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Electronic sign lights up controversy among Cabrillo's neighbors

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Bright lights at Cabrillo are too bright for some in the surrounding area.

Cabrillo neighbors are beginning to feel that the statement read on Cabrillo's new \$20,000 message board, which has been in the works since back to school night earlier this year, stating that we "We C.A.R.E. at Cabrillo" is a bit ironic.

"How can they care when we're in the 31 day of a stage three-power emergency and that Las Vegas-style sign runs at totally unnecessary times," said Cabrillo neighbor and home owner, Francis Orsua.

Orsua, who says he can see the sign changing colors on his bedroom wall at night, is one of several neighbors who are angry over the installation and current position of the new marquee.

Neighbors first started complaining when the sign was on twenty-four hours a day and displaying its messages at 100% brightness.

ASB advisor Dave Benchoff attempted to address the neighbors' worries by putting the marquee on a timer and significantly lowering the sign's brightness

"We lowered its brightness from 100% down to 20% at night, and next we are going

to try 10%," said Benchoff.

"We even put the marquee on a timer so that it would go off at 10 at night, but one of the neighbors is still calling to complain saying that they feel it is tacky."

Cabrillo neighbors feel that having the sign on even until 10:00 p.m. is unnecessary.

"Who is at that school until 10 at night and needs to know what is going on?" said Cabrillo neighbor and LUSD

teacher Claudette Carlton.

"People who are there that late at night are ones who would know what is going on; there is just no point in having that sign on past school hours."

Cabrillo neighbors are supportive of having the sign on in instances of a dance or an evening sporting event, but

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COUNTDOWN: Senior Projects continue to play a significant role in the lives of the Class of 2001.

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Finish

Due date concerns

"The Senior Project program is fine, but there should be graded due dates regularly to prevent procrastination."

-Kevin Brooks

Request for learning

"The senior project program is a good idea, but there should be more leeway given to the student to provide whatever feedback he/she deems sufficient; imposing stringent guidelines on students, regardless of the person or project cramps creativity."

-David Maraszek

Procrastination: the last minute experience

"This has given me good experience about what happens when you do things at the last minute."

-Katherine Morgan

One step forward

"I think that the senior project is good for someone who doesn't know what they want to do [in life] because it makes them think about their future."

-Brooke Northrop

Stress release

"It puts a lot of stress on you, it will be a relief when it's finally over."

-Natasha Hernandez

Unlock the mystery

"The key to the senior project is to do something you like or you won't get it done."

-David Kinman

Choose wisely

"The senior project is very time consuming, if you do it well. It's hard to pick a project, and some people, like me, discover too late that they hate the project they chose. If, however, you choose a project you like, I'm sure it's a very good learning experience."

-Katie Osberg

Teenage donors give the gift of life

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The Tri-county Blood Bank Drive has made its annual visit to Cabrillo. The Blood Bank, which has stations in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, and Salinas, was making its rounds in the Santa Maria/Lompoc/ Santa Barbara area. While spending its designated five hours at Cabrillo, it managed to receive around one hundred donors.

Staffing the mobile facilities are twelve dedicated and certified people. Jerry Thompson helps the blood bank supply hospitals with the necessary 150 units of blood a day.

"It's more than just a job, it's a service," she commented.

Mrs. Carmen helps screen the volunteers for healthy donors. They must pass several requirements to be deemed healthy enough to



Just don't look: Senior Jason Wallace covers his eyes in one of the three Blood Drive buses on Cabrillo's campus. The event took place on Feb. 14 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Approximately 100 students gave blood on Valentine's Day.

give blood, such as not being ill and weighing over 110 lbs. After they pass these requirements, they must answer a 44 question long sheet.

Senior Heather Scott was in line to give blood, filling out the questionnaire. When asked why she was giving

blood, she answered she had volunteered in the Red Cross when she was in middle school and has wanted to give blood since then.

"I've been waiting a long time to be 17," she said.

Senior projects continue to prepare CHS students for the real world

• Mandatory research papers and projects are new staple of a CHS student's senior year paper.

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Senior projects are an integral part of every Cabrillo student's senior year. Topics from Alzheimer's to eating disorders are all subjects that may be chosen as a Cabrillo student's senior project.

One of the preliminary steps is the ten-page research

"It was really tough-going," said Cabrillo senior Kyle Isbell. "You have to spend a lot of time researching your topic, and it is not always easy to write an interesting paper."

Interesting is what Seniors are striving for.

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Dates for seniors to remember

With only 62 school days remaining for the senior class, time is winding down for the senior project and other academic responsibilities.

- ✓ April 28: Prom from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Officer's Club
- ✓ May 1: Grad Night tickets go on sale
- ✓ May 21: Open House senior projects
- ✓ May 22: Lake Lopez: senior ditch day

- ✓ May 23: Senior project presentations
- ✓ May 29: Graduation robe pickup
- ✓ June 7: Graduation