Beginning May 14th, Dance two and Dance three dance students had performed a highly approved dance show. With the unique choreography of Mandy Langen and Dance three leaders, the audience sat engaged on the edge of their seats as they debatedly watched one of the highest praised dance performances at El Camino High School.

As the initial meaning of the Dance show was originally tended to be called women, due to the purpose of empowering women with songs such as Womanizer by Britney Spears and Wonderland by John Mayer; the Dance title however was changed to Under Construction for the consideration of the few men in the show including Uriel Perez and Victor Ahumada who outstandingly performed in a number of dances.

"The dance show was a really good experience and I thank Miss. Langen and the leaders for giving me this great opportunity." Said Uriel Perez

Dance three leaders including Kaylee Arnold, Alyssa Nyman, Molly Mullaney, Demi Boyd, and Dominique Henry had choreographed a number of the dances along with guest choreographers Efren Abieres, Theo Ivey, Ashley Michelson, Natalie Bean, Shay Eubanks, and Eddie Barcello. Victor Ahumada and Vanessa Cantera were also two students who contributed to the show's vivid choreography.

The dances were overall well thought out and enthusiastically performed by both dance one and dance two students.

The dance show consisted of dances inspired by the characters of classic cartoons including Inspector Gadget and Sponge Bob Squarepants played with the theme song and a unique style of choreography.

The dance performance had included a Boy Girl performance along with a dance from a few of our El Camino teachers including: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Yoris, and Mrs. Summers in which we can all agree had assuringly grasped the audience's immediate attention.

"I really enjoyed participating in the dance show. Not only is it fun but also a great opportunity to be with the other teachers. I look forward to it every year," said Diane Summers, Child Psychology teacher here at El Camino.

Mr. and Mrs. Windham were two other teachers who had performed a ballroom style dance at the show, as they had a moment to show off their dancing skills.

Graduating seniors had their time to shine as each individual senior appeared on stage with a slideshow image of their youth to recognize their accomplishments as dance students here at El Camino.

The dance show ended with a thanks to all dance performers and a special show of appreciation toward dance teacher Mandy Langen for her ongoing support.

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall.”

said Uriel Perez.

-Lauren Johnston
Out with the old and in with the new. ASB started the year off magnificently with a new idea that we haven’t seen yet. Within the first week of school, the entire student body was surprised with the new homecoming theme, “A Haunted Homecoming.” Senior, Mortaza Muhammidi states, “Within the four years that I have been here, this was the best homecoming yet. It was cool enough being on the homecoming court, but at the game when the confetti cannons went off; it was boss!” Along with homecoming came a Homecoming Pep Rally. Theme: Haunted. ASB redecorated the gym with multiple haunting decorations. Was it worth it? Before Christmas break, ASB has the tradition of having the “ASB Convention.” The convention’s purpose is to give students the opportunity to run for designated positions in ASB. Each teacher at the school nominates four students from their class to vote and choose who should be on the ballot. Many students participate in many different ways such as playing the role of Security and Pages.

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Overall the ASB convention was successful but didn’t compare to the previous years. Taking place after spring break was the El Camino Talent Show. The talent show is lead by the Ex-President in ASB; Tayla Finney. Tayla quotes, “It will be hard to top this next year, the juniors better come with it.” This year’s winner was Ryan Yamamoto.

UPCOMING EVENTS
What does ASB have up their sleeve next? On May 29th, ASB will be holding a blood drive. ASB will also try and keep the tradition of the Junior and Senior pep-rally where the seniors hand over the school to the class of 2010. Rumor on the street is that they will put on a Mr. and Mrs. EC Pageant where the school will decide which students represent the school the best, and that next year’s Homecoming theme is, “Around the World.” Will the class of 2010 be able to beat out 2009?

Hayden Schlosser

Dear White Gold,
My parents didn’t grow up in this country and have no idea what high school is like here. How can I help them understand how hard it is for me?

Kaya Haig
Point Reyes Pup
Point Reyes, CA

Kaya, It’s an age-old question. How do you get your parents to appreciate what you’re going through until they walk a mile in your shoes? And how can you expect them both to fit into your shoes unless you’re like a size 14 Men’s? And if you really bad that large wouldn’t you be an Olympic swimmer or something, and here to be homeschooled (meaning you’d avoid this whole drama in the first place)?

But I digress. Let’s look at this calmly, fairly, diligently. Let’s be out there in the newspaper. It’ll help us get a good night’s sleep so we can think through this dilemma rationally. Your parents may not be familiar with growing up America in the 21st century, but that’s no reason to be impatient with them. If they don’t automatically “get” what you’re laying down, try to find some common ground. Ask them what their school experiences were like and see if you can relate their stories to your own. I’m guessing they’re fit feelings and perspectives similar to the ones you’re experiencing.

Namaste,
W3

Dear White Gold,
I’ll be applying to colleges this fall. What should I write in my application essays about?

Jose Luis Martinez
MLK Jr. High School of the Simi Valley

What colleges really want to know is what sets you apart from the pack. If you’re the cream and your school is the bottle, what is it that’s stuck you out the top? For instance: Are you a dedicated musician? Is a story of transformation from meaner meaner (again to ishiorious meaner legend? Do you rip on a guitar filled with huscious loch? If so... well, you’d be just like me. And chances are they already know our story, by which I mean my story. As you scribble, think of moments when you took a minor initiative or realized a positive quality within yourself! For instance, if your main man Gold was writing, I’d pick the time the Twins and I visited The Cataract Falls Art Project Font when all the strings on my One Gallon Axe suddenly broke. Did I crack under the pressure? No, bro. I just continued the song with my own hair and kept the rock alive. This story demonstrates three qualities: 1) I’m doing anything for my fans, 2) I have amazing hair, which proves I take care of myself and drink plenty of milk, and 3) Guatemalan quilts rock, but White Gold rocks harder.

Choose something you’re proud to talk about. A moment when you learned something unexpected and great about you, and consider yourself Gold, accepted, graduated Magna Cum Ladey.

Loving you,
White Gold

Dear White Gold,
Last week I had an interview for a summer internship. We talked a lot about my resume and career goals. I had a few good icebreakers and had practiced my answers with my guidance counselor. Everything seemed to be going well. My interviewer even laughed at some of my jokes. Then as we were wrapping up and he was walking me to the door he said, “you seem like a nice young lady.” Ummm.

Andreas Bencrot
Josie Roosevelt High School
Culver City, CA

Therese.
Double your weight training and post-workout chocolate milk drinking routines in order to maximize your muscle. Oh, and oh, increase the font size of your name on that old resume-can’t eat you out. That should help.

Kisses,
White Gold

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Hayden Schlosser
All the choir classes have been practicing hard for the big competition on May 9th, 2009. The competition was held at Valencia High School. For El Camino High School, the mix choir sang “Sing Hosanna” and “When the Trumpet Sounds.” Chamber choir sang “There is a Season” and “Only Have Eyes for You.”

El Camino choir students met up at 5:30am to about 7am before taking off to Valencia. After three long hours, the bus got the choir students to the high school at 10am. As EC was late, the judges moved their time slot back. Both choirs didn’t perform until 12pm. Once both choirs sang their best for the judges, it was back to the buses.

Lunch time rolled around quickly for the hungry students. The students had 45min to eat lunch. The buses got the EC students to Six Flags at 3pm.

All students were required to meet up at the Golden Bear Theater at 6:15pm, where all the awards would be given. The theater was packed full of choir, band, and orchestra students from all over. El Camino was awarded Superior 1st place for both mix choir and chamber choir. The next award was Overall High School Choir, which El Camino also got their paws on. The last award, the most important and biggest award, was the Esprit De Corps award. After much anticipation and the speaker continuing to drag it out before giving the award, El Camino snagged it! El Camino students went wild! Four trophies were given to El Camino and the scores were very high. Outside the theater, the choir students gave their “EC Time” chant while holding the trophies with Wildcat pride.

After all the loud noise that the choir has caused, it was time to hit the road again. This time students were required to meet back at the buses at 10:15pm. Buses, after leaving late, left the park at 11pm. It was a long day for the students. Arriving back at El Camino at 1:40am, the tired students cleaned the buses and went on home.

-Brianna Newman
While most freshmen are trying to memorize the campus layout and complete their PE 9A credits, Helena Marie Woods is working toward becoming Valedictorian. Taking extraordinary initiative, Woods has started “Tri-City Teen Talent,” a community service program designed for students to perform their various talents for senior citizens.

Woods detailed that her revelation of starting the Tri-City Teen Talent was at Subway. As she nibbled at a foot-long her mind was churning, and she discussed the idea with her number one assistant: her mother. “I wanted to form a group of kids who can help and talk to the elderly,” says Woods.

The program is open to students in Oceanside, Carlsbad and Vista; hence “tri-city.” These teens visit local nursing homes and hospitals to perform songs, dances, poems, karate; the list goes on. Teen Talent is always looking for new acts. Woods is holding out: “I was really hoping for mimes, but we don’t have any.” Yet, yet, in addition to performing, students pass out sugar-free snacks and spend time talking to the senior citizens, who rarely have visitors and love seeing their city’s local talent. As a bonus, teens get community service for their efforts.

Tri-City Teen Talent is independent of any school affiliation, but it already has around 40 members. “As of now [the organizers are] just me, my mom, and my friends Gladys and Bobby,” Woods says, “But next year we may make it into a club.”

-Oceanide Art Festival

Over Spring Break, Oceanide's 17th annual art festival took place on Saturday, April 18th and ended Sunday, April 19th. Several streets were closed down near and around the Civic Center, City Hall, and the library, where over one hundred artists displayed their artwork along Pier View Way.

Last year, an estimated 8,000 people visited Oceanide Days of Art, which featured the works of nearly 70 local artists. There was a wide variety of artwork, including paintings, ceramics, sculptures, and graphic designs. In addition to the artwork displayed, El Camino's own Rock Band Music Club performed both days along with several other musical artists.

On Saturday, 16-year-old Alexis Allan performed on the Fountain Stage in front of the public library where she also promoted her new EP CD. On Sunday, the EC Jazz Combo performed on the Ditmar stage, followed by the Carlsband High School Band, One Way Flight. Two El Camino bands closed the evening with performances from the band “Midnight Rose,” followed by “Dirt,” both bands are involved in El Camino’s Rock Band Club and have compiled songs onto a CD through the club that is expected to be released in late May.

-Christine Buccelli

-Oceanide Art Festival

El Camino’s Got Talent

2009: What better way to end the school year than with a talent show? This year’s talent show featured a wide variety of acts— from dances to monologues, to rock bands and singing. Each act became an important piece in “entertaining the crowd,” said Jerrick Prudencio (junior). The line-up was as followed:

1. ‘Torque’ (band)
2. Helena Woods (singing)
3. Aiza Torres & Anays Torres (singing & guitar)
4. Mike Tomasak (piano)
5. Christine Buccelli (monologue)
6. “Hot Topic” (dance group)
7. David Brodie (rave)
8. ‘Midnight Rose’ (band)
9. Chelsea Johnson (singing and guitar)
10. Casey McPerry (piano)
11. Demitris Palmore/Bubba (dance)
12. Ryan Yamamoto (spoken word)

Afterwards, the awards were presented to recognize the talents of 1st Ryan Yamamoto, 2nd Mike Tomasak, and 3rd Bubba.

Some students though felt that the talent show was lacking. Jeff Prudencio (sophomore) said, “It was alright.” As El Camino High School’s school year of 2009 ends, many are prepared to enter 2010’s talent show.

“Since we’re going to be seniors, we should leave an impression on this school,” said Jed Santiago (junior).

-Johnny Garcia and Philip Jularbal
Swine Flu Outbreak

Hand Sanitizers are out of stock, hand washings hit an all time high, face masks have become a major necessity, and every conversation seems to have the Swine flu brought up at some point.

Swine flu (H1N1) has been labeled as a phase five outbreak and is becoming globally known as a “Major Pandemic,” that is affecting just about the whole globe, ranging from Mexico, the United States, and even parts of Europe. The first case had been noted in Mexico on March 18th, 2009, in which disease control centers both believe, and have further evidence that the Swine flu virus came from a pig, which is how the “Swine” flu got its name.

As the fear arises, the question still remains: is the Swine flu really that large of a concern?

“I was afraid of the Swine Flu, but I think that it has gotten out of hand,” said Tamara Rios, a student at El Camino.

An average of 36,000 people die each year from the average seasonal flu. The Swine flu however has only taken 45 lives, three of which were in the United States. Before we all panic in hysteria that thousands have been diagnosed throughout the world already, few casualties have actually occurred.

“I’m not too nervous. I don’t think I would get it. I just feel bad for the people who have gotten it and died. That what scares,” said Carson Hillard.

“It’s crazy to think about. I really hope I don’t get it. But, I don’t think it will spread much farther,” said Katie Rapp, a student.

When looking at outbreaks of the past, we can date back to the 1918 outbreak of the Spanish Influenza, which spread throughout the world killing 50 million people a quarter of the world’s population during World War One. The Spanish Influenza killed 25 million people within the first 25 weeks; this being said the Spanish Influenza caused the most deaths than any other flu recorded throughout history.

Other flu pandemics such as the 1957 Asian Flu took 2 million people’s lives and the 1968-69 Hong Kong Flu took only 1 million. This shows that the advancement in health, awareness, and prevention has caused fewer casualties throughout the years. Therefore, we do not need to fear. The global outbreaks of diseases now and in the future can and will be maintained. We do need to take this disease seriously, but we do not need to live in fear with a disease that has spread to just as many people during the regular flu season and has caused fewer deaths.

As we continue to struggle with this pandemic, here are a few precautions to ensure your health during this global outbreak:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and hot water for twenty seconds, or use a water based hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cover with your arm
- Symptoms of the Swine Flu include:
  - Fever of 100.7 or more
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Body Aches
  - Chills
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
- If you are ill or have two or more of these symptoms, stay home.

Although the Swine flu shouldn’t be taken lightly, the proper precautions and knowledge of this virus can better protect the overall output and can insure the future health of ourselves and others. While, medical researchers search for a vaccine, we can have more assurance knowing that we’ve gotten through a global pandemic before.

—Lauren Johnston

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On May 8, 2009 a few members from JV and Varsity Cheer performed a routine at Oceanside Harbor Days. The day was sponsored by the Kiwanis club and was held for kids in elementary school. There was face painting, free food, and entertainment, which included a special performance by our El Camino Cheerleaders. Last year they invited the Charger girls, though from word of mouth they weren’t that great. After the El Camino cheerleaders performed, one little kid said, “You guys were a lot better than the chargers girls!”

Varsity Cheer captain, Ari Gardea said, “I liked the beach day simply because I like to see people having fun and it was nice to see everyone laughing and enjoying each other’s presence.”

Christian Baltazar, Varsity Co-Captain also enjoyed the day stating, “The best part of the day had to be the face painting. It made me feel like a little girl all over again. I also enjoyed how the kids looked up to us. It made me feel cool!”

The Beach day was the last performance for cheer this season. Even though all of them had a good time, many of them were saddened at the thought that the cheer season had finally come to an end. Varsity cheerleader Tenisha Nemore, said, “Beach Day was a very fun experience; even us cheerleaders got to be kids again. I’m glad beach day was my last memory as a senior cheerleader.”

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**Senior Spotlight: George Castellanos and John Austin**

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**Favorite High School Memories:**


**JA** Transferring from Fallbrook during sophomore year and liking El Camino so much more. Hanging out with friends, going to the movies. Running Varsity Track as a sophomore and being on the 4x100 relay team. Being President of National Honor Society, and helping to build a house in Mexico for a needy family. Reuniting with a long lost friend from third grade. “He's awesome and I look up to him.”

**Worst High School Memories:**

**GC** “When my car radio got stolen a few days before I got my parking permit.”

**JA** “This all happened in the same week. A seagull defecated on my head, my cleats and money got stolen from my locker, and a girl socked me in the face in English class. In front of everybody.”

**Future Plans:**

**GC** Attend CSU Fullerton, and study Kinesiology. “It will be a big step forward, which is a bit scary, but it will be a good experience in the long run.”

**JA** Attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Go on a ship and travel the world, experience cultures, become more well-rounded. Meet that special someone. Be a millionaire. Travel to the moon.

**One sentence to describe High School:**

**GC** “High school had its ups and downs; I came in just going with the flow but I soon realized my interests and the true faces of things.”

**JA** “High school bridges the gap between childhood and adulthood; one basks in youthfulness as well as build on maturity and responsibility”

**Advice for future seniors:**

**GC** “Stay on your ‘A’ game, keep your grades up, have fun but not too much fun, and don’t let senioritus get to you too badly.”

**JA** “Live it up this year because you only have one left, but at the same time, keep your head straight.”

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Life Cycle of the AP Class
The Big “What If?”

Obama may have won the presidential election, but that’s only because several third-party candidates never made the ballot. Rich in experience and perhaps unconventional ideas, let’s explore what could have been.

First candidate: Spongebob Squarepants. Aside from a dazzling image and large amount of charisma, Squarepants has the candor attitude upon which this nation was founded. Party affiliation? Squarepants is most likely a Democrat, working as a blue-collar fry cook with little focus on retaining money. As someone who has foreign policy experience on both land and sea, Squarepants would establish great relations with other countries. Primary concerns, however, would be Squarepants’ cabinet decisions. Many fear he would appoint long-time partner Patrick Star as Vice President and Eugene Krabs as Secretary of Treasury. Such appointments would ultimately lead to the country’s destruction.

Another suitable candidate: Courage the Cowardly Dog. Abandoned as a pup, he was found by Muriel, who lives in The Middle of Nowhere with her husband, Eustace Bagge. But creepy stuff happens in Nowhere, and in the United States. Courage shows a level of wariness most political figures do not. His intuition allows him to foresee issues, which may be useful especially in the war effort. Additionally, his advocacy of technology would mean exciting breakthroughs in the fields of science and technology. Unfortunately, Courage has received very little support and recognition because of his quiet demeanor, comparable to former U.S. president James Polk. He’s gotten several slaps across the face (literally), as well as other forms of physical comedy.

El Chupacabra is arguably the most viable third-party candidate for the Presidency. El Chupacabra is a monster that terrorizes Mexico, preying upon livestock in the dead of night. A mystery to the world, perhaps, this creature has mastered the art of subtlety by following a Conservative ideology. It has single-handedly controlled the overpopulation of goats in Mexico, decreased the country’s crime rate (people are afraid to leave their homes after dark), and allowed for the successful funding of the Paranormal Research Team. El Chupacabra is exactly what this country needs… too bad he isn’t a naturalized U.S. citizen.

-Jessica Miller

High Schooler’s Guide to Freshman Survival

As the school year slowly comes to a painful close riddled with finals and AP tests, one could wonder what they may have done wrong over the course of the year. Freshmen will most likely wonder what they did right. So here is a list of tips, for freshmen, of things they should have done to make it through the year.

Find the biggest, baddest, most bloodthirsty senior and pick a fight with them. This is not advised if said senior is a female. Nobody likes being expelled for sexual harassment.

Fail all classes except for math and English. A slow start one year means a fast one the next. Plus, rasing four out of six classes proves you aren’t a complete nerd.

Take pictures detailing your entire social life and post them on MySpace. Nothing screams “Pay attention to me!” more than forty pictures of yourself in sixth period Biology.

Fall asleep in class. It lets teachers know that you were up all night studying.

Stand as close to trash cans as possible. It shows seniors that you’re not afraid of them.

Hit on your teachers. Rolling backpacks are the “in” thing again. The more things you can stuff in your backpack, the cooler you are.

See how the list is small, survival shouldn’t be too hard. However, this guide would’ve been much more useful in the first issue… oh well.

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Prom is this Saturday. You’ve found the perfect date, perfect dress (or tux), and gathered everyone’s money for the party bus. All the planning, stress, and worry can finally be let go.

This year, prom will take place at The San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Many of the girls are excited, myself included. Aleia Belonga, a senior, said, “Prom is about to be poppin’! It’s like the last big dance before we graduate.” Ari Gardea, another senior, said, “I’m most excited to see how well everyone can clean themselves up for a change, but I’m really hoping that the music will be good and no drama!”

Many seniors have heard that the wristband policy will be enforced for prom. Jasminie Barnett, a senior, said, “I feel if prom is for us, we should be able to be ourselves, and if there’s wristbands that isn’t the real us.” Also, the new rules for dancing that were put into effect for Snowball will be enforced. Why does administration want to start enforcing these rules all of a sudden? According to Mr. Hurst, these rules have always been in place but they’ve never been enforced, until now.

Regardless, I’m going to enjoy my prom night along with the rest of the senior class. Everyone has put a lot of time and effort into preparing for this one special night. Hopefully it’ll be one to remember, and not cut short by wristband policies.

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This year’s 3 on 3 tournament at El Camino was very intense, possibly the most intense and drama-filled.

The final four teams were a mixture of underdogs [talent], in the Burning Sensations, cocky players in the Underdogs (Tarail Gordon, Charles Beard and Nathan Coleman), and last year’s second place team in Young Money, (Preston Butler, Kyle Mitchell, and Franklin Cooley) and hard-working teams in Positive Skins (Domo Markham, Tre McCarrel, and Danny Johnson).

The Burning Sensations played Young Money with great scorers as well as lockdown defenders: Kyle Mitchell, Franklin Cooley, and Preston Butler. The Burning Sensations won in a nail-biter; a last-second 3-pointer knocked powerhouse Young Money out of the tournament.

On the other court Positive Skins fell to The Underdogs in another close game; both teams gave great effort in a great game.

Junior Nate Coleman didn’t feel they played their best game, “I admit they caught us off guard, but we still won.”

The final game between the Positive Skins and the Burning Sensations was won by the Burning Sensations in another close game ending in yet another 3-point shot to win the game.

From the first day of school to May 19th is how long the El Camino Varsity baseball team has been practicing to prepare for the arguably best baseball league in southern California, maybe even the country; the “Palomar” League.

The Wildcats started off hot winning the first 6 games of the season, in search for a long lived playoff birth and possibly a run at a CIF title for the first time in school history. As the Wildcats hit mid season they’re record wasn’t as they expected at 9-7 going into the deadly Palomar league. The Wildcats took 1 game from Vista and slid downhill from there.

Many records were set in the 2009 baseball season, Cal State Northridge bound Marty Bowen leaves El Camino setting a new career record for doubles at 28 throughout his 4 years on varsity at El Camino, Sonoma State bound Jon Richards set a career record for hit batsmen as he got drilled 16 times in his career as a Wildcat. Indiana bound Jonny Hoffman set the career record for strikeouts in a single season at 106, Daniel Van Wyhe picked up the season record for sacrifices at 7 on the year, Marty Bowen also hit safely in 51 games before he had his first strikeout of the year. Jonny Hoffman had a season breaking performance with 56 strikeouts in a season, Junior center fielder Joseph Daris tied the single game hit record when he had 5 hits against Sweetwater, Daniel Brooks tied the single game RBI record with 6 RBIs in a single game against Westview.

The Wildcats finished their 2008-2009 baseball season with a disappointing record of 11-19 and are looking forward to getting after it and the notorious tough Palomar league in 2010.

The El Camino Wildcats are having a very successful 2008-2009 season for Softball. This year’s team is a very young with mostly a mixture of sophomores and juniors but have the experience of a team of seniors.

Hawaii bound Junior C Sharla Kliebenstein thinks this team is one of the best she has been on at El Camino, “I thought we would do badly this season because of Courtney Craig going to college, but we have all stepped up and we are having a great season so far”.

The Lady Cats have a record of 17-5 through 22 games, good improvement from a record of 16-4-1 after 22 games for last year’s team. Junior Naomi Amu strongly believes this team can go far in the playoffs, “We just got to work hard and be ready for everyone.”

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