

Carin Wong cherishes high school memories



EXPLOSION
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The end of our high school career is finally here. It seems just like yesterday when we walked onto the Glendale High campus as lost freshmen, wondering where the "E" building was, but now we are graduating seniors. After all those years of making new friends, taking AP classes, and getting involved with school activities, it is all coming to an end.

Even though there were tough and very stressful times in high school, I am happy to say that I've had a great four years. I've met wonderful friends, who I hope to keep forever, and I've had many experiences that have helped me grow as a person.

I've been in journalism for all four years of my high school career, and it will be hard to leave it after all these years. However, I have to say, this has definitely been one of my best years in journalism. Even though we had a rough start with having to teach a whole new staff, it has still been a great year. I would like to thank all of my editors, assistant editors, and staff reporters for all the hard work they put into the newspaper.

I know I may have given all of you a hard time, but I appreciate everything you have done. I would especially like to thank my staff. First of all, Austin, I would like to thank you for becoming such a great editor in such a short time, because I know I did force you to become one and I really appreciate it. I am also really thankful for all the work you have done too, Christina, and giving us all the laughs when we stayed after school.

As for Justine and Laura, you two have been the perfect editors and I wouldn't

have known what to do without you two. I never have to worry about your pages because they always end up not only finished on time, but beyond my expectations.

I would also like to thank Alex and Stephanie, my two Sports Editors, who I always push in getting their pages done. I appreciate every single thing you do for me and the paper, even though I don't show it all the time.

I also thank Roger and Taylor for always writing stories for me when I ask you to. I really am grateful for every story that you write and I only ask you to do it because I know you will do a great job of it.

I would also like to thank one of Glendale's most generous businessmen, Johnny Harrison, of Lexus of Glendale. Once again, they provided us with the money needed to publish our papers this year. There is also the senior class, who I need to thank for paying for the Senior Edition.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Mr. Lancaster. If it wasn't for you staying after school with us on deadline week or just giving us your input, I know our paper wouldn't have been as great as it is.

I believe that I have made the best of my high school years, even though there are always regrets that I have and things I wish I could have done. Nonetheless, we should all cherish these memories that we have made for the past four years of our lives.

I know that I will always look back at my high school days with a smile. I'll remember the times when I had to stay after school for journalism, or when I practiced with marching band at seven in the morning, but most importantly I'll remember all the great times I spent with my friends, no matter what we were doing. A friend of mine once said that "the friends you make in high school are the ones that you keep forever," and I have to agree because I don't know what I'll do in my life without them.

One journey of our life is now coming to a close. It may be a scary thought for us to start on a whole new journey to the unknown, but it is the many possibilities that should excite us to thrive further towards our dreams. High school is now the past and our future awaits us.

I wish all of you the best of luck in life after GHS and remember, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." So, class of '09, it is time for us to spread our wings and start on our new course to a bright future. Congratulations on a job well done, Class of 2009!

Carin Kellzi is thankful for experiences at GHS



ASB PRESIDENT

We have had four years of plentiful opportunities and resources at the tip of our fingers; 720 days to grow and transi-

tion from adolescence to adulthood; 5,040 hours to make new friends; and 302,400 minutes to create everlasting memories. Our time spent at Glendale High School has surely seemed like an eternity, but now as we look back at all the rallies we have gone to or the Homecoming dances we attended or the classes we have taken, they all seem like brief moments from our past.

Not too long ago were we awkward freshmen walking through the gated doors of Glendale High, confused and uncertain of what time had in store for us. Who would expect the overwhelmed girl asking for directions around campus to be our PNMA winner or the boy trying to find the locker rooms to be captain of the football team? Who would have thought the shy girl, afraid to speak up would be President or the boy tripping on the stairs would help our Drill Team win at Nationals for their eleventh year in a row? We have all managed to find our way and our niche within the walls of Glendale High. It is now time

Jennifer Movsessian treasures great times

Congratulations, Class of 2009, you are officially alumni of Glendale High School. This summer you will wake up and you will realize there are no more alarms that will pierce your ears early in the morning. You will never be trapped in the endless traffic on Verdugo or have to drive around for what seems like hours to find a parking spot. Never again will you get detention for being late or have bells telling you when to go to class. You can wear any hat and listen to your iPod at any time during the day and no one will stop you. I hope you enjoyed your last pep rally because never in your life will you be in the gym with another 1,500 sweaty students singing "Do It, Do It, Do It."

These are the memories that have made high school so special. Never again will you be nagged to complete your homework, and your parents will not receive letters or calls notifying them of anything. No longer will you have the chance to "copy" homework between classes or borrow supplies from your teacher.

We have received 12 years of guidance and now it is our time. No longer will we work only to impress our parents, but instead we will have to impress ourselves. Class of 2009, we are known for making new traditions, for bending all the rules, and for doing the bare minimum just to get by... if you ask me, this is what has made our year so successful.

Never again will I be bombarded with questions about senior year (honestly I enjoyed every moment of it), and never again will I bump into you on my way to the ASB room. Walking by the ceramic tree and into room 257 will never be the same. I will not be greeted by Ms. Hazlett's smiling face or the underclassmen that knew how to brighten my day (Alena, Mineh, Taron, Robert, Atina and Shant). I will never have to plan another rally or blow another balloon (Samantha). Four years of serving our class has truly been an honor and I cannot imagine my future without being in Student Council.

Fortunately, I will never have to try to enter the "J" building as all of you are coming out, but, on the other hand, unfortunately we will never have classes together again. I will never forget sharing an identical schedule with Carin and sitting beside all of the people that encouraged me every day. Yoo, Adena, Jessica, and Rose- the two rows of pure genius in a not so genius class. All of the CALC students that became more than family, AP English buddies that always seemed to brighten the mood, Vanuhi, Maneh, Lusine, Giss, my yearbook buddies and prom partners.

Never again will we have to run on



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

the scorching hot field or change into our Glendale jerseys for our sports. I will always remember the days I spent with the track team and the relationships that blossomed on that field. Eileen, Arleen, Kuro Christine, Robert, Armanoush, and David without you all I would die out there!

Never again will we have another senior class activity and no longer will we have to visit our advisors' classrooms for any reason ranging from prom tickets to panoramic pictures! Ms. Peerali and Mr. Keefer will be able to teach without disruptions and will not have to worry about anything but English and History.

So when you wake up tomorrow, next week, next month, or next year, and realize how much GHS changed you and how much you grew on this campus, remember that it was the people that got you this far! Remember to thank the people that cared so much.

As your senior class president, I would like to thank my advisors Peerali and Keefer, Hazlett, Lopez, the senior class cabinet, and all the people who made GHS a better place and influenced my life in a positive way.

To the Class of 2010, although you have big shoes to fill, I am sure that you will do great and accomplish more. I believe in all of you and I am positive that President Alvandyan will make sure everything run smoothly.

Do not worry about forgetting the past and do not worry about what is to come in the future. Be hopeful and things will just fall into place. Remember the people who have supported and encouraged you. As you go on to the college of your dreams or the place that will guide you there, remember never to give up! If I could sum up my time at Glendale High School I would say...PERFECTION... as I say to my fellow NHSers. Just as Ms. Hazlett announces on the bulletin, thank you Glendale High School and have a wonderful day!

to spread our wings even further and take on the challenges of the world.

I feel very fortunate to have attended such an amazing high school with friendly classmates and caring teachers. Glendale High has become my second home and I hate to be leaving it behind. I have enjoyed waking up early for my zero period each and every morning, knowing I have school to look forward to and all the laughs I will share with my teachers and peers. My love for this school is boundless and I owe that to everyone who has stood by me and helped me through this journey of life.

Thank you to all my teachers who forced me to try my hardest and put my best efforts into everything I did. No matter how much students complain or whine, we still appreciate everything you do for us and we are truly grateful. I want to specifically thank Ms. Hazlett for not only being an inspiring ASB advisor, but a mentor, and a true friend during my four years at GHS. You are one of the most incredible women I have ever met and I admire all that you

have done for me and the school. Thank you Mr. Lopez for always making sure we are safe and helping us when we need it the most. You have always been there for us, ready for any crazy job ASB throws at you! Ms. Sassounian, your kind spirit and willingness to always lend a hand cannot be forgotten. And Mr. Bertram, your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by all of us in ASB. Thank you to all our parents and family members for supporting us through all these times. It has not always been easy, what with your jobs and full-time responsibilities, and then having to deal with our high school problems and dilemmas! I don't think I say it enough, but I love you mom and dad!!

I am more than honored to have served as your ASB President this past school year. I thank you all for your continuous support and faith in me.

Class of 2009, we did it! Congratulations and remember that "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."