

Neglected Adult School Computers Put to Use

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Nothing is static when it comes to technology. Every year, computers need faster processors, larger memory storage and more appealing designs in order to remain afloat in a competitive market.

Despite the increasingly intrusive nature of budget cuts, these electronic devices have remained a part of school curriculum at AHS. After portions of the adult school program on campus were terminated, thirty computers were left without any potential users. Many of these workstations have been removed and placed in the Industrial Technologies facilities.

The main recipient of these computers has been the architecture and drafting program at AHS. Taught by Oscar Motta, the course instructs students on the basics in completing layouts for buildings. By using the

computer program Auto Computer Aided Design (AutoCAD), students can create architectural plans with much more efficiency than by hand.

However, the computers last year were unable to fully access all of the features available in the AutoCAD program.

“The fact that these [computers] were not being used has been a bonus to us,” said Motta. “We have been able to operate [AutoCAD 2004] from them, [which is] something we [were not] able to do on our older [workstations].”

Students also feel that the new workstations are a beneficial addition to the drafting environment.

“We have our applications running [much] faster now,” said senior Tony Chang. “The [specifications] on the new [computers] make it much easier to access our layouts and floor plans.”

- Oscar Motta



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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Junior Kathleen Juarez, freshman Armando Escandor, sophomore Yazmin Gamino and junior Sean Garcia rehearse for the one-act plays “Louder, I Can’t Hear You” and “Perspective.” The plays were performed on Nov. 12 at the auditorium.

Propositions In: Four Pass, Five Fail

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California’s economic troubles have been a major catalyst for many of the 2010 ballot measures. Nearly every proposition proposed in the November elections cited the potential financial benefits that would result from their passage.

Proposition 19 was the first time in U.S. history that a statewide referendum would have decriminalized marijuana. In opinion polls, the measure was favored to pass. However, it was rejected by a margin of 53.8 to 46.2

percent in the election. Analysts say that there is a social bias that makes it difficult for anonymous surveys to take an accurate measure of public approval of controlled substances.

Proposition 23 was the ballot measure that would have suspended California’s air pollution control law (AB 32) until the unemployment rate falls to 5.5 percent. Notable for the financing it received from two out-of-state oil companies, it failed, receiving only 38.9 percent of the vote.

“[The] defeat of [Proposition] 23 proves that Californians are serious about protecting the environment,”

said senior James Liu. “[It] means there will be more jobs available in the alternative energy sector in California.”

Another ballot option up for passage was Proposition 25, a proposal which would allow the state legislature to approve a budget with a simple majority vote.

“[It] demonstrat[ed] a [...] divide in the minds of the California people,” said senior Bob Qian. “While long-term consequences are [...] unclear, the elimination of a super majority in order to pass a budget will [lead to] a more efficient system.”

November 2 California Ballot Propositions

- ✓ Passed
- ✗ Did not pass

19



53.9% vs. 46.1%

-would decriminalize the possession, use and sale of marijuana in the state of California

20



61.2% vs. 38.8%

-would have congressional district lines be drawn by a 14-member committee instead of representatives

21



58.1% vs. 41.9%

-would increase fees on automotive licenses by \$18 a year to provide support for state parks

22



61.0% vs. 39.0%

-would prohibit state government from reallocating money set aside for local funds

23



61.1% vs. 38.9%

-would suspend the Global Warming Solutions Act until California’s unemployment rate falls below 5.5% for a year

24



58.5% vs. 41.5%

-would end three tax breaks provided to businesses during the Schwarzenegger administration

25



54.8% vs. 45.2%

-would require a simple majority vote to pass budgetary legislation instead of a two-thirds vote

26



52.9% vs. 47.1%

-would require a two-thirds supermajority to pass legislation involving state and local fees

27



59.4% vs. 40.6%

-would repeal Proposition 11 and return the responsibility of congressional redistricting back to the state legislature

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HEALTHY COMPETITION Junior Elbert He plays at Boys’ Federation’s annual Tennis Tournament, which was held on Nov. 13 to fundraise for Buddy Dinner.

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Gutierrez. “For me, photography is something I love, and being a part of the Youth Feed presented me with the opportunity to meet with a professional photographer and get plenty of tips.”

The program encourages students to take on their ambitions in learning article composition and interviewing skills.

“The Youth Feed encourages and nourishes all of the aspects of journalism, photography, and filming. Some people think that journalism is all writing, but it’s not; there are stories out there to be told with film and pictures as well,” said Gutierrez.

The Alhambra Source is close to home, with people in the community contributing to stories for the residents in the city and it’s only one click away.

Have a Sister? Plan on Adding a Few Years to Your Life

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Have you ever had an argument with your sibling and then made up afterward, feeling a bit closer in your relationship? According to a recent study, if you have a sister, you are more likely to live a longer and happier life.

A recent study conducted by Brigham Young University in Utah

showed that people who had a sister were less likely to complain that “no one loves me” or “I’m lonely.”

Sisters appear to foster more open communication, especially after a tragedy, such as a divorce or loss of a loved one.

“Having a sister means you have someone you can always count on,” said sophomore Victoria Gonzales. “Taking care of my sister feels like

having a close friend that is always around to help.”

Sisters who talk about their issues with siblings feel better after discussions, which improves self-esteem and general mood.

“My sister and I have a lot of common interests, so we get along well. When she went off to college, it was like losing one of my best friends,” said junior Rita Zhou.

But this does not mean that boys are unhappier; girls tend to talk with their brothers about things not related to their stress or emotions, such as books or recent movies. Both boys and girls benefit from these discussions.

On the other hand, girls discuss their issues of stress or their personal lives with their sisters.

“I know I can always share my

opinions with my brother, and he can always talk with me,” said senior Genesis Reyes.

Also according to the study, girls influence their siblings more than parents do. Having a sister in the family leads to better, more open relationships.

“Just always having communication in our family brings us all closer,” said Gonzales.