



The ferris wheel broke, who would have known? No matter, my friends and I still won the flat-screen TV through our collective gambling efforts. Now we can watch Lady GaGa's...unique video for her song, Poker Face. Check out her outfits! Is she going to popularize the "hair bow"? I hope not. The trends are already weird enough, like gladiator shoes. \*insert more pop culture teen references\* and end with something surprising so the last words will be **go figure**.







Who is it? Can you **figure** it out? We at *Titanian* had an in-depth chat with a few Titans to get to know more about them. Some of things we found out were surprising. But then again, in every Titan there's a little mystery, waiting to be seen.... Go figure. Vulluptat. La feugue el irilismolore modolortis adigniam auguer adio con henis dolorero core consequatum ilit lutat ipsusci liquisim il er ad eu feuip elismod oloboreros non vulputat. Lore commod delessi. Magnis ea feuisim exeros et ing el inisl irit dionsectem velit adignim vulla feu faccummy nim dolese q uipsuscil doluptat. Olore volorem elit adigniam inciliqui blan hent wiscilla consenisi. Tat. Em adio doloreet, seguis ad tionseguat am vel elesto od dolent lorpero stinisi smoluptate conulla orperosto odolore feum quatie velit nonseniate do cor iurem iurem zzrilit eu feugiam ip ex ex etue dignibh etum aci el do od dolobore doloborem zzriurerit delenim et lorper suscin henit laor si bla conse et nim nulputat at alit digna consecte velisismod tem elisim vent lamet ver amcortin ex

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**QUICK FACTS:** MALE SOPHOMORE Birthday: 5\_26\_93

He's the local authority on all things COMPUTER. He likes eating meat above all foods. He's also the local HEART THROB.

Other students describe him

- "being the second best thing since sliced bread... the first best being sliced bread."
- Sophomore Todd Liou
- "He is abysmally clever and extremely wonderful."
- Senior MK
- "I love him!!!!!"
- Sophomore Maya Kulkarni







T: What do you like? ?: POTATOES!!!

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**QUICK FACTS:** FEMALE **SOPHOMORE** Birthday: 9\_28\_93

She can speak like a BAMF, her oration totally pwns yours... oh by the way, she loves the Economist, wheat and is also known for being a hyper crazy person.

Other students describe him

- "Super duper duper cool."
- Sophomore Vivian Yip

"The wierdest girl in the world!!"

- Sophomore Candice Kim
- "She moves with the grace of a dying butterfly."
- Senior Joe Joe



Our last figure is... a somewhat special person. But we're confident you can guess who it is, even with the ambiguous information. So.. our mystery figure...

\_cringes at those darned speed bumps in the parking lot. Do we seriously need that many?

\_remembers the time during Homecoming when the blue and white streamers flew into the stands... and tried to catch one but failed....

\_but was still screaming like crazy when we won. And was then out of breath. Speaking of breathless...

\_upon hearing Chamber Choir's rendition of Leondardo Dreams of His Flying Machine went, "....wow."

\_felt every single beat of Drumline's performance during the sports' assembly in their heart to their stomach...

\_which was filled with soppy (but delicious) ice cream from Chem class \_and decided to try those cool beats at home but miserably failed, and decided to take up dancing to impress others at

\_Winter Formal, where no one was walking like an Egyptian.

\_but undeterred, tried again at SMHS's only first ever yacht dance.

\_And after this impressive bout of partying, felt the stresses and the pressure of testing, APs, finals and everything that matters, but afterwards could only.

\_fondly recall Dr. A's Star Wars music on testing days. Though really, it only made the atmosphere more ominous.

\_ and then it hits- it's May already, the school year is almost over oh my goodness it's JUNE did they year really go by that fast?

Yes. It did.

Anyways... could you figure it out? It's...









(this means you!) Go figure.



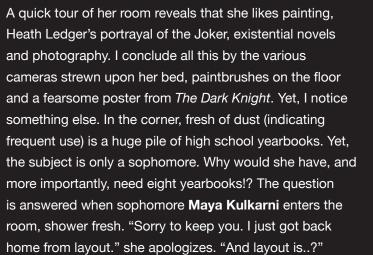












"Oh, it's when we stay after school at the journalism lab

to work on the yearbook." Oh. Ohh. "Sometime's till almost ten o'clock."

And thus her passion for yearbook is revealed; she peruses through her various volumes (some of them her elder sister's) for inspiration from previous years. However, Maya, the yearbook Copy Editor, is not alone in her fanaticism for yearbook. A whole team of students are in yearbook too, writing, interviewing, designing and photographing for what is affectionately known as their "baby."

So who is exactly involved in fathering this multi-faceted tot? Editors in Chief Seniors Maple Kuo, Gloria Lee and

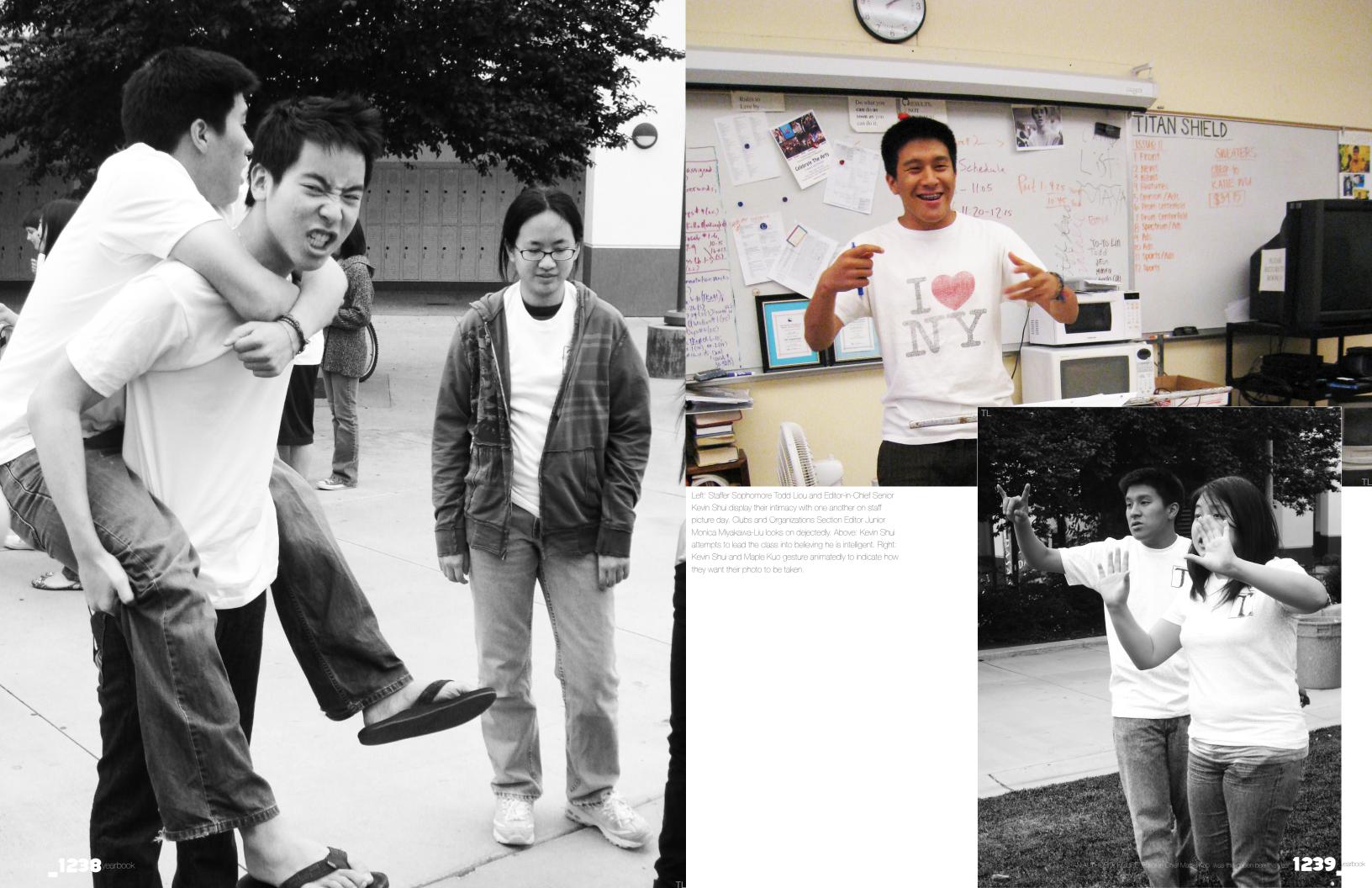
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The yearbook t-shirt (inspired by the Google logo which morphs on various holidays) is full of little nuances that only those savvy with yearbook. The "T" for example, is the text tool in Adobe Indesign. The second "i" is an ice cream cone, because we're just that cool (: . Can you understand what the other letters are? If not, maybe

you ought to ask one of the staff to help.

magnifying glass tool. SLR camera. i- ice cream! a- crop tool. n- Aperture's to omnipresence of iMacs in the lab. n- photographer's logos of Photoshop and Indesign. a- Apple's logo due products). t- feather and butterfly to represent the old I- text tool in Adobe products. i- pen tool (in Adobe











photographed by Maya Kulkami, Randy Lee designed by Maya Kulkami
behind the pages

We at *Titanian* decided to interview a random yearbook staff member to find out more about the passion behind the pages. Sophomore Maya Kulkarni bares it all.

**T**: So, what's with the t-shirt your wearing? T... for t-shirt? **MK**: This is the yearbook t-shirt! T for *Titanian*. (she laughs). I once wrote a list on the board of all words that began with T. T for time, trouble, tickle, tattle.. it goes on. I designed this t-shirt, by the way. The T actually symbolizes the 'text' tool in a program we use, Adobe Indesign.

**T**: Trés cool. What's your position on staff?

MK: I'm section editor of Classes, Faculty and Academics (CFA), and I'm also a Copy Editor along with [Sophomore] Steph Cai.

**T**: What do you do?

MK: Basically the darling mugshot pages, and spreads of

classes, like math, or .. drama. As copy editor, I read all the copies in the book that the staff writes and edit them. What's funny is, last year, as a staffer, I was sort of scared \*\*\*\*less of the copy editors... and now I'm doing that job.

**T**: Why were you so scared?

MK: Well, last year I was new to yearbook and everything was so... different and intimidating. I was afraid of showing my writing to them because I was scared they would think it was like, the worst thing in the world. Which is funny if you think about it; I was scared of showing my writing to the copy editors, and yet I didn't hit me that it would eventually be seen by everyone in the school.

**T**: We assume you've changed?

MK: Yeah, in a way yearbook has made me more

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## **YEARBOOK**

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Kevin Shui, along with Editor-in-Training Junior Tiffany Kao, collectively known as "leadership" oversaw the whole vearbook. Besides sacrificing time afterschool (that could have been well spent with girlfriends/ television via Heroes/Asian dramas) they devoted weekends purely to yearbook. They went even as far as to be "absent" from school for several days. "Absent" in quotes. because in fact they were in school, in the Fredd Chang journalism lab. toiling away to meet deadlines.

Sadly, their work often goes unthanked. Few people realize that the yearbook begins in May- of the previous year.

Anyways, this isn't meant to guilt-trip the reader into kowtowing before the yearbook staff: just to enlighten. It is also important to note that it would be fallacious to state that staff members worked 24/7. Many a day was spent tittering over unflattering Photobooth pictures, skeptically watching Todd showcase Christina Aquilera's latest on YouTube, and in general, enjoying the chaos that results from the combination of new, shiny, iMacs and a group of teenagers.

Though perhaps this perfectly described what all happened behind the closed door of room 24. It all happens here. Pure. unadulterated chaos, fueled by the creativity of "verds" (vearbook nerds) chortling with their caffiene-highs, clicking rapidly in Adobe Photoshop and Indesign, Magically, the disorder clears, and everything falls into perfect place to produce a yearbook. Our babv. • - MAYA KULKARNI



Sophomore Tiffani Lu asks Editor-in-Chief Maple for some minibook help in the Journalism lab

# **MAYA KULKARNI**

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confident. Now, I know that my writing is basically consistently acceptable, unless I'm writing it at 2 a.m. on a caffiene high (laughs). T: Hopefully you don't do that too much.T: T: What would be your ideal yearbook? Hopefully you don't do that too much.

MK: Haha, no, actually. I never have... I can't really stay up late at all; which is sort of a bad thing sometimes. But that motivates me to meet deadlines, because I KNOW I can't work late into the night.

T: So how has yearbook affected your life besides... time management?

MK: Especially this year, I've really learned what it means to work as a team. I've never played team sports or anything, so this was sort of a first. If it's just a small thing, like an individual job, you can rely on yourself. It's simple. But when you have bigger fish to frv. like doing a whole section of the vearbook, it's not possible to do that alone. I thought it'd be just the same as working alone, except.. you have other people. But that's not effective; really you have to work together. Sadly it took me a while to learn this, but I've come to appreciate cohesiveness and teamwork. I really think that staff relations are important.

MK: Well, everyone has to be reasonably comfortable with one another to be efficient. vou have to be comfortable giving orders to someone without someone thinking you're condescending, and you have to be able to tell someone to redo something without demoralizing them. Which is hard, because when it comes to quality of work, you have to keep it as impersonal as possible, and be firm and consistent, but then at the same time you have to have people feeling good about themselves. And in general, I think a miserable but talented staff will probably not produce as great as a book as a happy, competent (but not flawless) staff. It's clear to the eye- when a staffer really enjoys a spread, you can tell, in the copy, in everything. I really hope the staff can achieve such levels of enthusiasm in the

T: How would you go about infusing such enthusiasm in the book?

MK: Well first of all. I think that some of it is innate; I mean, I can't make anyone yearbook. But I think it's about keeping the class focused. vou know? In general, we all love design or good copies, so it's all about getting real excited about our work. If someone brings in a cool magazine, we can all ooh and ahh over it and we remember what we're working towards. And I also think its the realization that we're producing this permanent, real thing. What would be better than working with your friends, doing something that you think is cool, and producing this beautiful product? We just have to keep it real, but optimistic. I

MK: It would be a beautiful book, with wonderful photos, great, witty writing that the school loves. Though I love yearbook greatly, I

think most importantly the school should love the vearbook. That should be our assessment of success. But in addition to that, I would want it to be the sort of book that the pages whisper of our late-night layouts, staff and fun. Since it's a highschool yearbook, it should with the voice of a bunch of high schoolers. High schoolers who dream, bemoan life, love life, laugh, crv. but most importantly love. Above all else, I want that to be evident in a book. Who wants to read a book that reads like an emo kid's iournal? Well, maybe I would. But I'm iust weird. (laughs) •

### **GADZOOKS!**

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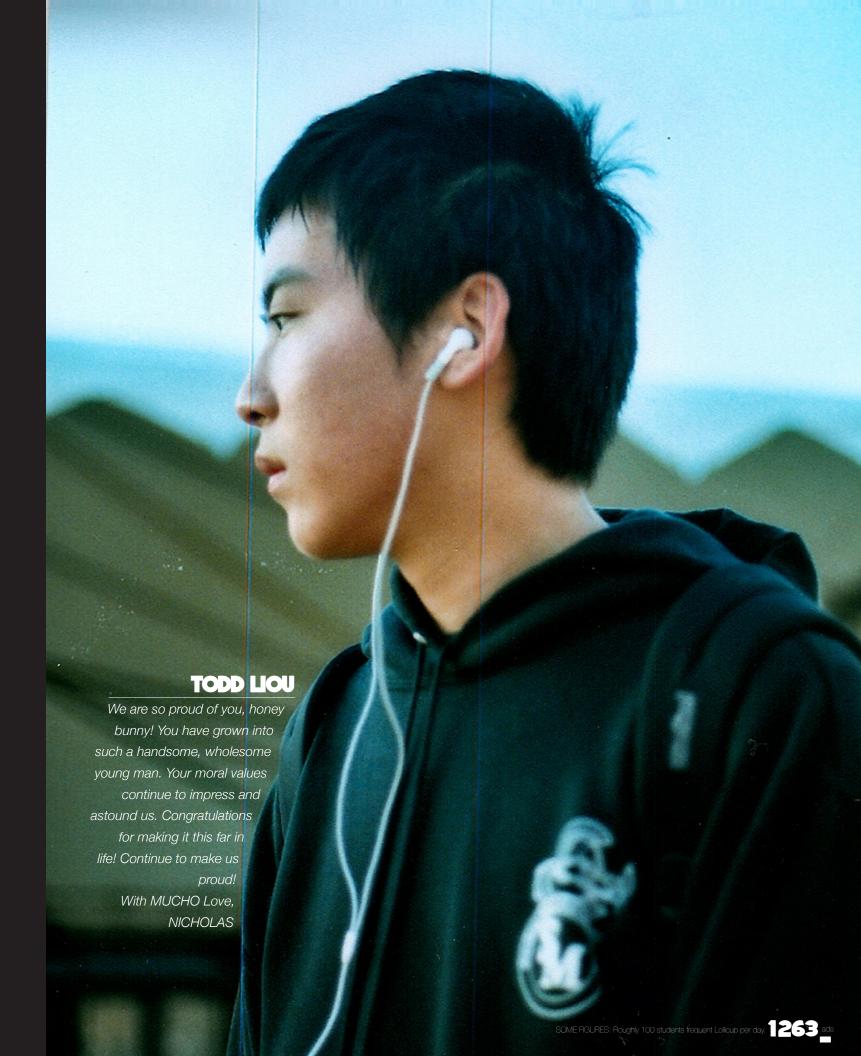
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