. They even play the same sports. We don't live in a male-controlled society that does not contain women representatives. The secretary of state for our entire country is a woman. The president of Germany is a woman. We have women police officers, doctors, teachers, principals, professors, engineers, athletes, and senators. Our society is fully balanced with male and female representation. Therefore, there is no legitimate reason why Juan Carlos Dominguez could think women are inferior to men, unless he's afraid of them...which he probably is.



## What would you do?

You find out that your best friend's boyfriend is cheating on her. You also know that she loves him more than life itself. Would you.....

- A) Tell her the truth
- B) Have mercy on her feelings and not tell her



*Zahid's Analysis:* It seems that 7 people are actually thinking the matter through. Some of you might say that you choose "A" because that person is your friend and that it's the right thing to do. Be honest with yourself for a moment; when you look at the answers are you looking for your own choice or the "right" answer? The fact of the matter is there are numerous factors that can affect this situation. One thing that many people might forget to think about is how big this boyfriend is. Most of you might say that your friend is more important, but this is the typical response from a person "that's never been beat up" (Jahnke). Also you can't ignore the fact that if you do tell her, then you will be involved in all her love matters from then on. The best choice is to not tell her; it's better to stay out of people's love affairs, otherwise they will see you as the source of the problem. With that said make sure to keep your noses out of other people's business.

## Worst Injuries

1. "When I was a kid, I hit my head on a brick and I basically cracked my head open; I needed stitches."  
—Jovanni Villa, senior
2. "My older brother was mad at me, so he threw a plate at my face; I have a scar."  
—anonymous
3. "When I was running, I accidentally tripped and twisted my ankle, it looked nasty."  
—Rafael Chaidez, senior
4. "When I was a baby, I was crawling around and I touched the iron while it was still hot. Since I was a baby, I didn't realize what was happening, so I left my hand there for a while until someone came and removed my hand from the hot iron. I have the scar on my hand."  
—Heidi Kaveinga, junior

## "DREAMS"

By: Mat Dumas

My dreams are my only escape from my midday turmoil  
Thinking of things that never could be that reality can't spoil  
Dreams are my heavenly second where my imagination can run free  
Until it is marred by the unescapable three  
Love life School life and home all bring me pain  
Sometimes I just wanna leave where nobody can think of my name  
Constantly fighting and bickering locked away in my prisons  
No matter what I say I can never convince them  
That my mental pain can only be cured by one solution  
But anytime I try to explain they don't wanna hear my words they say they're all translucent  
Every single day I contemplate the big S  
Thinking that my best solution could only be death  
But then I lay my head and back to the dreams I go  
where everybody understands so nobody ever knows  
Of all the pain inside  
All of the secrets I hide  
So I wander my lovely dreams my ultimate stabilizer  
And I thank god for my dreams, my mental Tranquilizer

