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GET INVOLVED IN WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND SCHOOL

By Josh Sumahit
Reporter

There is a lot of involvement around the VHS campus, whether it is from staff or students. Everyday a student is getting involved in anyway they can to help make the school a better place for their generation and for future generations to come. Now the question is, what can you do to help make a difference for Valencia High School. Get involved with any and every school activity that you can, join any club that you are thinking about joining even if you are skeptical about it, and partake in things that you think that you would never do. You will never know if you will like what you are doing or if you can make a difference until you make it happen. Tiger Pride Day has been an event that was created just about over two years ago. It's a day where the staff

and students of Valencia High School volunteer their time and there Saturday and come to school to help clean up. The staff and students show up at 8 am and stay until about 12 am. Throughout the time that they are at school they do a variety of tasks. The tasks that they do are picking up trash around the school, painting rails and old buildings, helping make the gardens and the plants look better, and raking up any leaves that the tree's have dropped anywhere around campus. A lot of students partake in Tiger Pride Day but the majority of the students who do show up to help, are from ASB, who assists the staff with Tiger Pride Day on a regular basis.

"[Benefits include] Nicer environment, and a better education. As the years progress, more students will get involved," says counselor Mrs. Nasouf. "Students need to take advantage of all opportunities that school has

to offer. [It] helps students build character in every way. More students should definitely participate in Tiger Pride Day; it's a great way to help our school and get community service hours at the same time."

"If you want to do something around school, just do it" says junior Summer Condit.

"Tiger pride day is a great way to help our school."

- Elizabeth Nasouf

There are many other ways for students to get involved around campus, including organizations such as B.I.T.A, and ASB. B.I.T.A is a club that was recently formed in 2008 and is one of the not so renowned clubs on campus. The club is composed of students from the Wood A classes all the way

up to the current class which is Bit 4. They are quickly becoming a well known club around the campus because for the activities that they have accomplished recently. The B.I.T.A has attended a total of two competitions since there formation in 2008, the first competition that they attended they took away fourth place out of a total of 25 schools which was an amazing thing to do considering it was there first year. The second competition that they recently attended they took 5th place out of a total of 20 schools. There is another competition coming up in the year of 2010 which the B.I.T.A club will attend and hopefully take away first place. The B.I.T.A has done numerous tasks around the campus to this date. The playhouse that the children in pre-school have, was built by the upper class of woodshop which was Bit 3, it took the students and the teacher roughly 7 months to

build the pre-school that you see now. Projects for the club are emerging left and right. For example, the library counters are cracked and worn down. B.I.T.A offered to build a brand new counter for Ms. Millam mid October. Another project that the club has is turning the old lot by the science buildings into something magnificent. The idea for the old lot is to clear out everything in the vicinity and to build a walkway so students won't have to walk all the way around the side of the buildings. Instead they can save themselves time and use the walkway.

ASB has been a renowned organization at VHS for years. They partake in almost everything around school. Activities, Dances, and Assemblies are what ASB plans. Students join ASB for a social experience and to be able to help out the school. You could find ASB at almost (continued on page 2)

Welcome Back Assembly Brings School Spirit

By Shannon Hsu
Editor

Like most assemblies Valencia's returning students are familiar with, the recent Welcome Back assembly started familiarly enough, with underclassmen and upperclassmen being divided to their respective sides of the gym. Many surprises and interesting performances from various on-campus groups, as well as the traditional class competition were in store for not only the newcomer freshman class, but all returning classes as well, thanks to the unique "jungle" theme that the assembly was based on.

As students filed into the gym, squeezing through the doors and finding seats in the bleachers, popular tunes blared from the speakers as whimsical video clips flashed across the projector screen.

Once all the students were settled, Joshua Rangel (12) and Annelise Cohen (12) opened the assembly, succeeding in rousing excitement from all sides of the gym. A slideshow of photos, accompanied by "I Got a Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas, as well as a feature on the bell game and upcoming "arm-wrestling tournament" set the atmosphere of school spirit in time for the performances to begin.

The first group to perform was Cheer and Song,

enthusiastically presenting a high-energy routine to an upbeat mix of popular Katy Perry songs. The performance served to raise the excitement in the gym for what was yet to come.

Following this was the lively class competition of tradition. The participants engaged themselves in a variety of activities, such as scarfing down bananas. In the end, the senior class emerged victorious, but this did not go without protest—"the freshmen

had one of the greatest performances of all time," as was put by the inevitable Kanye-West-at-the-VMA's-incident parody. The assembly, at this point, however, was far from over, with much waiting to be presented.

Shortly after, the girl's dance team took the stage, flawlessly performing their own routine to several catchy tunes. As usual, students were impressed by the dancing, and it was apparent that many hours of practice had gone

into the preparations for it.

Last, but not least, after several more rounds of conversation between the two MC's, the final group to perform was the all male hip-hop dance team. This, for many of the students in the audience, has been a main highlight of the assembly for quite a while. This anticipation is due to the reputation that the team has for delivering above-average performances, and that day's presentation was no exception.

"I feel like this assembly was actually a success. The audience seemed responsive and alert," says Cohen.

Fortunately for Valencia students, there are many more exciting assemblies to come in the next few months and throughout the rest of the year. Until then, there is still the buzz that was created by the very first assembly of the '09-'10 school year.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: VINCENTE MONTIEL (12) JJ CUBIAS (10) DAVID LEE (10) FROILAN MENDOZA (11). PHOTO: MICHELLE POWELL

VHS 2009 Homecoming Preview

By **Ale Gonzales**
Reporter

Unfortunately, the last day of summer has become a reality and we will soon be putting our flip flops, sandals, and shorts in the back of our closets and drawers to make room for sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets and scarves. The days will soon be shorter and the Santa Ana winds will soon be pounding at our windows.

All that may seem dreary to some, but the one thing that helps us to get through it is the excitement of the opening dance of the year – HOMECOMING! Flashy dresses, nice slacks and cute heels are what makes homecoming fantastic. What are you going to wear?

On November 7th 2009, be ready to dance the night away at the Discovery Science Center where the dance will be held. The theme for this year's dance has not been set yet but undoubting it will be enchanting and creative.

"I'm excited it being at the Discovery Science Center instead of it being at school." Says BreAnna Garcia(11).

Earlier in the year there were rumors going to around saying that homecoming will be taking place on the Valencia campus. But those were crushed when Valencia informed the student body that it was taking place at the Discovery Science Center.

Antonio Hernandez(12) states "I'm anxious to see how homecoming turns out at the Discovery Science Center."

The Discovery Science Center

is located in the heart of Santa Ana, where people flock to see fascinating science sculptures and replicas.

Most students are excited to see what homecoming holds in store for them.

"Getting dressed up and just dance." Said Marina Mora, senior who is planning to attend this year's dance.

One thing that mostly everybody stresses about, is knowing what to wear. Well, mostly the ladies do the stressing. But many trends have been hitting Valencia's campus.

Lately we have been seeing a lot of empire waists dresses and dazzled out dresses. So if sweet and simple is your style empire-waist dresses with a flowy, feather-like bottom is right for you.

For the Gents, it's much easier to decide what to throw on. The

usual dress shirt and slacks fits most styles. But to show some personal style put on some crazy nikes or one of your favorite pair of shoes.

If you're the kind that wants to stand out and make a statement, just like our generations' Lady GaGa more power to you. So let your individuality shine.

Valencia's ASB is in charge of forming the homecoming concept and organizing all the major and minor details. The Homecoming court votes will be casted on October 12th and on November 2nd 2009 kicks off Homecoming week. That week is filled with daily festivities including different themes for dressing up, pep rallies at both lunches, the Homecoming Assembly followed by the homecoming game on Friday November 6th.

Health Care Reform: Obama's Battle?

By **Ben Cercea**
Editor-in-Chief

By now, almost everybody has heard about the Health Care Reform and how it is planned to "reduce costs for families, businesses and government; protects people's choice of doctors, hospitals and health plans; and assures affordable, quality health care for all Americans." What does this mean for us exactly? Sure, we might not be affected by it directly, most of us do not pay for our own insurance, our parents do that, but it will affect our lives within the next several years.

Whether one is listening to the radio or watching the T.V broadcast, the facts are brought to the table. What exactly are the facts? Why do we need to care about the Reform? Who will this aid and why do we need to be aware of its power?

By visiting the <http://www.healthreform.gov/>, one will find a bunch of these facts. For starters, 22% of children in California have not visited a dentist in the past year. 584 students in Valencia have not been able to visit a dentist due to issues that may include the cost of Health Care. Some parents might not be able to afford braces or even to fix cavities for their children because the insurance will not cover it. Another fact is that 19 per-

cent of people in California are uninsured. How can somebody pay for their children's medical needs if they don't even have insurance to aid them?

"President Obama is committed to working with Congress to pass comprehensive health reform this year in order to control rising health care costs, guarantee choice of doctor, and assure high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. The Administration believes that comprehensive health reform should: reduce long-term growth of health care costs for businesses and government, protect families from bankruptcy or debt because of health care costs, guarantee choice of doctors and health plans, improve patient safety and quality of care, assure affordable, quality health coverage for All Americans, maintain coverage when you change or lose your job, and end barriers to coverage for people with pre-existing medical conditions."

How long will it take before the bill will start aiding us? The public health insurance plan will go into effect in 2013 and by that time, we will all be changed by it. President Obama is sure that the Health Care Reform will help the population when it becomes a reality in four years time, in the mean time it will face fierce debate from both sides of this heated battle.



PRESIDENT OBAMA DISCUSSES HIS HEALTH CARE PLAN DURING A TOWN HALL MEETING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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What's Been Going On Around School (continued)

(continued from page 1) every school event either helping out or partaking in the activity. They are in charge of most of the big events that happen around school which consists of helping set up, cleaning up, and participation. Without ASB, the activities that we like to partake in wouldn't be possible. As for example take last year's homecoming dance which theme was "Diamonds Are Forever". The homecoming dance was definitely an experience to remember, especially from what students were saying about it. ASB executed the dance perfectly, whether it is from the decorations, the location, the people, and the whole night. That is just one event

that ASB organized, and it is one of many more to come for ASB.

"A lot of activity has been going on around the VHS campus since summer, repairing buildings and constructing new ones."

A lot of activity has been going on around the VHS campus since summer. Throughout summer people have been working on buildings, repairing buildings, and tearing them down and constructing new ones.

In front of the Art building, there

are a total of three new portables which house classes for ROP such as Law Enforcement and Health Careers. The VHS campus is expecting a few more buildings to be built within the next few months. There has been talk of the 600 buildings being torn down to make room for a new two story building. The B.I.T.A. club is planning to build quite a few structures as well as the buildings that the school is building. One of the buildings that B.I.T.A. is building is a snack shack for baseball. Another couple things that B.I.T.A. is building is a pathway, benches, and tables in the empty lot down near the science buildings.

"If it's completed this year I think it will benefit the seniors

last year, but if it isn't completed this year, it will still benefit people which will be the non-seniors," says senior Devon Andersen.

Adds junior Summer Condit, "I think it will pay off in the end for non-seniors but who knows how long it will take?"

There are plenty of ways to get involved at school, and as you can tell, a lot is expected to be happening within the next few months to the Valencia High School campus. In the long run, it will pay off for the future generations to come that will attend Valencia, with improved classrooms, buildings and other facilities to help all the students have a more productive and fruitful learning experience.

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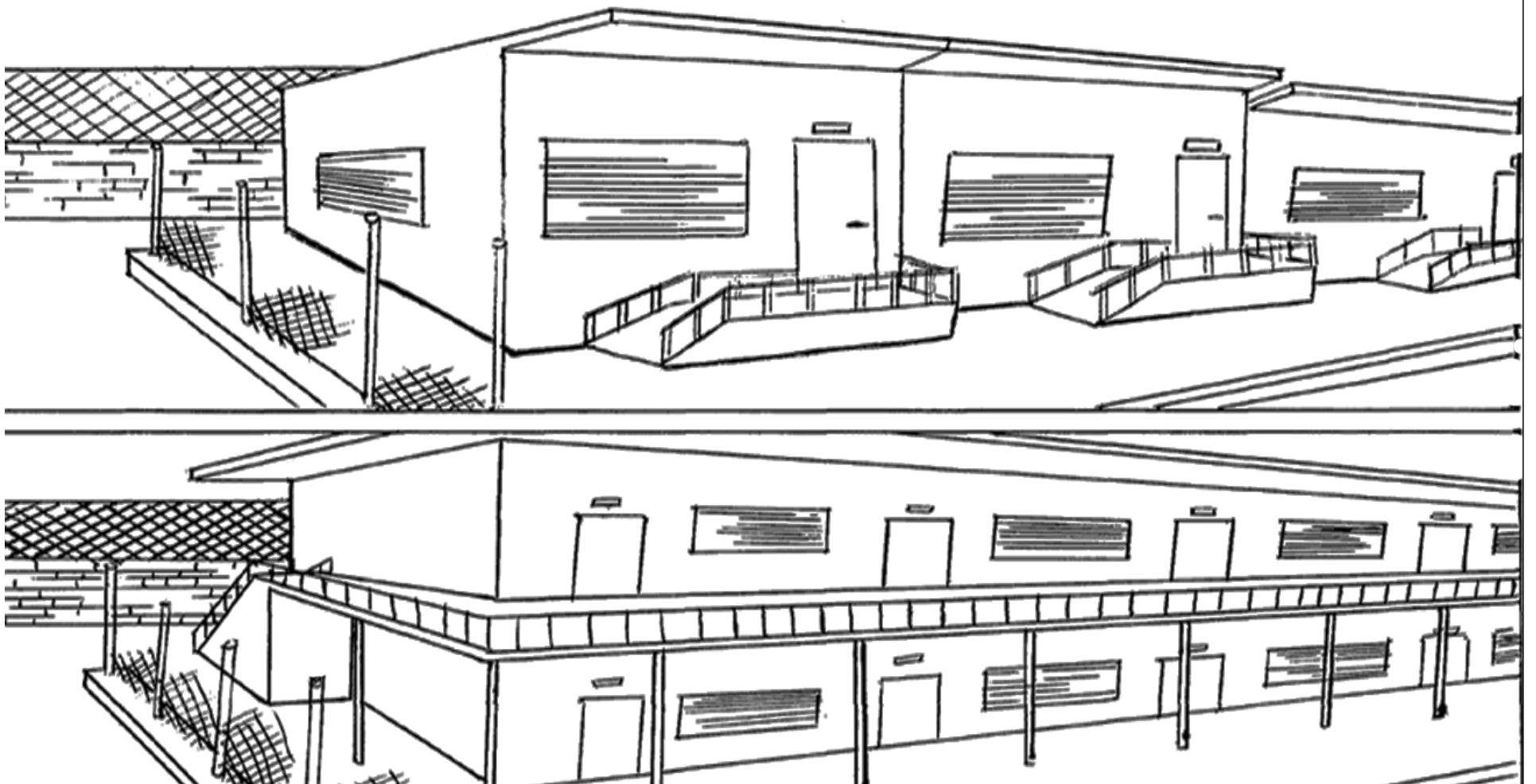
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