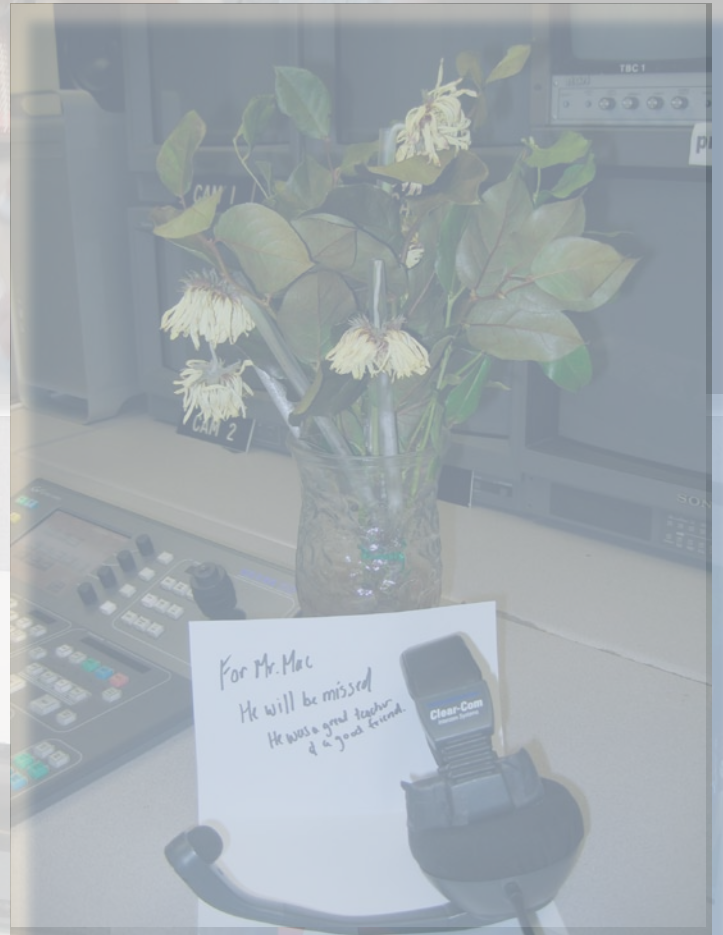


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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT 2007-2008



A man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a suit and tie, is shown in profile, operating a professional Sony video camera mounted on a tripod. The camera is a Sony CCD-IRIS model. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with some lights visible in the lower right corner.

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2007-2008 School Year**

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*In Loving Memory  
of our colleague and friend,*  
**TERRY McELHATTON**

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OUR COMMITMENT IS...



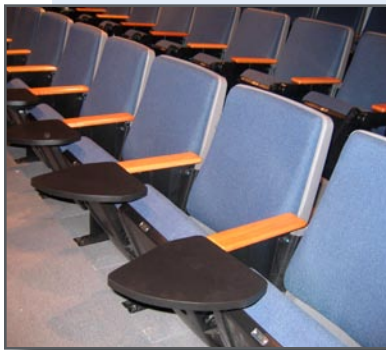
***TO PREPARE STUDENTS WITH  
STRONG CHRISTIAN CHARACTER  
TO BE AMONG THE  
WORLD'S MOST EFFECTIVE  
COMMUNICATORS***

# The **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT** at Valley Christian is an exciting place to be!

This progressive multimedia program presents film, television and video, radio, newspaper and yearbook production as avenues that can be used to communicate to students, parents, faculty and administration, and the community.

As a department we strive to...

- **Prepare students with strong Christian character to be among the world's most effective communicators**
  - o Empower students to express themselves effectively through the written word
  - o Establish a management structure to identify and nurture student leadership potential
  - o Equip students to utilize industry standard tools and techniques
  - o Inspire students to adopt a ministry focus in their daily endeavors
  - o Enable students to boldly articulate their faith to a world in need of a Savior
  
- **Instill an understanding of quality and work ethic in support of the Quest for Excellence**
  - o Define student expectations with clearly written rubrics
  - o Instruct students in proper project management to ensure success from concept to completion
  - o Motivate students to corporately take ownership for the success of a tangible product



## The DR. CLIFFORD DAUGHERTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

is one of the finest in the country with cutting edge technology, equipment and software. With a fully functioning TV studio, multiple sound recording studios and over 40 Intel iMacs and Mac Pro computers running the latest software (Pro Tools, Adobe CS2 and Final Cut Studio), students have all the tools necessary to produce award-winning projects and publications. This year a major remodeling project was done to the KVCH Warrior Radio on-air studio. A new audio board, speakers and flat screen were purchased as well as all new furnishings. In the film studio, 44 new theater seats were installed with retractable desks.



Through print and broadcast media, Communications students at Valley Christian High School learn to express their ideas, emotions, God's truth and Christian faith.

Advanced technology and practical communications theory enable students to confidently interact with a rapidly changing industry.

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT classes

include:

- The Art of Filmmaking
- Applied Film
- Scriptwriting
- Intro to TV/Video/Film
- Applied TV/Video
- Journalism I, II, III
- Radio Broadcasting I, II, III
- Yearbook

## The COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

faculty is committed to empowering students to effectively communicate the Gospel message.



Diann  
Fugate  
Journalism,  
Yearbook



Donny  
Fugate  
Radio,  
Yearbook



Nate  
Marshall  
Film,  
Scriptwriting



Terry  
McElhatton  
TV,  
Video

**CONGRATULATIONS to TERRY McELHATTON and NATE MARSHALL,**

Communications Department TV/Video and Film teachers,  
for completing their M.A. in Instructional Technology at SJSU.

With this achievement, all teachers in the department have their Masters Degrees.

The Advanced Television class produced the live **DAILY NEWSCAST** every morning on **KVCH-TV NewsOne Live** to inform the student body and faculty, and encourage student involvement at VCHS.



In a powerful Communications Department collaboration, Advanced Television students and Advanced Journalism students teamed up with Advanced Radio students to provide 13 **LIVE WEB CASTS** of sporting events and artistic programs throughout the year. The webcasts are posted online and can be viewed at [http://kvch-tv.valleychristian.net/on-demand\\_video\\_menu.html](http://kvch-tv.valleychristian.net/on-demand_video_menu.html)

Television and video students produced the **2008 VIDEO YEARBOOK.**



VCCHS Film student

**JEFF BELGUM** was accepted to a very exclusive program at Chapman University. The Film School, **Dodge College of Film and Media Arts**, is recognized as one of the top film schools in the nation. Jeff will receive a \$21,000 scholarship, the largest scholarship Chapman University awards.



Film & Video students held a successful **FILM FESTIVAL** on April 18, 2008. Films and documentaries were viewed in multiple rooms in the VCCHS Communications Center. Parents and students enjoyed an evening of outstanding student work. Awards were given in various categories. Film students also participated in the Apple Insomnia Film Festival.

View student films at  
<http://film.valleychristian.net>  
and also on

**YouTube** at  
<http://youtube.com/vcfilm>



Congratulations to The Warrior Editor-in-Chief, **RYAN ESHOFF**, recipient of the Bank of America plaque award in Communications. Eshoff plans to attend UCLA in the fall.



Congratulations also goes to The Warrior Features Editor, **TORI BERGLAND**, who received the Bank of America certificate award in Communications. Bergland is heading to Emerson College in September, 2008.



Applied Journalism students, seniors **RYAN ESHOFF and ADAM HILL** were featured May 11, 2008 on ComCast Cable's CAL-HI SPORTS show. CAL-HI's Robert Braunstein and camera crew visited VCHS in April to watch and film a live taping of



Eshoff and Hill's **FANATIX SPORTS-TALK SHOW**, a production of KVCH Radio. CAL-HI SPORTS highlighted the pair as successful journalists, athletes and sports anchors as well as

recognizing the high quality of the VCHS Communications Department.

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## Diamond Dreams

By David Henderson  
*Staff Writer*

With a very tough and prepared Warriors team, Valley Christian finally had a break in the schedule by playing Branham High School. The team lived up to expectations and blew through Branham with a final score of 7-2.

In order to beat the Warriors, the James Logan Colts decided to pitch their ace. Struggling at first, Valley recovered very nicely by scoring five runs in the sixth inning after James Logan pulled the starting pitcher, giving the Warriors a very good lead. **Danny Davis** held the Colts to zero runs throughout the game, and received the win. Valley advanced in this Crown Classic game with the score 5-0.

In the next Crown Classic game, Valley had to play Santa Cruz again and this time, senior pitcher **Jon Hughes** took the mound. Valley went back to their traditional style of playing small-ball and racked up six points in the process. Once again Hughes shut down another team, but this time he only allowed three runs. Valley defeated Santa Cruz 6-3.

The next game in the Crown Classic was against San Benito. Similar to the game against Santa Cruz, Valley had a good game by playing small-ball. Senior **Anthony Knapton** pitched this game and held San Benito to three runs. Later in the game, Valley started to hit the ball into gaps in the outfield giving the Warriors eight runs.

*Senior Christian Lam is one of many key contributors for the team this season, helping a relentless offensive attack that complements their strong pitching.*



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### Students Enjoy Themselves at Carnival-style Sock Hop

By Tori Bergland  
*Features Editor*

On April 5, 2008, ASB brought the students of Valley Christian their very own carnival! The festive evening was the last dance of the year put on by ASB, and the second to last dance of the seniors' high school career. It began at 7:00 pm in the large gymnasium with fun music, yummy food, and entertaining games! The decorations included vibrant balloons and funny pictures along the wall.

The food alone gave a great picture of being at a carnival. The ASB provided all-you-can-eat cotton candy and never-ending popcorn. There were also Caramel Apple.

*Senior Nick Boehm shows off his superb dance moves at the Sock Hop in an excited crowd.*



*Oliver Brantley, Gabe Brantley, and adjacent Laura Bennett and Victoria Smith enjoy the Sock Hop.*

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**"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT," EPHESIANS 6:10**

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Journalism students produced 8 editions of the high school student newspaper, **THE WARRIOR.**

Yearbook students published the 2008 memory book, **THE VANGUARD: Inside Story.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Communications students win at the **BAY AREA SOCIAL ISSUES DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL.** Video students Daniel Huffman and Josh Lee took fourth place in the Bay Area Documentary Festival, winning a \$3,000 cash award. These two first-year VCHS video students focused on the issue of loneliness among the elderly. They worked on their documentary, **Defeating Loneliness** in cooperation with the non-profit agency LOVE I.N.C.

Showcasing the talents of Valley Christian High School students, the weekly **WARRIOR WATCH** TV program began in December 2007. Warrior Watch spotlights VCHS student films and videos, student achievements and activities, **THE FANATIX SPORTS-TALK SHOW**, Valley sports, devotionals and much more.



Seniors **Adam Hill and Ryan Eshoff** host the *SPORTS FANATIX* show that airs weekly on *WARRIOR WATCH*. Eshoff is the Editor in Chief of *The Warrior*, the VCHS student newspaper, and Hill is *The Warrior Sports Editor*.

**WARRIOR WATCH** is a production of the Radio Department of VCHS, produced by Radio teacher, Mr. Donny Fugate, in conjunction with VC video. The show airs every Sunday at 1:30pm on ComCast Channel 15.

In May 2008, accomplished CNN TV journalist and SJSU journalism professor, **Bob Rucker**, spoke to Mr. Terry McElhatton's TV, Video and Film students, challenging them to be trustworthy, reliable journalists, seeking and reporting truth.



On May 10, 2008, Christopher & Kathleen Reiley came to VCHS to present their film **"AFTER THE TRUTH,"** a German film that has changed the face of film in Europe. This film has led the way for German people to come to terms with the past.

Valley was honored to have the opportunity to see this film



with the screenwriters who were available for discussion after the film.

The evening was hosted by VCHS scriptwriting team, Lindsay and Nate Marshall.



In January 2008, **TV/VIDEO & FILM** students traveled to Southern California to attend the Student Television Network conference in Anaheim.

Accompanied by Communications Department teachers, Terry McElhatton and Nate Marshall, ten students attended seminars and enjoyed many hours of instruction in a variety of areas, including lighting for videography, writing and anchoring.

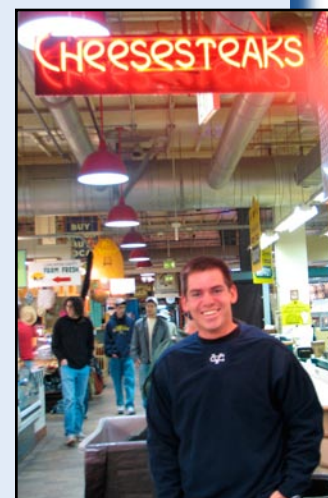
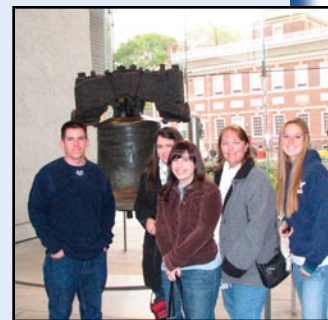
The group also toured the brand new \$40-million Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University.



**JOURNALISM STUDENTS** traveled to Philadelphia in November 2007 to attend the National Journalism Convention. Over four thousand students gathered from all over the U.S. for the 4-day event which hosted seminars in journalism, radio, yearbook, video, TV, film and photography.

Students also enjoyed touring the city and seeing sites such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and of course, the favorite of most students, the famous “Rocky” steps!

JEA conventions are held twice a year in various locations and are a valuable learning experience for Communications students.





**COLLABORATION...** *Two are better than one because they have a **good return for their work**. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9,12



KEYS TO  
**SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATIONS...**

- FIND** the story,
- WRITE** the story,
- FILM** the story,
- TELL** the story,
- ARCHIVE** the story.





After teaching 6 years at VCHS,

TV & Video teacher,

## Mr. TERRY McELHATTON

planned to leave VCHS to join the faculty of San Jose State University as an Associate Professor in the Journalism and Mass Communications Department.

On June 28, Terry went home to be with our Lord.

**MR. MAC**, as his students referred to him, will be dearly missed by the Communications Department faculty and students, his colleagues, and by the entire VCHS family.

**Terry McElhatton 1954 - 2008**



AND SAYING GOOD BYE

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