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Mentally Ill Wait in ER

By Kayla B.

Some of the reasons that people are admitted to the ER aren't due to injury or physical illness; they include eating disorders, self injury, and depression. Julie Appleby wrote an article for USA Today about how long mentally ill patients have to wait in the ER. The majority of psychiatric patients who need mental health care wait in the ER for hours.

When psychiatric patients enter the ER they have many specific needs. Unfortunately, most ER's don't have mental health professionals, and psychiatric hospitals have

fewer and fewer beds. Kelly Larsen a SASS worker said, "Psychiatric patients are put into a specialized psychiatric room that is often times locked to maintain the safety of the client and others. This could mean a long wait through the process of evaluation and being admitted." Kelly also said that once a hospital is determined it could easily be a 4-6 hour process.

Fewer psychiatric hospitals are available each day; some hospitals don't have enough psychiatric staff and they have to close down. USA TODAY gave many hospitals

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Natural Disaster Leaves More than 60,000 Dead

By Shelby

An area of 9,326,410 square kilometers and a population of 1,330,044,605, combined with a destructive earthquake is a certain recipe for disaster.

Monday, May 12, 2008 was a fairly ordinary day for the region of Sichuan, China. People were coming and going busily to work and school in cars, on bikes, and on buses.

About midday, normality turned to destruction. An earthquake, an abrupt movement in the earth's crust caused by the friction of tectonic plates,



with a 7.9 magnitude, struck eastern Sichuan, China. The earthquake that devastated China happened to be the worst earthquake that country had seen

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Baseball Remembered

By Kelsey Jo

After reading an article about him, I looked up Billy Werber's number on a whim and I found it. One call later I found out he would be happy to do an interview as long as I let him take a nap first.



Werber in his playing days

For those of you are wondering who Billy Werber is, he is the oldest living former Major League Baseball player; he even played with the Great Bambino, Babe Ruth. So I called after his nap. He seemed to be a healthy and approachable man for 100.

Baseball is considered to be an all American sport, but if you asked for his opinion he would disagree. For Werber, many things have changed, "no I don't watch baseball. The players are different; they

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NATIONAL & WORLD

Women Change the Face of Politics

By Natalie



Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner



Mary McAleese



Benazir Bhutto

Women are making their way in government around the world. Women leaders have been becoming more and more popular in places like Argentina, Ireland and America. Many people have different opinions on this topic; many don't think their country is ready for a female leader.

Although some people call her the "Latin Hillary," she is better known as Argentina's first lady, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner. She was born on February 19th in 1953. She started her career at a young age as a lawyer, and later in her career she met her husband at law school.

Nestor Kirchner worked his way up to become president of Argentina. Like her husband, many people love Christina Fernandez, and now she is running for president.

She has many goals, some that she has already accomplished, which include getting Argentina out of debt, controlling the energy crisis, reducing unemployment, and taming inflation. In a statement she made a couple months ago, she said she wanted to better Argentina as a whole. She is hoping to make a new path for women in government.

One woman has already run for and won president; her name is Mary McAleese and she the eighth president of Ireland. She was born in Belfast, Ireland on June 27th, 1951. She went to Trinity University Law School. And then taught there as a professor before leaving to become a journalist, she returned a few

years later, and became a director at the school. After she married her husband and had three kids, she was elected President and has been serving for eleven years. People agree that she has done wonderful things for Ireland.

Another great woman leader who is no longer with us, is Benazir Bhutto. Benazir was born on June 21st, 1953 in Karachi, Pakistan. She later went to college at age 16 at Harvard's Radcliffe College. Her father was elected prime minister of Pakistan. Days later, her father's power was seized. She was arrested many times after and was detained for three years before being able to leave the country. In 1984, when she was released, she went to live in London with her two brothers. Soon after, one of her brothers died she returned to Pakistan for his funeral. When she was there in 1985, she

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in 30 years.

Stephen Evans, an earthquake survivor interviewed on The Today Show, spoke of his experience. Evans is from the US; he moved to China where he has a wife and a child. He teaches English to Middle school kids, and, while at work, he felt "one small jolt" to begin with. Then Monday, May 12th turned into a disaster. Kids were overcome by panic, but everyone got out safely with only a few injuries. Evans waited eight strenuous hours to be reunited with his wife and child.

Tuesday looked equally bad, if not worse. The devastating aftermath took a toll of more than 60,000 lives. Buildings, houses, and schools, which were fully assembled less than 24 hours before now lay in piles of rubble. Screams could be heard from underneath the rubble containing concrete slabs, dirt, and metal.

Rescue teams searched the wreckage for signs of life while victim's loved ones crouched next to piles of rubble, burning incense and praying that survivors would be

found. Others mourned their losses.

Civilians were quite traumatized by this event. Some waited for news of survivors, others couldn't sleep; they were terrified that more earthquakes would occur.

The Chinese government promptly sent out soldiers the day the earthquake struck. Instant noodles, rice and cookies were being passed out. Many people were happy with the way the earthquake's events were handled. Others were not.

After the earthquake, the truth loomed that deaths could have been prevented if the buildings were up to code. Thousands of students were crushed and trapped in the rubble of schools because the buildings literally crumbled.

"I am particularly saddened by the number of students and children affected by this tragedy," said President Bush in a statement made to CNN.com.

On June 6th, the U.S. held a meeting for the Department of Defense, which President Bush attended. It was determined



The Earthquake affected many young children

that the earthquake left nearly 10 million people poverty stricken, 5 million homeless, 374,171 people injured, 17,469 missing, and 46.25 million people affected, according to a United States Government webpage.

Some of the primary focuses of the US government's aid were directed towards the injured, the homeless, and people in need of psychological assistance. In addition, supplies and rescue troops were sent to China.

Two Months Later; Where is China?

By Shelby

It has been about two months since the traumatic earthquake in China. Many might wonder what is being done to rebuild and how people are handling the losses of their loved ones.

Not everything is going well; many people have built memorials around the rubble to honor their loved ones, especially deceased children and students that died in poorly built school buildings. Many of these memorials have been destroyed and smashed when not carefully watched. Many parents and family members of lost loved ones protested the memorials being smashed. Some were taken into police custody.

"We're dispirited. Our children have been dead for a month. The memorial plaque is broken and reporters have been chased away. I'm 40. All our hopes were in our children. Now they're dead. Our future is dead, too," said Chen Yen a volunteer

helping raise money and rebuild the area, being interviewed by CBS2NEWS.com.

Some things, the Chinese government is doing are positive. Each day, rubble is being cleaned up and new buildings with improved structures are being built. Some high school seniors are back in the classroom for their 12-hour days, so they can go to college. The government is also focusing on the issue of homelessness, trying to feed and accommodate people everyday.



Volunteers help rebuild the devastated areas

O'School Poll

By Alan

Have you ever been in a natural disaster such as an earthquake?



Do you think people could do more to help with natural disasters?



Shoplifting Increases

By Kayla V.

Wherever you go, whether it's the gas station or the grocery store, prices are getting higher and higher. People already have trouble working harder to keep up with monthly bills. Not everyone can afford to go to the store and get everything they need because they have just enough to keep up each month. The tighter the budgets are, the more people will be tempted to use the



Slight of hand is not unusual in stores across America

five-finger discount so they won't have to spend. Many people are in a financial dilemma. Retail theft costs companies about \$40 billion a year, sometimes even more and shoplifters are responsible for \$15 to \$30 billion in retail losses each year.

According to Shoplifters Anonymous, there are many different types of shoplifters, a lot of the time they are just amateurs. They can be really good at stealing and some steal everyday, but they don't do it for a living. Professional shoplifters steal so they can make a living by selling the stolen items; some sell them online, some work in teams or use some sort of distraction so their plan works out. There are the sketchier professionals who will usually be intimidating, forceful, and do the grab-and-run tactic.

Kidshealth.org states that in the US, there are 23 million shoplifters; over 2 million are children who could face a life of crime. Half of the adult shoplifters started

in high school. More than a third of children know other children who shoplift, and more than half the children have friends who shoplift. About 90% of the population has shoplifted at least once in their life. Almost half of the high school population has shoplifted within the past year. Shoplifting affects people of all different ages, genders, races, cultures, and backgrounds. Remember, shoplifting is also taking shopping carts, or finding ways just to pay less for items.

Sixwise.com says a lot of the time shoplifters don't get caught, in fact a majority of them have only gotten caught 1 out of the 48 times they have shoplifted. Some will even steal a few items and then get in line and buy a few things to seem less suspicious.

The consequences of shoplifting, also called petty theft, not only affect the store and the shoplifter, they also affect other customers, because then they have to pay more for their items. It also gives teens an even worse reputation, because teenagers are seen as more likely to shoplift.

For businesses, the consequences include losses of revenue and establishing bag checks, or leave your bag at the door when you enter the store, and security systems like cameras, tags, alarms, and guards.

People shoplift for many different reasons. The feeling of getting away with something is more of the reason that people shoplift than their stolen reward. It's an addiction. Shoplifters sometimes steal because they have other things going on in their life and need to cope, and that's how they

deal with their problems, by shoplifting.

Most shoplifters only steal from certain places. You could have a friend over who shoplifts, and leave them alone in your room and they won't take anything. Or, if you drop a 20 dollar bill, they may pick it up and give it to you. They only shoplift; that is the only crime they commit.

The legal consequences of shoplifting usually depend on the circumstances; consequences for a repeat offender may be different for someone who got caught for the first time, or someone who stole an expensive item. When the item is no more than \$500, the shoplifter will generally be charged with a petty crime misdemeanor. In some cases the first time offense could be shortened to probation. It all depends on how much they stole and how much the stolen items were worth. Repeat offenses may result in felony charges. The overall legal consequences are some jail time, community service hours, and fines.

In the case of minors, when caught, most shoplifters are usually banned from coming back to the store they stole from. Most of the time the teen's parents will get informed by the police station right away that their child was caught stealing. If it's their first offense, the station will turn them back over to their parents and then the courts decide what the teen's punishment is going to be.

Even after they get caught, it's still hard for them to stop and sometimes they will do it again without thinking of the harsher consequences they would receive if they were to get caught again.



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By Kayla B.

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a survey. The results showed that 61% of hospitals do not have mental health staff to care for the mentally ill patients who wait in the ER. The survey was based on the American Hospital Association, a total of 5,700 community hospitals with psychiatric units showed that in 2000 there were 1,425 beds and in 2006 there were 1,309. According to USA TODAY Bruce Schwartz from Monefiore Medical Center in NY Said "For individuals in need of admission because they're psychotic or severely depressed, it can be a very uncomfortable, scary, disorienting time." (USA TODAY)

One O'School student said that of their stays in the ER, the shortest was "2 hours and the longest was 18 (hours long)". Another student said that their shortest stay in the ER was "4 hours and the longest was 21 hours."

As to how they were treated at the hospital, the first student said, "It depended. Some people treated me like I was an alien. There was one nurse who was especially nice." The second student said, "I was left by myself for the majority of the time and I just waited for around 20 hours." These students felt set apart from the other patients in the ER. "They basically wouldn't leave me alone and I got nasty stares," said Student 1, and Student 2 said, "I seemed to be getting considered to be lowered priority than patients there who



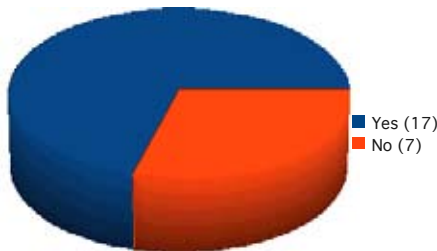
were at the ER for physical reasons."

The survey given by USA TODAY also found that only half the hospitals given the survey had psychiatric units for people. They quoted Art Ewart from Sonoma County Mental Health Services said, "It's not unheard of for people to spend a night or even a couple of nights (in the ER)."

O'School Poll

By Alan

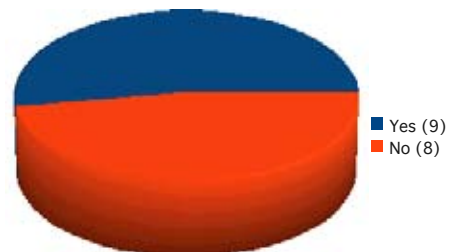
Have you ever been to the ER for psychiatric reasons?



If you answered yes to #1, did you wait a long time there?



If you answered yes to #1, would you describe your stay there as bad?



LOCAL

Unexplained O'School

By Derrick

The stories have circulated and the rumors have spread; now it's time to investigate and try to explain these *unexplained events*. Many people have described seeing things that can't be explained or just don't make sense here at the Orthogenic School.

One student told me that two staff were sitting in the staff room when they saw a little girl reaching up for the door handle on camera 5, the one by the cars. Then as quickly as they saw her, she was gone.

Strange stories like this have been reported around the school. On one account two students went to wake up a peer and they knocked on that peer's door. First there was nothing, then they heard a knock back like someone was throwing something at the door, so they left. They went downstairs, and coming up the stairs was their peer.

Are these just stories or is it truth? Ghost hunting sites report that ghost hunters try to explain paranormal phenomenon. They take scientific information and try to explain

the paranormal, not ruling out the existence of ghosts but without saying they definitely exist either.

The greatest tool in the ghost hunter's arsenal is the camera. That is how you see the ghost. There is also an electro magnetic field reader or EMF reader. The EMF reader detects the ghost's magnetic fields. There is much debate about why ghosts may give off magnetic fields, but there is no clear answer. Another tool is a thermal camera. Ghosts tend to give off cold spots and a thermal camera can pick them up.

People say that ghosts are formed when a spirit of a person stays behind when that person dies because it has unfinished business. Usually that business never gets finished and the ghost will relive a certain event



over and over again. Ghosts can be exorcised either by a priest or by very experienced ghost hunters. Sometimes a ghost will form when a person dies an untimely or violent death; when someone commits suicide or someone is killed.

Bettleheim committed suicide and the place he held dear was the O'School. His ghost could be stuck in the O'school. Of course that doesn't explain most of the unexplained things that go on in this school, but it's a start to unlocking the unexplained secrets of the O'School.

Summer Fun

By Shelby

Summer fun at the Orthogenic School includes a carnival with a petting zoo and a cotton candy machine, Whirlyball, an IMAX movie, planning the whole school's meals, an ice cream party, Medieval Times, water day with a giant water slide, and so much more. The people who dedicate their summers to the school make all of this possible.

Until pretty recently, the summer days were much different. Michelle P. remembers, "In past years, during the summer, students were in school all day long. In the afternoon, students would go to an activity that they signed up for, but instead of the dorm staff being in charge, the school staff would be in charge. It was essentially a class that the kids didn't get credit for. A lot of kids felt like they didn't have a summer." Now things are much different.

Days during the summer are very structured. On Mondays, during the day the counselors have meetings. After school there is an activity that is selected at the beginning of the day by the students. The activity's choice usually consists of a sports activity in the side yard, a community service meeting that is either on or off grounds, or quiet time where you can listen to electronics or do something quietly



Water-slide fun in the Side-Yard

in the dining room. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students go on off grounds activities, typically run by summer staff. On Wednesdays, students attend group therapy. During the year group is at the same time. On Fridays, students go back to the dorms, and prepare to go home if it is a visit weekend.

Along with the summer fun programming, summer staff is

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New Student's View of the O'School

By Jacob

Coming to a new school at any point in life is difficult. We've all been in that situation at least once. The O-School, however, tries to ease that transition into an environment different than most.

When arriving here, your first impression is of the hominess of the front



room. Then, when you're introduced to your dorm, you try to take everything in at once. The best thing you can do in a situation like that is smile and nod and agree with everything.

After a bit of redecorating, your new doormates are let in! All of the sudden the dorm's specific atmosphere crashes over you. It's up to you whether to swim with or against the tide. You try to remember everyone's name, which proves impossible at first. It's hard to adjust to a dynamic that feels adequate without you, but you carve your piece, your niche, out.

I've believed from the very beginning of my stay that this was the last chance for me to sort my mess of a life out. Many staff have told me that this place focuses on second chances more than punishment for any past or present wrongs. Considering the position I was in, this is most likely a good thing.

New people, certainly,

can add to nervousness. This includes new teachers and counselors, both day and night. Based on personal experiences, I've found most staff to be helpful, caring, and intelligent, no matter what others may say on this.

This is a good thing, as I wouldn't make much progress here if I were surrounded by individuals who hated me. No matter what, the move most likely won't be a completely smooth shift for anyone, but that's all right.

You will wonder how long you are going to stay. I wish I could give everyone a date, but sadly, or maybe not so sadly, it's up to the individual to a certain degree. Most teachers, counselors, and therapists, such as Owen and Stephanie, agree that the average is two years.

Initially, a sense of thoughtfulness is provoked, and you may think of any number of issues to work on. What you may be unsure of is how to go about working on those issues. It may be slightly depressing, or perhaps pensive.

Originally coming may be a rather heartbreaking experience for the rest of the family. In time, good things in the form

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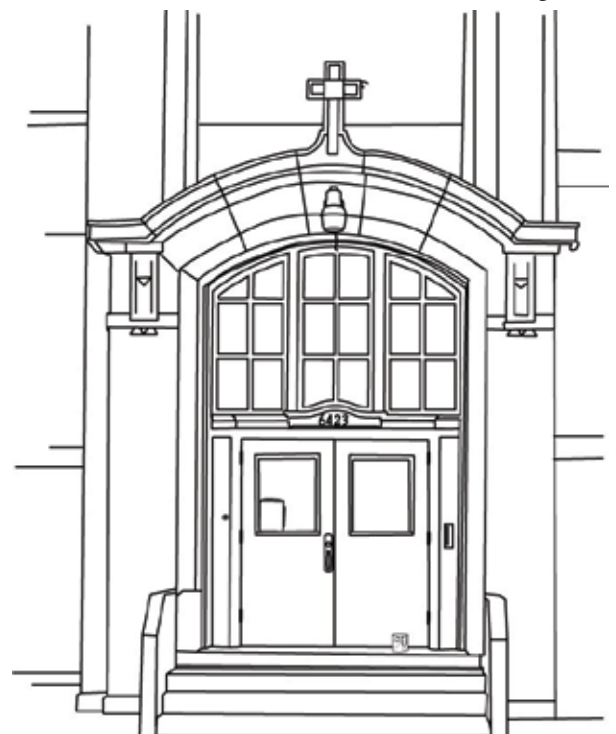
Art Auction

By Kayla B.

On May 29th 2008 the O'School had an art auction to raise money for the House of Hope. Students were given an opportunity to create art work for the auction. People made quilts, paintings, drawings, prints, cross stitch and pottery. There was a lot of artwork all over the big gym. Over 35 students participated in the Art Auction, and we can't forget some of the huge helpers, including Michelle Z, Mirielle, Jillian, and Community Service.

At the auction, they served snacks and at one point the House of Hope Choir sang to everyone. The O'School's auction was considered a silent auction, which meant that people would make a bid on the auction and then at the end, whoever gave the most money would receive the art piece.

The House of Hope is a shelter for women who need a place to stay. The House of Hope started in a small drug store like place.



A Night of Dancing

By Kayla B.

This year's prom was Monopoly themed. Many people worked hard to make the prom good. When you walked into the big gym there were balloon arches. On the sides there was fake Monopoly Money that said Orthogenic School Prom 2008. Above the money were large card

board monopoly pieces. Even though people worked hard on the decorations some people thought the decorations were lame, while others thought they were awesome, and some thought that they were very, very interesting.

If you went outside there was a

huge white tent filled with tables and food. KJ wrote a survey for everyone for prom and one of the questions was how did you prepare for prom? Danica said "I got my hair done, and took pictures of course." Summer said, "Guitar Hero." Many people also remember the Prom for getting to



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Summer Fun

By Shelby

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new as well. "The extra summer staff ensures that we are able to do some more adventurous activities in a safe and organized fashion, which is very important! Can you imagine trying to do Whirly Ball with 45 kids and no extra staff? Moreover, though, the kids get to meet some awesome new people who, maybe, will be able to stick around after the summer ends," expressed Ellie.

Most people seem to feel that summer is going well. Ellie explained, "I think the [O'school] Carnival was a big hit. The students seemed to enjoy the obstacle course and the petting zoo, even without the llama. Also, everyone seemed to have a lot of fun at Whirly Ball – I know I did."

Ellie continued, "In general, it is great to see the kids and staff members enjoying their time together and getting out into the city. Students are participating in the programming and everyone seems to be having a lot of fun."

Students seem to have a similar opinion about the summer. Danica said, "I really like to get to hang out with all my friends after school. I like the classes because we only have a half-day. I like that we have more free-time." Kaitlin expresses, "I like the way that we can get out early from school, have fun with friends, and do some of the cool activities that they plan for us."

According to Jenn, a veteran Starz staff of more than 5 years, summer is a helpful time. "The summer is very different because if you guys [students] were at a mainstream school, you most likely wouldn't have classes or structure, which for most O'School students is not a good thing. However, it also gives students the opportunity to catch up on credits, preventing them to repeat a grade or allow them to graduate on time."

Art Auction

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The Founder Connie, and co-founder Therese O'Sullivan, first opened up the place where they pulled out cots and slept on them in the kitchen. Therese said "The hardest thing to do is to turn someone away because we didn't have room." Many of the Women who come to receive care from the shelter are trying to recover from doing drugs.

24 students filled out surveys that were given out. Of these students, 18 thought the auction was a good idea, 12 liked listening to the choir, and only three, Felicia, Leo and Mollie, admitted to donating their art.

Many more donations were made, however, and overall the O'School raised \$1,100 for the House of Hope.

Student Moves

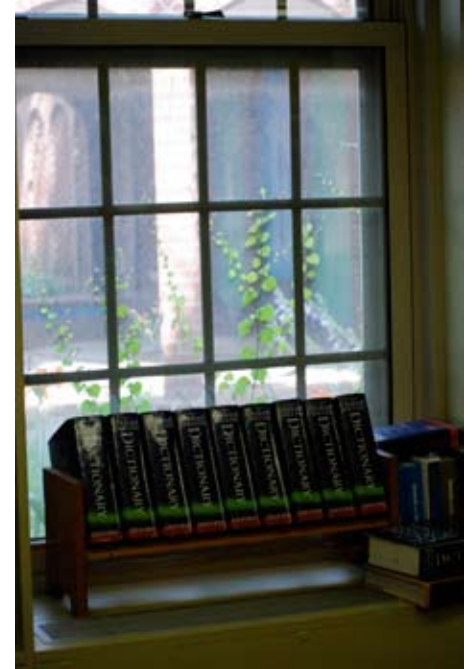
By Felicia



Conquerors Classroom



Argonauts Classroom



Crusaders Classroom

Times at the Orthogenic School change, as does everything. Summer at the O' School is a time for changes, whether it be changing classes or even changing your living arrangements. Either way it is all based on the student's progress in their treatment and in school. We are proud of these changes and these students and would like to acknowledge achievements so far this summer. This summer, Kaitlin, Leo and Matt N. all made a significant change in their environment.

Kaitlin, proudly moved up to TLC and found her transition to be quite "interesting and really cool. Everyone was moving around in TLC at about the same time," and stated that it was good to finally get up there. She also likes that she will be able to work in a different environment with different staff and different students. She will and does miss her old staff in the Starz, but is happy that she can still stop by occasionally and say hello. So far her favorite things about TLC include being able to keep her cellphone and call her family more often, having her own keys, having a working finger to access the building and not having a specific bed time. In the future she hopes and plans on continuing to be successful with her treatment plan. She wants to reach her goals and possibly attend college classes

while temporarily living at home until she gets her own apartment.

Leo moved from the Conquerors to the Argonauts and really likes it. What he liked the most about the Conquerors was the computer time, but he really likes his new classmates. He will miss his old teachers, but likes the difference in that he gets to watch better movies. When asked about any additional information he would like to share he just simply stated, "Leo is Awesome!" We left it at that, happy that his self-esteem was high and he was proud of where he was.

Matt recently moved from the Argonauts to the Crusaders, and thinks that his new room is "great." He misses the free fruit and easy homework, however likes that he is with kids closer to his age. He is worried about harder homework in high school, but thinks that the "nice teachers" have stayed the same.

We congratulate these moments of success for our peers at the O' School, and wish them the very best in their endeavors to succeed. Again, life at the O' School often changes but it is the courageousness to change that will forever stay with us. Congratulations again to Kaitlin, Leo and Matt. The O' School is very proud.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Possible Life Beyond Earth

By Felicia

What will happen to us? What shall we, as a human race do? Is there any alternative to the threat of global warming, or are we doomed?

Thankfully there might be an alternative; Europa gives us hope. Many scientists believe that the moon of Jupiter, Europa, may have an atmosphere very much like our own Earth which could open the door to new possibilities. However, Earth may know very little about this moon, or the information it holds.

Europa, which was first discovered on January 7, 1610 by Galileo Galilei, who



named it Europa after Zeus' lover and daughter of the King of Tyre, is one of the four largest moons of Jupiter, rates sixth out of the sixteen in proximity, and fourth in

size. The Galileo, a spacecraft that received data giving us the closest views of this "icy" moon, was our main source of information until it was destroyed by Jupiter's atmosphere in a controlled entry on September 21, 2003.

Europa may have water under what has been identified as a surface of ice. This surface layer of ice is approximately 50 to 100 miles deep. The center or the molten core, might actually warm the ocean by deep sea vents very much like our "black smokers."

Surprisingly Europa has an atmosphere which is completely made up of Oxygen. This atmosphere however, is not produced the same way that we know on Earth. The Atmosphere is kept up by particles that are charged, hitting the icy surface to produce water vapor; it then splitting into Oxygen and Hydrogen. The Hydrogen eventually escapes the atmosphere, leaving only Oxygen behind.

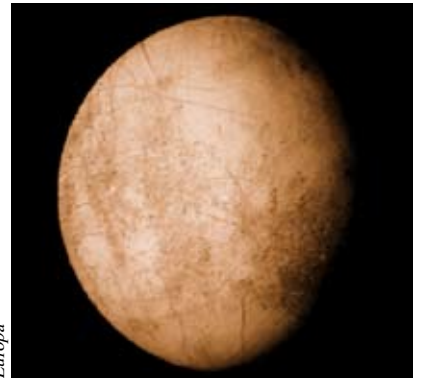
Therefore the question is, does this satellite have a possibility of sustaining a human future?

Sadly, the answer is no, according to William B. McKinnon, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences, at Washington University.

Although the Hubble Space Telescope detected the Oxygen on Europa, "it's atmosphere is a vacuum," explained McKinnon. Though scientists believed that



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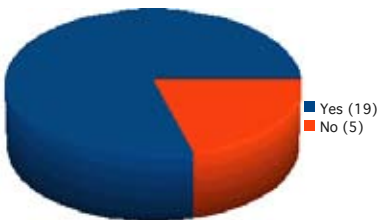
Europa

Europa could be an alternative place of living, its radiation levels are too high, and terrains are not livable.

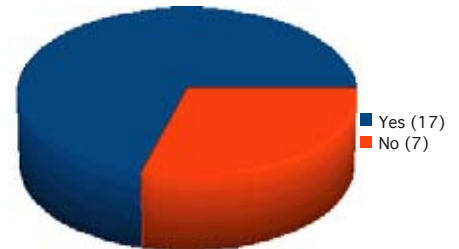
There is another similarity to Earth; an interior of rock and metal. Though this moon is not livable, there is an ocean deep under the ice in which simple life might exist. The possibility of human life however, seems all too unreal.

O'School Poll

Do you believe that one day humans might migrate to another planet?



Do you think that the concept of living on other planets is feasible?



Future of Computer Performance

By Alan

Technology seems to be advancing so fast nowadays that in just a few months a “high-end” computer component may be considered outdated and worthless. This is a mixed blessing – it means that people can be assured that the technology available to them will continually improve, but at the same time, manufacturers of computer parts spend more time releasing slightly improved versions of their older technology rather than investing the time, effort, and capital required to create marginally better products. Perhaps technology wouldn’t become as outdated as easily as it does now, and advancements would have more noticeable increases in performance, functionality, and stability. Two components in particular seem to get more easily outdated than anything else – processors and graphics cards.

For those unfamiliar with the term “graphics card,” it is a computer component containing a graphics processing unit, video memory, some form of cooling, such as a heatsink and fan, and an output to a display such as a monitor or projector. Its purpose is to render graphics, hence its name. Not all computers have graphics cards; in fact, a majority of them simply have integrated graphics chips on their motherboards. However, having a physical card with a dedicated processor and cooling system is marginally better performance-wise. Good video cards are required to play certain 3D games which are demanding of a computer’s resources. They help take the load off of the main central processing unit so that it may perform better.

Nvidia’s new 9800GX2 graphics card, which can render up to 20 billion pixels per second, has now made it possible to achieve high frame rates in system-taxing games, such as Crysis, whose graphics look almost like reality. It’s pretty high-performance for a graphics card, in spite of the fact that it’s not quite as good as many central processors. Although it’s quite good for a video card, just compare the aforementioned 9800GX2 graphics card to last generation’s 8800 Ultra, or the previous generation’s 7950GTX. Sure, the newer cards might perform better, but their design is nearly the same as their predecessors.

Nvidia recently released their Geforce 9-series graphics processing units, but out of the multitude of new GPUs, only the 9800GX2 is superior to the older 8-series cards. It is only

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Future of Computer Performance

By Alan

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Baseball Remembered

By Kelsey Jo

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have long hair and look shaggy,” like Johnny Damon, pre Yankees, and Mannie Ramirez. “They are spoiled; they ride airplanes not Pullman cars,” he added. Werber used to ride in Pullman cars with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Babe and Lou were two of Werber’s Yankee teammates that he remembers fondly. He told of how Babe had very different opinions of fans then Lou did, especially the young fans. “Lou used to push kids out of the way, while Babe used to sign autographs for the kids. Babe was a kindly man.”

Billy wanted to play baseball because he was good. “A scout found me at Duke and we made a gentleman’s agreement.” They shook hands and the deal was made. Billy has played with the Yankees and the Red Sox, but he most famously played for Cincinnati in 1940, the year they won the World Series. The World Series is Billy’s favorite baseball memory.

Billy Werber is the last player living who played with Babe Ruth, but he has some accomplishments of his own and is the last remnant of a time in history. He would like mail, so if any of you would like to write him, please do so. Please give any letters that



you would like to send to Michelle Z. or Michelle P. He would also be happy to sign autographs if you ask.

Cubs Battle Sox

By Kayla V.



In Chicago there are a lot of Cubs fans and a lot of White Sox fans. The Sox fans and Cubs fans dislike one another and some may even pull pranks. When you go to the games, there are security guards everywhere just in case of a fight breaking out between the Cubs fans and the White Sox fans. The rivalry goes beyond the playing field.

One couple who were huge White Sox fans, moved into a new neighborhood where they had no idea they were in Cubs fan territory. The fans pulled childish acts on each other; when the Cubs lost a game, the Sox fans made a “LOSER” sign and stuck it on his neighbor’s mailbox. As a response to that, at Halloween, the Cubs fan decided to get them back by taking the Sox fans’ decoration and putting them in Cubs’ jerseys and then spraying a ‘C’ on their



front lawn. The Sox fan is still thinking of more irresponsible pranks to pull on their neighbors. Cubs and White Sox fans really do not like one another at all, and for years these two clubs and their fans have fought; there is a reason behind everything.

The rivalry between the Cubs and the White Sox dates back to the 1900’s when Charles Comiskey moved the Saint Paul Saints to Chicago. It was thought at the

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Violence of Grand Theft Auto 4

By Derrick

This year's hottest game, Grand Theft Auto 4, GTA 4, has sold over 3.6 million copies worldwide just in its first week. From kids to adults, people around the world are buying this game, but do parents really know the violence that goes into these games?

In this game you can steal cars, do drugs, pick up prostitutes, and even get drunk and drive. Niko, the main character, is an immigrant from Europe and is trying to start a new life for himself in the New York replica Liberty City. The object of the game is to complete missions and try to make a name for yourself. The missions may include killing people and taking their drugs or maybe stealing a car and bringing it back to a check point while getting chased by the cops.

Since its release, a lot of violence has been surrounding the game. On one account the game supposedly caused an 18 year old teenager to kill three people, two of them police officers. He told authorities that after months of playing the game excessively he decided to go on a rampage and kill three people mimicking what he saw in the game.

On another account a man was stabbed in a line at the GTA midnight release in Britain. The man walked across the line when he was stabbed by a hooded figure. The victim did not call emergency care, but a member of the public informed the police



that he had been stabbed. Emergency services found him, and he was taken to the hospital where he was treated for many stab wounds.

As you can see, this game has stirred up a lot of violence and it's only been out for less than two months. Although it has stirred up so much violence it's the summer's hottest game, and critics can't stop raving.

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time that the Cubs owner wasn't very pleased, so he filed a lawsuit against Comiskey. After they talked, they decided Comiskey could move his team to Chicago, only if they couldn't use Chicago in their new name and only if they played south of 35th street. In return, they renamed their team the White Stockings, which was the Cubs original name from 1876 to 1889. In the city, the founding of a new team was challenging for the National League franchise, which was the reason for forming the American League. As the American League grew more popular, by offering cheaper prices on admission

and food and drinks, the National League recognized some similarities between them and the American League.



In World Series in 1906, these two teams met. The Cubs were in the lead and most favored, but they lost in 6 games to the White Sox, who were called the 'Hitless Wonders.'

The Cubs won the World Series in 1908, and returned for a losing effort in 1945. Despite several winning seasons, they have not returned since. The White Sox won 1917, the year before the "Black Sox," scandal and then had their own drought until winning in 2005. As for the two teams against each other? At the end of this year's Crosstown Classic series, the two teams overall records against each other are .500, and they went 3 and 3, both sweeping in their home parks this year. These two teams have many Chicago baseball fans hoping for another World Series face-off.



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Have You Eaten Your Fill?

By Jacob

Think back over the last couple of days. How many times did you walk into the cafeteria, give the food one look, and decide to go hungry?

Once?

Three times?

Or have you completely relied on snacks back up in the dorm?

"I don't like to throw away food," frowns John West, the head of the food department, "but you have to take into consideration the result you would get from food coming into contact with different people." When you consider that all the food not eaten at the end of the day must be thrown out, it seems to me that maybe the students who rely on kitchen meals should be less picky.

According to John, pizza is the meal most readily devoured by the denizens of the dorms, while the most unsuccessful would rank in as vegetables. Regardless of their difference in appearance, ingredients, or preparation, I would personally urge everyone to at least give the food a fighting chance before counting it out.

Too often, on my way out of the



Sadie has cooked for us for over 40 years!

cafeteria, I've been simply jarred by how much hasn't been eaten. Sometimes, the main course is untouched while there isn't a crumb left of dessert.

According to the new USDA Food Pyramid, at least six ounces of grains, half of those whole grains, are recommended

daily. Two and a half cups of vegetables and two of fruit are needed. Three cups of milk or other dairy products and five and a half ounces of meat or nuts or other sources of protein are also recommended. Fats are only to be used sparingly.

Based on these statistics, do you

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Global Warming: Who's To Blame?

By Alan



A controversial and debatable issue which has been popular recently is the fact that the Earth is warming up ever so slightly. According to scientific evidence found when observing the Earth's climate patterns, it is undeniable that the globe is warming up gradually, but is it really due to humans' carbon emissions, or is it because of natural, unstoppable factors which cannot be controlled?

The general consensus of Americans is that it is due to our carbon emissions and other man-made products, and it could have been prevented. However, in recent years, despite the widespread use of 'Eco-friendly' technology such as E-85 fuel, hybrid and

hydrogen-powered cars, solar panels, and overall, a "greener" approach to life, global warming still isn't easing up. This leads some scientists to believe that it is a natural process and we aren't to blame.

One such alternative theory suggests that due to the fluctuating solar cycles of the sun, the rate at which the Earth is provided with heat varies. Depending on solar activity, the gravity of the sun may change slightly, meaning the Earth might be either closer to or farther away from it, causing a change in temperature due to the different distance. However, these periods of increased heat or cold usually don't last very long and the temperature

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By Jacob

feel the food here meets your nutritional needs? If not, is it really because of the food, or is it in fact a lack of flexibility on your part?

“You know, we have to follow the USDA guidelines as well as [we can]. We have a guideline that we focus on under the government because we are government funded,” John points out.

I agree. After all, you have to follow the rules when playing in an arena as large as serving nearly one hundred people three times a day.

I believe that all meals are blessings and should not be thrown out just because “they taste bad.”

This is because I’ve learned the hard way not to take food for granted. I was sent to Oregon for two months one summer ago, where I experienced a wilderness therapy like no other. It was as hot as 102° F in the shade and as cold as -26° F next to a small campfire. The altitude ranged from 5,000 to 9,000 feet, and the food became the focus of my life, even though it stayed the same from week to week and my group frequently ran into extreme limits on it due to almost exhausting our supply.

Once, I was even plopped in the middle of the desert, given a small supply of food and water, and told to *make it last*, or otherwise ration it for an unknown number of days; it turned out to



Meal Prep at the O'School

be three. These kinds of experiences teach you not to just eat to eat, because in a situation like that you don’t know when your next meal is going to come, or even if it constitutes a meal at all; it may be just a slice of bacon and a slab of cheese. Food is a luxury too often taken for granted, and even more frequently a delicacy ignored.

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Now, I wish I could fix the wasting of food all by myself, but in reality I can’t.

“Absolutely,” grins West when asked whether he would eat the food he helps to serve. “I feel we can save food by watching our portions and only serving [exact amounts]. [We try to] serve as close to the number of students as possible without over portioning or over preparing.

I implore everyone who reads this to take under advisement how much work went into each and every one of your meals, and to do your utmost to eat your fill and *clean your plates*. If we can do this together, we can satisfy everyone’s appetite while producing less waste and making our kitchen a happier place to work.

“I’ve always been here for the children. I take delight in seeing a smile on a child’s face,” West states warmly. I hope that we, as a student body, can give that very gift back to him and the entire kitchen.

Presidential Elections; McCain Versus Obama

By Natalie

A subject that has been on most people’s minds lately is the presidential elections. In November 2007 the primaries began. The people running on the democratic side were Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton, and on the republican side there was John McCain and Mitt Romney.

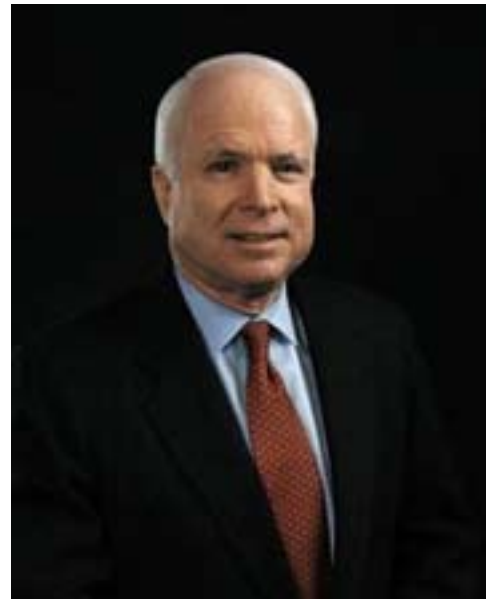
Later on in the primaries, Mitt Romney was eliminated, and after an extremely long and drawn out run for democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton dropped out. Even though the primaries

took an extended amount of time, it was a historical run for America and the democrats.

I am a republican so I am in favor of John McCain. Although I don’t like some of his ideas, I do think a lot of his ideas are good. For instance, his thoughts on war are that we need to stand by our government because we are dealing with Operation Iraq and we shouldn’t leave until Iraq is stable.

On the other side Obama believes

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John McCain

Campaign for Darfur

By Felicia

Darfur, half a world away, and yet the toll seems to affect us here, with 400,000 dead and more than 2.5 million displaced; genocide. The UN says that the death toll might be severely underestimated by up to 50%.

Genocide is mass murdering of a certain people, whether it be due to race, religion or ethnicity. The Sudanese genocide is ethnic and tribal, and while some sources deny the accusations of genocide, there are others who believe it to be so.

Now, when you think of genocide, people often think of the Holocaust, Hitler and the Nazi regime who were against anyone not of the Aryan race, particularly the Jews. There is a genocide going on right now, and it is something that needs to be dealt with now, not in the future. This genocide in Darfur is something that we don't want to look back on and have regrets about what we could have done. Eliminate the problem and do something now! This Sudanese genocide has been an ongoing struggle for years, starting in February of 2003, and categorized as genocide in 2004.

The ongoing struggle has been between the Darfurians of western Sudan, and the Janjaweed of northern Sudan. The Janjaweed is a government funded militia group, often receiving supplies and troops from the government in order to keep their

"crusade" alive. The problem seemed to start after drought and desertification hit northern Sudan, forcing these "cattle herding nomads," the Janjaweed, down to the south.

A lot of the conflict may stem from the rebel groups rising and accusing the government of oppressing non-Arabs, after the Arab supremacy rise in the government. There was a lot of change in the government, with people being overthrown and others coming back out of exile into the country.

It did not help when there was a major famine that killed an estimated 95,000 out of the 3.1 million population, among which already existed a lot of civil unrest. In an environment where non-native groups have gained power, both native and non-native groups are struggling to meet survival needs.

Although there are rebel groups like the Sudan Liberation Movement, and



Justice and Equality Movement, it is mainly civilians who are forced from their homes, raped and murdered. It is a sad and terrifying struggle that seems to shock the world, but not enough. Many people have dismissed this as the Darfurian government's problem, but it is the government that is killing its

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Global Warming: Who's To Blame?

By Alan

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eventually returns to normal. One example of this was the Little Ice Age, which lasted from around 1250 to 1650. The Earth cooled off dramatically, but after a few hundred years, its heat evened out again.

Professionals in the field of science have observed certain patterns in solar activity and the levels of Co2 in the atmosphere which surprisingly indicate that the Earth warms before carbon levels rise. This is because when the Earth's orbit around the sun changes and solar cycles intensify, the Earth heats up, and oceans release carbon from their depths which would otherwise be too cold and heavy to rise up to the surface. However, carbon emissions are not quite as detrimental to the environment as many people like to think. Contrary to popular belief, global warming is not mainly caused by humans. There's no doubt that humans definitely contribute to it, but the degree to which they affect it is disputable.

The short documentary, *Unstoppable* provides information regarding global warming and how the sun contributes to heat fluctuations, and does not feature any biased, opinionated politicians, whereas *An Inconvenient Truth* does, and is the antithesis of the aforementioned film. Al Gore has used his political stance to gain leverage in the scientific community and has swayed some people to change their statistics in order to make it seem as if global warming is really as bad as he wants to make it seem.

What appears to be the most likely reason why people tend to believe that it is our fault that the Earth is warming up is because of their naïveté and willingness to believe any political propaganda spewed out by biased individuals who manipulate the general public to benefit themselves. In this case, many researchers

of global warming state that Earth is getting warmer and that this is a cause for concern because they want to continually receive funds for "research" of this subject, and for alternative energy sources which are more environmentally friendly. Most people do not realize that they have ulterior motives for continuing to support global warming awareness and activism.

Aside from wanting to stop global warming, there are additional reasons for wanting to go "green," such as not wanting to be dependent on the Middle East for fossil fuel which has been greatly increasing in cost over the past few years. However, using corn ethanol as an additive to fuel has resulted in an increase in the price of corn and corn-based food products, which negatively affects the nation as a whole. The intention of trying to come up with alternate fuel sources may be noble, but in reality, it's not practical, and most alternatives won't work.

Take hydrogen fuel for example – it's renewable and releases no emissions into the atmosphere whatsoever, but it is expensive, and most cars would have to use completely different engines in order to be able to use it, meaning car manufacturers would all have to unanimously agree to use it for it to ever have a chance of being widely used throughout the world.

Earth isn't in any immediate risk of getting too hot. People are just overreacting to this issue because of all the hype which the media has created for it. In reality, there really isn't much to worry about here. Hopefully, the general populace will come to realize this and eventually concentrate on more pressing matters at hand such as the deficit that the war in Iraq has created or the many other issues which have a greater impact on us rather than wasting time and resources by dwelling on lesser subjects such as this. All of the American tax payers' money which is currently being used to fund global warming research could be put to better use for more important things which are actually relevant to everyday life.

Women Change the Face of Politics

By Natalie

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was arrested for contributing to government rallies, and she was later released and returned to London.

She became one of the youngest woman leaders in government at age 35, when she was named the first woman prime minister in an Islamic country. When in office, her priorities were to modernize Pakistan, including bringing electricity to the countryside, building schools, getting better health care, getting hunger levels down and getting more housing. Trouble arose when her husband was arrested once again.

Two years into her term, president Ghulam Khan took her power as prime minister away. She had to flee her country and live in exile for nine years in London. Although greatly loved by most people, some people did not agree with her way of governing their country. On December 27th, Bhutto was killed,

and many others were injured or killed, when a suicide bomber attacked her car in a procession.

Overall, women are holding their weight in government, and are trying extremely hard to improve their community. In America, we have a great examples of women in leadership roles including Hilary Clinton and Condoleezza Rice. Both of them are making a new path for women in politics. It will be interesting to see more diversity in government.



McCain Versus Obama

By Natalie

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that we should remove our troops that I think would pose an immediate threat to America from terrorists or unwanted powers. John McCain believes that once Iraq can safeguard themselves, then we can slowly withdraw troops. McCain also believes that we should leave bases in the Middle East just in case something was to happen.

Another reason I like McCain is his thinking on financial situations and foreclosures. He said, "If you knew you couldn't afford that house, you shouldn't have bought it." Obama believes that the government should help people with financial problems. If Obama becomes president and he follows through with his ideas the taxes will go higher which America's already failing economy can't afford.

John McCain and Barack Obama share the same belief that American schools are failing to do their job with kids. They believe that schools are not helping kids work to their full potential. Both think that children need equal opportunities to learn, but

some kids do not have "equal access to excellent education." "If schools do not want to comply, students should be able to change schools," McCain's website said. Obama wants to change the No Child Left Behind Law to help out more schools with education.



Barack Obama

Overall, I think John McCain has great goals for our country and I think we should support him. On Obama's side, I think he is too young and too naïve to follow through with his promises. It is up to you to choose who you vote for, and I urge you to look at both sides. I hope you make a good decision for our country; John McCain.

New Student's View of the O'School

By Jacob

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of home visits, outings, and alone time will happen if you are willing to strive towards those goals. This is certainly preferable to feeling alone and bitter. Another way to stay happy is to be involved in activities of all kinds.

Therapy, especially, helps you to realize your view of your family dynamic, something you may not have considered before. This placement affects everyone closely tied to you, which is something I needed a bit of prodding to understand.

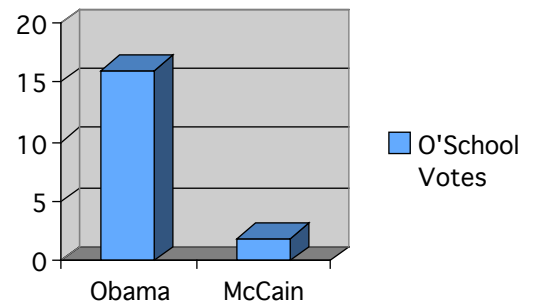
Most importantly, you must remember that coming here is not meant as a punishment.

At the end of the day, the experience is what you choose to make it. You can't run from

reality forever, which is a realization that one way or another will eventually find you. No stay is going to be perfectly ideal, but hopefully dedication can make the placement close to what you needed, giving you a "second chance."

O'School Poll

By Alan



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Campaign for Darfur

By Felicia

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people.

It is fair to say, that with so many rebel groups, there is probably no way to distribute enough necessities to all of the people within these different areas in order to aid survival. This adds to the death toll, in the aspect of starvation.

Did we not go into this war in Iraq because Saddam Hussein was murdering his own people? Then when do we know where to go, and who to help? Better yet, is it our problem?

Well, sympathy and empathy are not enough. Human decency, at least, should tell us where we need to go and who we need to help, but when do we know when enough is enough? That in helping everyone else, we are not able to help

ourselves?

I was raised upon the moral that you should "treat others the way that you would want to be treated." Well, even though the world does not revolve around this, I believe that we should. We need to do something, help an organization in raising awareness, raise money, food, supplies, something! We are nowhere near to doing enough to help this situation. War doesn't even have to be the answer, we can fight a battle without weapons, but if necessary should we?



We are human, I know, but when does murder, rape and displacement need to be stopped? When does seeing starvation stir a humane heart? Everyone is a person, and each person is a human being. We have a tough life, full of tough decisions ahead of us. The question is, is Darfur one of them?

Hot Topic: What is your favorite aspect of the O'School? Why is it your favorite?

By Alan

Name: Nick F.

Answer: The exit.

Name: Nick A.

Answer: I would have to say the side yard, I'm out there every-day. It's really relaxing.

Name: Linda

Answer: The students. It's very satisfying and motivating to

observe the hard work of our students when they develop their skills and implement these skills to meet their individual goals.

Name: Shawna

Answer: The small size of staff (teachers and dorm), as well as the small student body. The size of the school allows for easier communication.

Name: Anonymous

Answer: The small, close group of amazing people.

Name: MacKenzie

Answer: I'm in a school getting credits to make my way out of godforsaken high school. I don't have to be stressed out by my family all the time, I can play sports with kids my age, and also hang out with them.

Name: Kayla C.

Answer: The priveleges, because we didn't have those at my last placement.

Name: Charlie

Answer: Home visits, because I'm not at the Orthogenic School.

