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Young Entrepreneurs of America plan to dominate

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Money is everything with this crew; the emerging club, "Young Entrepreneurs of America" is headed by juniors Jordan Gilbertson president, Dana Bush vice-president and Lauren Bushnell, secretary. They plan to learn and teach business techniques as well as fundraise money for Global Awareness Take Action.

"We will practice business skills and logistics by creating mini-businesses and then giving the profits to a good cause. Our profits will go to GATA and will help benefit our sister school. While learning sales skills and strengthening our business knowledge, we will be helping our peers as

well as our sister school," Gilbertson said.

They're optimistic when it comes to finding sponsors, because without sponsors, the clubs' objectives could flop as the "mini-businesses" they are planning revolve around product sales: T-shirts, chapstick, bracelets, and anything else they can think of. "We will do it all and, of course, the colors and designs will be appealing to the fashion today," Gilbertson said. Their plan could also face a dilemma, "we can't sell things if we don't have 'em."

Their business plans include researching advertisement to find out what students like to see and what students will respond to most. For example, color vs. black and white, food vs. materialistics and banners

vs. music, according to Gilbertson.

Gilbertson is looking at endless possibilities involving promotion of the club. She hopes that since they've developed a cause for the club, and not just a name, it will become more popular. Their popularity requires a little publicity as well.

"You should join because we'll eventually get pizza for lunches, T-shirts and I'm going to think of a field trip for the club to go on," Gilbertson said.

The club meets on Tuesdays at lunch in Room C106. The club also doesn't limit itself to business, "If you like money, women and fine crystal then join YEA. We will make all of your dreams come true," Gilbertson said.



Juniors Lauren Bushnell, Dana Bush and Jordan Gilbertson lead a meeting for the Young Entrepreneurs of America Club. The club plans to fundraise for Global Awareness Take Action while practicing professional business skills in the high school.

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Young Democrats, Young Republicans aim to stay active in community

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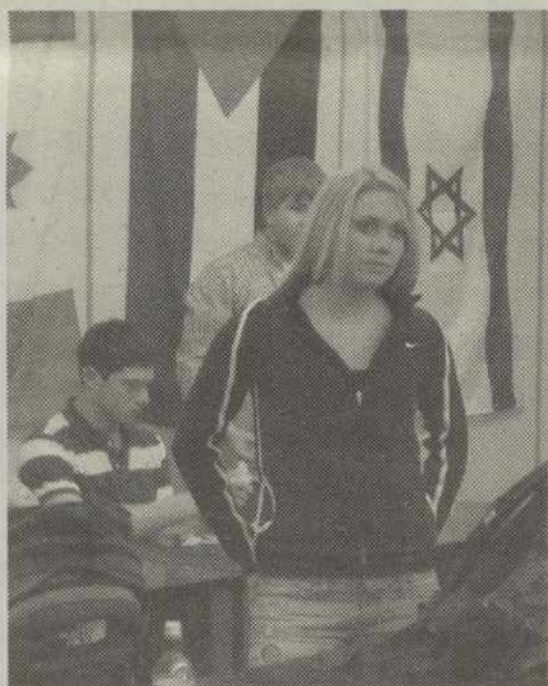
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With elections over, the Young Democrats and Young Republicans reflected on the election season.

"We were all about campaigning for candidates who we supported," Crosby Kisler, Young Republicans Club President, senior, said. Whether they were putting up signs along roads or volunteering at phone banks, club members feel it is important to stay involved and spread knowledge about politics in school and in the community.

"Young Democrats is a really important club around election time," Jordan Grelewicz, Vice President, senior, said.

While elections had been a primary focus for the Young Democrats and Young Republicans clubs, they are now ready to get started working toward their other goals for the year ahead.



Julia Green, junior, discusses politics during a Young Republicans meeting. The Young Republicans meet every Tuesday at lunch.

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"The goal is to raise awareness. The problem you have with school political clubs is maintaining interest when it's not an election cycle," Kisler said.

"People tend to forget about global issues when they feel they have no power elect a candidate to make changes," Amy Brumbaugh,

Young Democrats Club President, senior, said.

But that's not all the clubs do. Young Republicans are working on many ongoing projects including teaming up with Global Awareness Take Action to help raise

money and with getting community members registered to vote. Young Democrats also stay active by focusing on elections during election time and going to protests whenever they can.

While the club presidents may differ in their views on politics, what they do agree on is staying active and raising money for issues they feel strongly about.

"(Student) activism needs to increase," Brumbaugh said.

In the future, the clubs also plan on having debates where club members argue their views on issues such as abortion and immigration. Overall, both sides feel strongly about maintaining respect for each other despite their differing opinions.

"Young Republicans is about raising political awareness among high school students and not about bashing Democrats," Kisler said.

For students who have strong views and want to make a difference, the Young Democrats or Young Republicans club could be worth looking into.

"I've been a strong Republican for a while and I believe in everything that we talk about here. I really like it, it's a lot of fun," Joe Huck, senior, said.

Young Republicans meet every Tuesday in Room B203. Young Democrats meet every Monday at lunch in Room C203.

SAT prep courses not meant to boost intelligence

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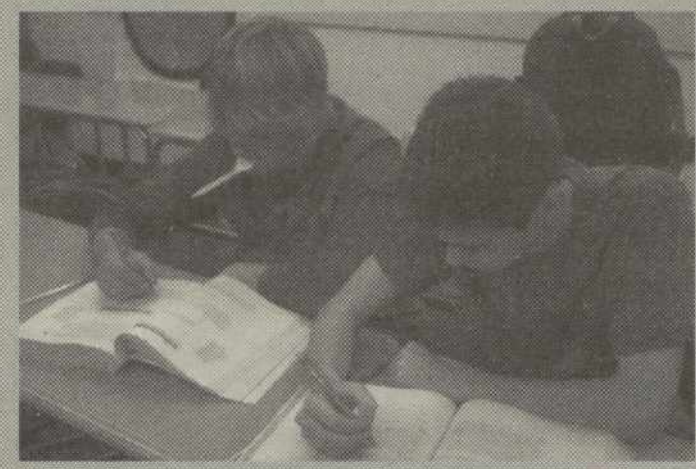
With SAT's testing dates approaching (previously known as Standardized Achievement Test), there will be multiple opportunities for students to test their knowledge and see how their scores fare among the country's elite.

SAT preparation courses may be a logical use of time and money for some students, however many people rec-

ommend that many students miss easy points because they spend too much time answering a tougher question they are unsure of, and as a result, run out of time on the final few questions, which often turn out to be easier than the ones that troubled students earlier in the test.

While some people who take the prep classes improve their scores dramatically, most students see about a

100 point increase in SAT scores, compared to their results from prior tests such as the PSAT's.



Derek Benson and Jordan Hongo, juniors, hit the books during a SAT preparation class. The next SAT sign-up deadline is Dec. 26.

Photo by Sarah Chicoine

However, for those who desire to attend college on an athletic scholarships or other activities may not find SAT preparation courses worth their time. SAT classes will benefit those who want to score well, but for some colleges, SAT scores can only prove so much about a student's overall qualification.

The purpose of the course is not to educate students, but rather to familiarize students with the format of the exam. According to CollegeBoard.com, students most commonly lose points because they don't fill in the answer key correctly, or because they do not read the instructions accurately. They also say

100 points will not separate someone from other high scorers when universities compare resumes. Above all, SAT scores are only one of many things taken into consideration when colleges look at who to accept.

The SAT's are taking place seven times this year, but three of the sign up deadlines have passed. The next scheduled SAT session is on Jan. 27, 2007, and the deadline for sign up is on Dec. 26, 2006. Testing sessions are also being held on March 10, May 5, and June 2. To sign up for prep classes prior to these test dates, contact Dick Ponting, Guidance Counselor or go online at CollegeBoard.com



Young Democrats celebrate after 2006 elections. Members volunteered at a phone bank for democratic candidates.

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