



Kang Chiao at the Michael Jordan Flight School



By MR. P. CHEN

Michael Jordan is one of the most famous basketball players in the world. He established his own training camp at the University of California, Santa Barbara, 17 years ago. We were the first group from Taiwan to join the Michael Jordan Flight School!

From August 3rd to August 7th, our students joined the Michael Jordan Flight School. There were lots of junior and senior high students from all over America who wanted to improve their basketball

everyone's ability in order to adjust their team roster.

The rest of the camp day was League ball games and various training lessons which focused on personal skills, offense and defense practice, pair cooperation, three-man cooperation, lay-ups, shot, and crossover.

One of our eighth grade students, Greg Hsu, said, "Although I was not the star on the court, I could cooperate very well with my teammates. This kind of experience let me realize the importance of team work."

"Our team had won four consecutive ball games. Even though we had some players with wounded hands, legs, and even eyes, we still wanted to fight our opponents," said Linus Liang from 803.

The most amazing thing is Michael Jordan came to the camp every day! He walked around, chatted with campers, and instructed them on how to perform better! Every day, there was a period of time spent meeting with Michael Jordan. Students could play a shooting game with Michael Jordan, or one-on-one with Michael Jordan, or listen to Michael Jordan talk about his passion and enthusiasm for basketball.

One camper questioned Michael Jordan, asking if he is afraid to do a buzzer-beater? Michael thought about it and said, "No, I'm not afraid. On the contrary, I really want to take the shot! I'm not afraid of trying and of failure!"

Our students were very involved in this camp. They ran for the fast breaks, and they jumped for the rebounds. When they played defense, their opponents could not even get the ball. Although our students got hurt, they got their wounds wrapped up and got back to the court.

What did our students learn from this camp? They faced people who were taller, faster and stronger players. They had to arm themselves, strengthen their minds, and fight for the championship! They had to cooperate with each other, either playing offense or defense. They needed to think, and to work out strategies. They were facing tough guys, and they had to keep a competitive attitude so they could get the chance to win.

Our students endured a tough week. They were challenged by the other students. After this camp, they know they cannot dunk yet, or that they cannot get 20-20. However, they know that if they do their best, they can get closer to the championship.

At this camp, Kang Chiao students learned to set a goal, to think and make plans, and to try their best.



skills, and of course, to see the "Air Man".

The first day, students were separated into several groups based on their age. The coaches let them play 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 ball games. This helped them to realize

Another grade eight student, Jim Han, felt he had a very good relationship with his coach, "Our coach treated us warmly! Whenever we lost the game or made a mistake in practice, he encouraged us to try our best instead of blaming us."



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Making Friends at the MJ Basketball Camp

By ALAN WU

At the camp, during try-outs, I made two important friends.

One is called Chiron. He is from Puerto Rico. He is a humorous person. He was always trying to trick me by teaching me some Spanish swear words and telling me to say them in front of other Puerto Ricans!

The other boy is called Hamzen. He is from Morocco, so our coach always called him Morocco. He is not



tall, but he is a good basketball player.

After the try-outs, my teammates and I started a whole week of training. We would practice layups, shooting, or ball control, in the morning. After lunch,



we would play a 5-on-5 basketball game with another team. After dinner, we would play the second game of the day, and the final activity was the assembly at the dome.

At the assembly, the coaches would share important information and Michael Jordan would come and teach us some basketball tricks.

I played a total of six games.

My team only lost two games, and I was very proud of my teammates. The most exciting game was the fourth game. It seemed like there was some conflict between our coach and the other team's coach. The other coach kept giving us penalties and my coach was really angry. The penalties made the game really tough. We tried our best to score but their score was

still higher than ours.

During the last two minutes, we finally tied the score. Then Jeremy, the best player on my team, scored a layup. When all of my teammates felt they could relax, a boy from the other team dashed in and scored a layup. The other team's coach blew the whistle and said "Defense penalty!" so they got an extra point for it.

The situation was bad. There were only a few seconds left. During the last five seconds, Jeremy finally cut in and we won the game!

This camp was really an eye-opener for me. There were almost 1000 students. It was really cool to meet people that came from another part of the world. I learned some Spanish and French from them, and I taught them some common Chinese words.

They also told me about their countries. Chiron showed me some photos of a beach in Puerto Rico; it was amazing. I'm not sure if I will go again next year, but this camp was really awesome!



By JEFF KUO

Every year, a 3.3 km race is held at Sun Moon Lake. Thousands of swimmers from all over the world attend this event. Kang Chiao's 9th graders attend every year too.

Sun Moon Lake is located in Yuchi, Nantou. It is the largest body of water in Taiwan and attracts many tourists. Sun Moon Lake is located 748 meters above sea level, is 27 meters deep, and has a surface area of approximately 7.93 square km.

As a 9th grade student, I took part in this event. In fact, we started training in the 8th grade!

Because I am pretty good at swimming, I didn't actually regard the training as important until I swam at Bitan. I discovered that it was totally different compared to swimming in the

A Unique Experience: Sun Moon Lake 2012

pool. I had to carry a rescue tube while swimming, and the feeling of not seeing the bottom of the water was odd.

The day of the challenge finally arrived. On the ride to Sun Moon Lake, I felt excited and a little nervous. We were divided into



several groups and I was in the first group. The other members of this group were all very good swimmers.

After warming up, my group and I arrived at the lake. I was amazed by the beautiful view and the large amount of people. But there was no time for a pause. I got into the water and started following Kang Chiao's

flag. I felt that I was free in the water. I was like a fish which was finally released from a fish tank into the ocean. I swam to the first raft and gathered with my group. The coach talked to us, and we started off again. Swimming across Sun Moon Lake wasn't like being in the swimming pool by myself because we were a team and we had to work together.

We hadn't swum very fast, until we saw the second group's flag. We were afraid that the second group would catch us, so we started swimming faster. One member of our group suddenly got a cramp, and we had to stop to wait for him. While we were waiting, we saw the other group's flag coming closer and

closer! We wanted to start swimming immediately, but we were a team.

Finally, he caught up and climbed on the floating board we had brought, and two of us pulled him along. We encouraged each other and arrived at the last raft. The coach allowed us to swim by ourselves to the finish line. I went as fast as possible and reached the shore.

Before this trip, I thought swimming in Sun Moon Lake was only a race. However, I learned to help others when they face difficulties. To complete this swimming challenge, one does not only need self confidence and physical strength but, most importantly, teamwork.



INTERVIEW WITH TEACHERS



By RICKY WU

Mr. Assink is a PE teacher. He wants every student to try their best in PE class. “You might fall down, but you have got to stand up again!”

Where are you from? Which city?

I’m from Johannesburg, in South Africa - the most beautiful country in the world.

South Africa? Wow! I wish I had been there during the World Cup in 2010! Why did you come to Taiwan?

I always wanted to have a look at the other side of the world. I wanted to stay in another country. My friend told me about an

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opportunity in Taiwan. If I didn’t take this opportunity, I don’t think I would have ever come here.

Are you used to life in Taiwan?

Yes, I’ve been here for over 11 years. I think the most obvious difference between South Africa and Taiwan is convenience. Like the public transport, shops, and so on. Each place here is not far from each other. It only takes about three hours to go to Gao Xiong from Taipei.

You are a PE teacher. What was your major when you were in university, and what’s your favorite sport?

My majors were Science, Chemistry and Microbiology. And later I got my PGCE (Teaching Qualification) for PE, Languages, Math and Science. My favorite sport is rugby. Although I’m in charge of the soccer club at present, rugby is still my favorite sport. Soccer is the second one.

I heard that you had been playing for the national team! Is that true?

Well, I would be willing to if my

country needed me. I only played in a provincial team. It is a level between the university teams and the national teams.



It still sounds cool! What do you usually do in your spare time?

Well, of course, I do some sports. And I enjoy reading books and listening to music. If I have time, playing puzzles is not a bad choice as well.

Have you ever done something crazy or had some special experience?

(laughs) There is nothing I can tell you! I did some crazy things during my time at university. But they are all secrets!

If you were not a PE teacher, what would you rather be?

I would rather be a professional athlete or a sports doctor.

How do you like the other PE teachers?

All the other teachers are kind, friendly and helpful. I think we really have a good mix of new teachers this year. Each PE teacher is involved in our work.

What about the students? What would you like to say to the students in KCBS?

First of all, be true to yourself. Believe in yourself and do your best. Sometimes you will fail, but you have to be strong. You should learn from your mistakes.

And don’t forget yourself! You work hard as well! Do you feel relaxed while doing your work?

I really enjoy teaching in KCBS. When you are a PE teacher, it’s really physically demanding. You need to go everywhere if it is necessary. And it is very different from teaching inside the classroom. I’ve been there. It’s just hard to compare.

Mr. Assink is a great teacher. His lessons are always interesting. He is always humorous, and he makes us laugh out loud in his class. But, Mr. Assink also really cares about us. I hope that he can stay in Kang Chiao forever.

Jonathan Feng Grade 11

By ARIEL HO & SHARON LIN

Mr. Fuang is a really nice math teacher. His classes are always fun to be in. This interview includes Mr. Fuang’s top secret—an exclusive look at his social life.

Why did you choose math as your career?

I’ve always enjoyed doing math - since elementary school. Middle school was a little harder but I really enjoy challenges. When I finished questions that other people could not solve, I felt a sense of accomplishment. At college, I wanted to continue challenging myself. I could easily have picked some random major and gotten a 4.0 but I would much rather choose something that I want to do.

Since you say you like challenges, did you ever

consider doing engineering?

That’s a very good question. Engineering was a very difficult major to get into in my college. You had to be at the top of the class all the time. I have thought about doing engineering, but engineering takes a long time. Also, you will have almost no social life, because you have no time. The academic pressure is very heavy.

What will relax you when you feel pressure then? Any favorite hobbies?

Oh, my favorite hobby is playing tennis. I even coached tennis as a part-time job at a tennis club. Tennis is a great way to relax. When you are standing on the court, all the worries and pain just wash away. I really miss playing tennis.

Once, in class, you said, “I was going to teach English.” Why?

I was hired as an English teacher, originally. I applied to be a math

teacher. However, the school asked me whether I could teach English. I saw no reason against it so I gave it a shot. But then later, when I came to teach geometry for summer, and I really enjoyed teaching math, I told the school I would prefer to be teaching math. I have more knowledge in math than English, so I figure it would be better for me to teach math than English.

Can you tell us about your first girlfriend?

That was in high school, my junior year. She is a teacher now, in the States. She loves her students. She’s Indian. Our common interest was going to classes together. We were in the same math class. We always competed against each other. It sounds very nerdy, but it really was not. She had a very different group of friends from mine. My friends didn’t really know her friends, so we were kind of stuck in between. Also, her parents did not really want her dating

until college. It didn’t really work out. And for students that are interested in gossip: “If you really want to know, you will have to find out yourself.”

Any personal motto?

Of course, it is a quote from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”



Mr. Fuang as Super Mario!

STUDENT CULTURE

Golden Feet - The Soccer Club

By CHARLOTTE KU & PING HUANG



This is a club for people who like to play soccer. People with a passion for the sport play soccer whenever you walk by the field. Some people feel they have a talent for playing soccer, but some people don't. However, they always try their best to be champions on the field.

We were curious about this club, so we asked William Chen what he thought was so interesting about soccer.

“Team work is my favorite

part about soccer because players have to cooperate with each other,” he answered.

The first time he played was in the second grade and it was hard to control the ball when you could only use your feet instead of

your hands. He went to a soccer game and he thought that it was an interesting experience. It was the first soccer game he had ever been to. He also saw his favorite player, Fernando Torres. William wants to be a professional soccer player when he grows up .

Another member of the

David Chen takes on the teachers! Students and teachers play during lunch.



soccer club, David Chen, said that he was bad at playing soccer at first, but that he improved after he played a few times.

“It is quite hard to score a goal when playing soccer, and there is some pressure because it's not only you playing, but also your teammates.”

He has joined lots of soccer matches in Kang Chiao, competing with other school teams.

The Kang Chiao field is where you can find future champions with a passion for the sport!

Congratulations! Jeffrey Hu Wins Second Place at the Regionals

By CHRISTINE WANG

On October 16, Jeffery Hu from 12 C won great honor for Kang Chiao in the Regionals that led up to the “National High School Athletic Games” in early November.

Putting all his effort into his sport, Jeffrey Hu is an expert at pool. He has participated in many important pool competitions. To Jeffrey, pool is not only a preferred sport, but also part of his daily life and identity. This time, Jeffrey won second place, and he will be representing Kang Chiao and New Taipei City in the final competition.

Focusing on a hobby or sport is important and helpful for releasing stress. Jeffrey and his team mates are setting a good example for all Kang Chiao students to find and develop their own interests as well.



SCHOOL CLUB



Angela Kuan, Grace Chang, and Selena Chiang showing off their skills.

Basketball on Wheels: The Inline Skating Club

By VIVIAN WU & VICTORIA CHIANG

The Kang Chiao inline skating club meets on Fridays at the Secondary Department. This is a new club, and the students seem very happy to have this club at school.

While most students are learning on inline skates, some students are even learning to play basketball wearing roller skates!

The club is special because, even though the class starts with normal skating, the teacher will also teach special skills like figure skating.

There are many different techniques and positions to learn. It is really hard, because students have to learn how to balance.

Grace Chang told us that she has learned many new things from this club. Grace already started skating when she was 10 years old.

“When I was young, I thought it was fun. I really liked this sport so I went to a special school to learn how to skate. Because I really like skating, I joined this club. I was very happy when I heard there was an inline skating and roller skating club at

school,” she said.

This sport can be expensive if you want to be a professional skater. Inline skates can be as cheap as NT\$1000, but the best skates can be up to NT\$300,000.

Grace said that she would really like to be a professional skater one day. She is happy that the club teacher is focusing on figure skating techniques. She has taken part in a skating competition in Columbia before and she says it was a really special experience.

We look forward to seeing how this interesting sport, and club, will grow and develop in our school.

STUDENT CULTURE



Students searching for organisms such as insects for part of the "Modeling a Closed Eco-system" laboratory.

How Our Actions Can Alter our Environment

By MS. R. J. BILLONES

Environmentalism is becoming more and more significant and influential in our modern society. One might notice the growing effort of people around the globe to promote eco-friendly lifestyles and even companies are trying to be environmental friendly with the production of their goods and services.

Kang Chiao wanted to prepare students to be responsive and responsible citizens of the world -- citizens who understand how vital our environment is, and students who will become our future leaders.

This year, the school started a new course, Environmental Science, to further educate students about their environment. This course gives students different opportunities to learn about scientific issues that are relevant in our society today.

Through Environmental Science, students will not only gain a science credit, but also knowledge that will guide them in making decisions about their actions towards our environment. They will learn about current environmental issues globally and about what they can do to be a part of the solution.

Students investigate the relationship between temperature and fermentation in microorganisms.



Dancing with Darkness: Our Halloween!

By IRVING SHEN



The scariest make-up won the contest!

On the day of Halloween, the judges decided which students had the most creative make-up. Both teachers and students participated in dressing themselves as scary as they can to win the competition! There were vampires, magicians, animals, US marines, and even Japanese ghosts!

Different cultures have different, and very diverse, festivals. Throughout the world, festivals for ghosts are

some of the most common special holidays we have. In the West, Catholic churches pointed out that October 31st represented the end of summer and the start of winter. It was a special day for all the ghosts and souls of the dead to return to our world.



People had to dress up in costumes and scare away the ghosts.

Children in England also started a tradition that still endures now.

"Trick or Treat?"

These words are shouted out loud by children when they visit every neighbor nearby. They dress in scary costumes and ask for sweets. It means: "Give us candy, otherwise we'll play a prank on you".

Nowadays, Halloween is still a tradition and a representation of Western culture, and now also a part of Kang Chiao.

Happy Halloween!

A day of creativity and fun with original costumes and make-up! Thank you, Ms. Kemeny and Ms. Yeh for organizing this special event.



Resident Zombie!

By JESSIE KUO

There is a movie called *Resident Evil* in which a girl kills zombies. This movie inspired me to do the zombie make-up. We did not have time to get ready at school so I woke up at 4 o'clock in the morning!

I used professional costume make-up for my eyes, nose, and mouth, but on my neck I used tissue paper and white glue. People were really shocked and amazed when they saw me. First, they would only see one side of my face, and think that nothing was wrong. Then, they would see the teeth and be really surprised. At lunch, my friend, Amy, said I made her lose her appetite.

I hope we get more time to dress up at school next year. Then, I can be even scarier!

Study Halls at School

By JASON HUNG Grade 11

Everyone once was a passionate high school student, craving full independence. In a modern era that emphasizes equal rights, every individual shares the same amount of liberty. Students should also have a free environment to expand their learning limits. I believe Kang Chiao students from all grades should have study halls for free learning during school time. These free periods could enhance our ability to self-study and prepare us for university. Secondly, study halls provide students that require aid from teachers an opportunity to catch up with others. Third of all, students could acquire an extra amount of time to work on assignments utilizing the abundance of resources of the school.

Study halls can bring long-term improvements to students' self-study capability. According to the website Akademikas, self-study is one of the most important habits any serious student must develop.

Teachers are not always available for students. Moreover, professors in college will provide even less assistance for our academic studies. Therefore, we should develop our ability of self-study through reading textbooks, assignments, and even the Internet. This can help facilitate students' preparation for exams and SAT to improve their grades gradually. The students of Kang Chiao still have a large potential for growth and advancement that could be made through introducing study halls. Having study halls is one of the best ways to increase our self-study skills.

Furthermore, students that are behind teachers' schedules or underachieving can catch up during study halls. Having a few extra periods of time in school will help students relieve academic pressure. In an article from my.hsj.org, students state that they appreciate study halls because they can acquire extra time to finish their homework and have more

free time at home. Study halls give students the opportunity to communicate with teachers and receive help directly from them. This is a benefit only available at school, and free periods can give them the time to utilize it. With the elastic time of study halls, students that were absent would be able to make up quizzes or assignments without extra pressure. Some students in Kang Chiao require more time than others to achieve the same academic goals. To assist these students, we should have study halls every week.

Self-study is one of the most important habits any serious student must develop.

Lastly, study halls allow students to work on assignments and projects utilizing the school resources. Kang Chiao has abundant resources, so we should enjoy this advantage as much as possible. Not all students have access to devices such as computers, the Internet, or printers at home. The computers available in the library would be

extremely helpful for those students. The massive amount of information in the library can also help students working on projects and assignments.

According to thecityinsight.com, the quality of facilities affects the amount of applications each year. Top universities such as Stanford, Berkeley, and Harvard all have the best facilities and equipment for learning. This benefit is one of the primary attractions for the top students around the world. Therefore, Kang Chiao should increase students' access to the resources by establishing study halls.

Study halls can lead to self-study improvement, aid students that are behind schedule, and provide resources for all students. The benefits are proved by statistics and research. Kang Chiao should start by opening self-studying periods in homerooms, and then give access to the library and computer labs gradually. I believe study halls can eventually increase the average grade of students as a result.

A Letter to a Child of the Holocaust

By SAMANTHA YANG Grade 9

Dear Mario,

First of all, let me kick off with "I'm sorry for what had happened to you." I don't want this letter to make you feel the pain again so I'm not going to say a lot on that topic. But because you were so young, I will tell you a little bit about what was going on then. You see, unfortunately, you were born in a difficult time. The Nazis had conquered most of Europe and they had a grudge against Jewish people. Your dictator, Mussolini, was in alliance with the Germans and that is why your family struggled during that time. Late 1943, in October, your family was arrested. You were put onto a train to Auschwitz death camp in Poland and when you got there you died in a gas chamber. You were only two.

Now, because your life was unexpectedly cut short, I'm going to fill you in on what happens in life. When you're a child, everything comes easily but when you grow up everything gets complicated. As you have your childhood, you develop hobbies and that helps you decide on what job you want. You make friends in life that become like your family. Life becomes easier with them.

Don't worry, Mario, you didn't die for nothing. Because of the Holocaust, lots of people are now constantly working to make sure that it will never happen again. Your story has inspired and motivated people. You were a part of something that changed the world.

Best regards,

Samantha

Ecosystem June 13, 2012



Photo By RUBY Y.

This photograph is a tribute to Daido Moriyama, a renowned Japanese photographer.

With the rise of environmental issues like global warming, environmental groups have long accused modern cities of disrupting the harmonious ecosystem of our great nature. However, recently, I read an article, which contended that while modern cities have certainly altered the way how nature used to be, the cities themselves have also evolved into a unique form of ecosystem.

Imagine: Taipei City is an ecosystem.

Personally, I think photographs by Mr. Moriyama, who is keen to capture urban scenarios using his film camera, certainly assert this statement.

Language Corner: French

By ALLISON SU

In French class, we made posters about our family members.

C'est l'affiche que nous avons faite pour la présentation et c'est un arbre de la famille. Notre prof, Mlle Leslie, nous a demandé de faire ce projet dans le but de nous aider à mémoriser le nom de chaque membre de la famille et d'exercer nos compétences dans le discours public. Je pense que ce projet m'a aidé à apprendre le français, et c'est une langue tout à fait difficile à apprendre. Cependant, je pense que le français est la langue la plus belle du monde par rapport à d'autres langues, et je suis heureuse d'avoir un si grand maître pour m'apprendre à parler cette belle langue correctement et bien. J'aime le français et j'aime la France.



Let's learn some French

mon père *my father*

ma mère *my mother*

mon oncle *my uncle*

mon frère *my brother*

ma soeur *my sister*

mon chat *my cat*

■ This is my poster. My French name is Élodie.

ART APPRECIATION

From Ordinary to Extraordinary

By KATY WONG

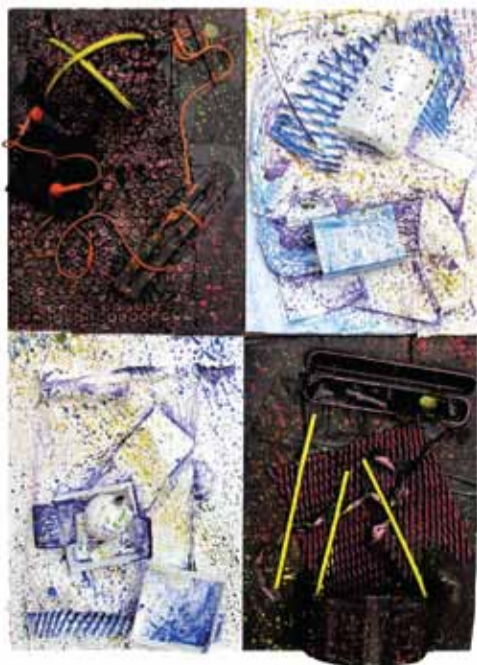
I know there may be questions when people see this kind of artwork. Yes, these are works of art. This is a form of art with ordinary objects placed compositionally.

People may wonder about or have a hard time seeing the beauty in these works or even ask the question: "What is the point of doing this?" The whole idea behind doing this kind of work is so that we, art students, can practice using already formed objects to compose a form of art known as assemblage art.

Also, adding color gives the work more emotion and helps emphasize the textures on the different objects. For example, in my work, I wanted to show different sides of emotions by using contrasting colors in a

subtle way.

Even though the objects may seem like they have been randomly placed, actually there are many thoughts that go into composing and creating an emotional piece of work that I can feel very strongly about.



By KATY WONG



Let the Music DRIVE You: The Volvo 30th Anniversary Event

By ARIAL HSIA & MAGGIE CHU

The Taipei Philharmonic Orchestra (TPO) is a famous professional performing orchestra in Taiwan. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Volvo invited the TPO to perform. The conductor, Wei Hsuan Lee, used to be a teacher at Kang Chiao. He auditioned the students, looking for about ten people who would be pleased to be part of the performance on September 23.

It was a great opportunity for the students. Eileen Chen was one of the students who was chosen to perform. She was anxious about performing with the professionals so she practiced extremely hard. The first time she heard the TPO play she was shocked by their amazing performance. She could feel their passion and could picture herself as being part of this orchestra in the future. Standing on the stage made her nervous.

"I kept thinking that I might a mistake in front of the audience," she said.

She had to "pull herself together" and they had a marvelous performance in the end.

Feeling joyful after the performance, Eileen started to think about her future. She would like to study abroad and major in clarinet and minor in theory and composition. In order to reach her goal, just like all the other members of the Kang Chiao orchestra, she still has to practice.

"I have to improve my performing skills and create my own musical collection. There are a lot of things I have to achieve."

The Kang Chiao orchestra has had numerous achievements in all kinds of competitions. The members of the orchestra hope they will still have plenty of opportunities, like performing with the Taipei Philharmonic Orchestra, in the future.



By ASHLEY CHANG



By LISA CHANG

An Amazing Memory Journey



sketchbook should be. I found that I was too careless and thoughtless before, and understood that a sketchbook was a book of observation and a book for me to express myself. It requires detailed observation from my daily life, my environment, and even my mood. All these memory records could be used as topics for my artworks. I also understood how important it is to be observant of my surroundings; I can find art by simply looking at what is around me.

By PEGGY CHOU

In AP Studio Art class, we were asked to complete different sketchbook assignments over the summer vacation. Due to my little or almost non-existent experience with what a good sketchbook should be, I didn't do my sketchbook very well.

In our first AP studio class, we had a guest speaker, Ms. Marci Wu. She shared the precious memories in her sketchbook with us and spoke to us about keeping a sketchbook as a way of journaling.

She showed us her sketchbook that she has kept for years, and it amazed me because it was as thick as a shoe box! This sketchbook was actually her journey book. She told us the different ways to utilize a sketchbook, such as doing collages, sketches, and drawings from observation. She did sketches whenever she saw something that she thought was worth remembering. It could be anywhere she went - whether it was a beautiful tree she found, a scene which she saw that touched her, or it could be any detailed observation she found interesting from her daily life.

After I saw Ms. Wu's sketch book, I suddenly realized what a real

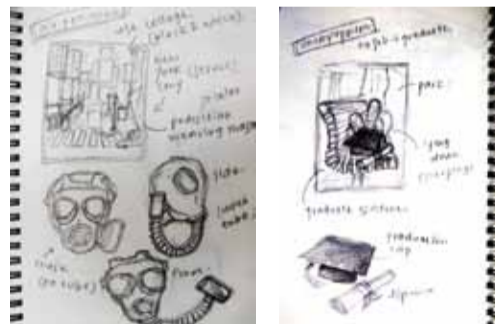


Peggy's initial sketches and one of her final AP works.

Now, I treat things in a different way and let my imagination develop its power. I record details in both drawing and literary compositions to better showcase my imagination. I have tried hard to make my sketchbook better with sketches or photographs, and hope one day I can have the chance to show my amazing memory journey!

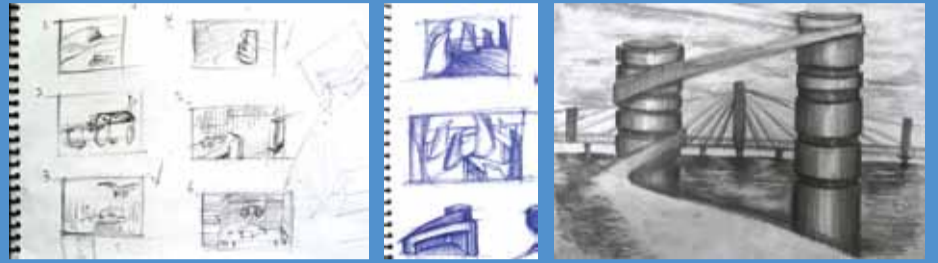


■ Fresh Out of College Poster Design by Peggy Chou



Some pages inside Peggy's sketchbook. On the right is a completed work developed based on her initial sketch.

People often question why these sketchbooks contain such "unfinished" work. However, there is a great purpose behind it. Keeping a sketchbook is a perfect way to organize our scattered thoughts and a thumbnail sketch helps us put these thoughts back together. – Mason Wan



My sketchbook gives me inspiration. It gives me new ideas when I am stuck.

– Lisa Chang



My sketch book is a record of my life. It is a nutrient that makes my art work grow. I can get inspiration from it. We usually draw a thumbnail (a small rectangle frame to show our idea) before we start drawing. It makes my art work more organized and my thoughts will be clearer. – Helen Wang



There are no rules and I can do anything I want in my sketchbook

– Annie Chen



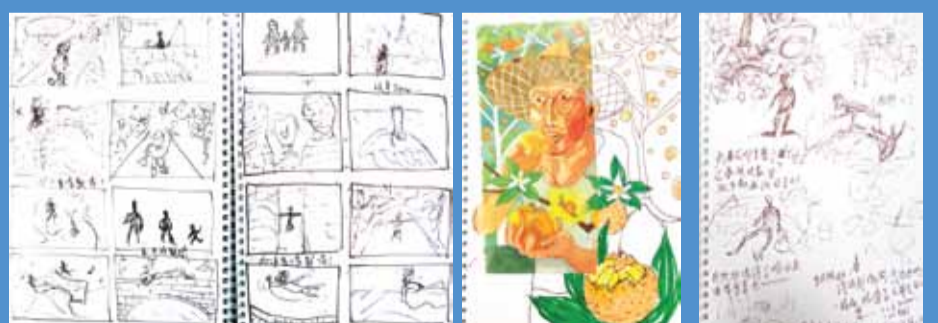
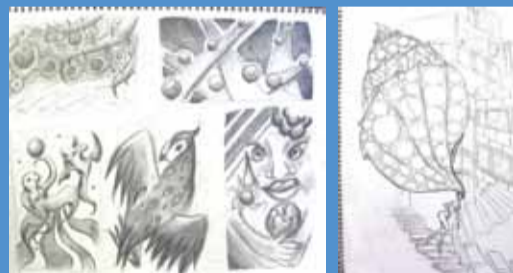
When I am bored or in a bad mood, I always draw things inside my sketchbook to make myself happy. It means freedom to me.

– Claire Chang



A sketchbook to me is an experiment of expressions. It allows me to make the impossible possible.

– Alex Lin



My sketchbook is a place to let my ideas explore - it's like a stage for a dancer. You can also find some interesting magazine images in my sketchbook. I feel like I can always go back and find some exciting ideas through these pieces of work. . – Samantha Su



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