

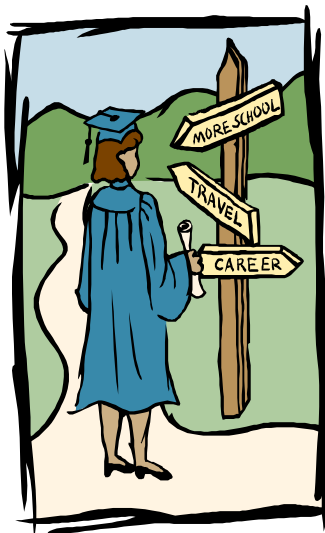
Last year's Grads Grateful for Preparation

By Kate Johnson

Brookfield is a school that is supposed to prepare students for the outside world – and many of last year's 8th graders agree that the school does a good job. After the 8th grade class of 2002 graduated, everyone went to different high schools. St. Francis, Jesuit, and Mira Loma were the top three choices.

The graduating students were: Allie Baron, Alex Chang, Stacey Chin, Celine Cutter, Lauren Kawano, Lisa Keikoan, Hannah Mohr, Ellis Munoz, Willie Rudman, Collin Yee, Marie Aoki, and Lauren Jong.

Hannah Mohr said that Brookfield prepared her well for high school. She is currently at St. Francis and her favorite subjects are math and English. She is not on any sports teams at school, but she is in three clubs: Italian Club, Gourmet Club, and Peer Court. In Italian club they speak Italian, in Gourmet Club they cook different



types of food, and in Peer Court they serve on a jury or as an attorney; the youths run the trials rather than adults.

To Hannah it seemed easy to make friends because they "were all in the same boat;" they were all new. She said that what she was most surprised at in high school was how tired she was from classes.

Alex Chang, who is attending Mira Loma, said that

his favorite subject is English. He is not currently taking any sports, but he will be playing tennis in the spring. He joined the clubs Mathletes and Science Bowl. In Mathletes, he gets to go to schools and compete by taking a math test. The highest score wins.

The Science Bowl is like the quiz show Jeopardy on television. There are two teams of four and they are given five seconds to answer a question about science. Alex thought that it was easy to make friends because the friends that he already knew at Mira Loma had other friends who he got to know. He was most surprised at how many different people there were.

Now in 9th grade, these students have taken on more challenges and responsibilities than they have faced in the past. They seem to agree that Brookfield has prepared them well to build a strong future.

Ant Problem Subsides After Vigorous Battle

By Katherine Carey

The ant issue here at Brookfield has been a big problem but finally seems to be gone. The areas that had ant infestations included Mrs. Beggs' 1st grade, Mrs. Hansen's 2nd grade, Mrs. Brinsky's 3rd grade, Mrs. Waltermyer's pre-first class, the computer lab with Mr. Branscombe, the teachers' lounge, the office, and the walkways.

Mrs. Ashizawa said the victory has been hard won because she has been working very hard on the problem since school started. She went through the process of

trying to fix the problem many times; whenever the ants came, she would find the ant trail and where they were coming from. Then she would spray them and go to the Temple to bring up the issue and get permission to call a pest control company. When the ant control people came, she would show them where they were coming from. Over time, the ant control company would find the nest and spray it with chemicals that killed the ants.

The problem appears to be over because right now there are no ants. Mr. Branscombe said that he had



ants at the beginning of the year for three days along the windowsills and around the computers. He said that his theory was that the ants were looking for food because they sensed winter coming.