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outhridge students are questioned every now and then in relation to their school spirit. Many people would like to believe that they have finally found a weak spot in the students of this school. Unfortunately for these critics, these postulations are nothing but baseless conjectures.

School spirit can be measured in many different ways. Just like any value, there are two main components when school spirit is broken down. The first aspect of school spirit is known as “external school spirit.” This is the shallowest component of this value that students must possess. This is because this is mostly the effect of being present in certain events wherein student participation is needed. In most settings, this would be more of a requirement than a choice. It is seen here that this aspect of school spirit is indeed something that cannot really be used as a basis to determine whether or not this value is present in the character of students. The second aspect of school spirit is what should be considered as the determination of the existence of this value in certain individuals.

The second component is known as “internal school spirit.” This is the constituent that will be found in countless members of the Southridge family. True, it is important to have a proper balance of internal and internal school spirit, but if one is missing, it is still acceptable to say that it would be better for students to possess the more important aspect of the two. And that is exactly what Southridge students have come to realize.

This unexplainable amount of school spirit has been shown and proven throughout the course of the 30 years of excellence that has been produced by Southridge students, Southridge teachers and the rest of the community. Recently, the school spirit of a few students has been put to the test yet again. These students have been given the honor and responsibility to take on the challenge of organizing this year’s most awaited event, Father’s Day 2009. This will undoubtedly be the ultimate test as to how much school spirit students have. This will be seen in two different ways. First of all, the outcome of Father’s Day will be used as a determinant to show whether or not the organizers had the sufficient amount of this value to drive them to assure the school of a great event. Secondly, the rest of the population and their participation shall prove to people that Southridge truly does possess the adequate amount of school spirit that every school should have.

Before the big event makes its way to the grounds of this school, it is imperative that the students take it upon themselves to guarantee the success of this year’s Father’s Day. So I’d like to ask you, the readers, the students, the community of Southridge, “Are you ready to muster all the school spirit within yourselves to make all of this come true or would you rather succumb to the criticism of other people who say that Southridge students don’t have it in them to prove that school spirit exists within the walls of school?” What happens now is in your hands and what will happen is all up to you, the Southridge family.
The Intramurals of Southridge just never ceases to get better as the years pass by, obviously schools year 2008-2009 is no exception. Last year’s Intramurals games were something that marked the calendar of each and every class. The excitement of coming up with fancy names, finally obtaining the uniforms and designing personalized class logos no long the sole cause of the argument that was once done among Intramurals. The chance to compete against your friends and the attempt to claim a year’s worth of bragging rights is what should be blamed for such a crazy atmosphere that always seem to affect the students during the Intramural season.

The battle of the Intramurals has been taken to a next level this school year due to the addition of new events. For quite some time now, there had been a request for other sports, aside from basketball, to be played in the Intramurals. This year’s sport that has been granted with futsal and softball filling in the empty gaps, as a chance for others to make most of the event. The Intramurals had been set with two divisions once again, which were made of. It wasn’t just the fact that there had been McDonald’s being sold that got make most of the event.

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Although these are not things you would expect to hear from your average high school student, “Shame, sir!” “Point, ma’am.” cracking jokes, playing cards, and their entire life, this only lasts it sounds as if the members of the protection of homosexuals, and can in Zimbabwe, know how to argue for instead, you’ll meet people who are up-to-date on the power sharing policies by the moderator, Mr. Benjie Torralba. Although nobody is really sure existence, it was around the early 00’s when the name Podium was first coined by the moderator, Mr. Bonjie Torralba. Although having earned its varsity title that year, The Podium is different from your usual basketball or football varsity. Although it also has tryouts, practice, and tournaments, being a sport of wit and comebacks, quick speed and well-formed muscles aren’t things you’ll find on the people in this team. Instead, you’ll meet people who are up-to-date on the power during policies in Zimbabwe, know how to argue for the protection of homosexuals, and can turn what you’ve said against you. Next round? Not really. Although it sounds as if the members of the Podium have enough to last them their entire life, this only lasts during the actual debates. Outside the competitions, these debaters are cracking jokes, playing cards, and interacting with the debaters from other schools. Being part of the debate team teaches you skills which you wouldn’t normally learn elsewhere.

You learn to be an objective thinker and consider both sides of any situation. In debate, your beliefs mean nothing—if you’re chosen to oppose something which you personally support, you can’t ask to switch sides. You learn to work and think under pressure. When you’ve got fifteen minutes to prepare for a round, inclusive of the time it takes you to get to the venue, you have to make the most of it. And if you don’t, you have to find ways to think of your own arguments while listening to the speakers of the other team and find ways to rebut their arguments.

You learn to be independent. Although the Podium has a moderator, his job is only to supervise the members and coordinate with the management for any problems. It’s the members themselves who reserve the rooms they train in, find trainers, and organize rides to the competitions. In fact, in the recently concluded Philippine Schools Debate Championship held at the Ateneo de Manila University, all ten members stayed by themselves in a condo fronting Ateneo. With a junior, RJ Lim, as captian for the first time in Podium history, this year’s team consisting of nine juniors and two sophomores have been able to make some notable achievements in the past few tournaments. In the National Asians High School Debate Championship (NASH DC) hosted by De La Salle University, all three teams from Southridge qualified to the quarterfinals. In the PSDC, three of five teams broke, including one team reaching the semifinals, one in the quarterfinals, and one in the octofinals. In the National Asians High School Debate Championship (NASH DC) hosted by De La Salle University, all three teams from Southridge qualified to the quarterfinals. In the PSDC, three of five teams broke, including one team reaching the semifinals, one in the quarterfinals, and one in the octofinals. However, Southridge has not only made its mark in the actual debating, but also in the public speaking competitions (similar to a stand-up comedy), which are held to ease the tensions in the tournament. Marty Gonzaga won the public speaking in the IDeA Lite invitational and qualified to the finals in NAsH DC. Lance Tinghao won it in the IDeA 1 invitational, and Justin Jabines qualified to the finals in PSDC. In the IDeA Lite invitational, and qualified to the finals in PSDC.

The basketball league has invaded our very own school and it has been the cause of increased noise in classrooms, canyons, and hallways of the campus as managers bargain trades, exchange news or just brag about their current standing in their respective leagues.

What started out as an experiment by a group of friends transformed into a craze that swept through the campus like a plague, infecting everybody with the addiction to the world of fantasy sports. Leagues began popping up here and there and they filled up with participants in a blink of an eye. Soon enough, every corridor in the school was buzzing about the world of fantasy sports. Conversations were all about statistics, trades and inquiry and much went at work thinking of ways to bolster their respective teams through trade offers which were often exchanged at a rapid pace. It had the greatest impact among the freshmen, sophomores, and the juniors who all have formed their own leagues. It has been the main topic of most conversations in the classrooms, canyons, hallways, waiting area and just about every part of the campus that you can find students in. Even those who are not avid users of computers have found their ways into fantasy leagues. It also isn’t a game reserved for computer geeks as several varsity players also have their respective fantasy leagues. Students may often day dream and drift away from the lessons during class because of their addiction to their fantasy league or their paranoia of what will happen to their teams today. Sometimes, class time is delayed at the first thing students do when they get home is to log on and check the statistics of their players for the day. This game even becomes a bragging right for players they find themselves at the top spot of their respective leagues. This is proof of how popular these fantasy leagues are among the students, beating out other online games in terms of popularity among high school students.

The NBA Fantasy League is indeed one of the many online interactive games that are beneficial for a high school student as a competitive pastime, it helps, with one’s development with critical, statistical and numerical skills as well as social skills and skills associated with bargaining and negotiating, though these games should not be prioritized over studies because no matter how much fun it is, it is just a mere past time and in no way should it be seen as priority over school work.
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Learning to Love the Game and Each Other

By Mico Clavano

You’ve heard the saying, “there’s no i in team,” and you’ve heard it ad nauseam. If you’re not in a team, and if you play a sport, you’ll kick yourself for not realizing this soon enough.

But if you’re a part of a team, you’ll never know what it feels like to really succeed.

Though it might sound a cliché, I’ll say it. Southridge has found the true meaning of life and love. It’s called community service.

Hating been together for less than a year, the team’s evolved into one of the most united teams, ever. The most united team that Southridge has even seen. A unique assortment of athletes, brought together by leaders ranging from sophomores to seniors, have learned to be with each other in their limited time together. All bring along the ideal that their chosen sport, each Rickie Salas, buried upon them: “If you’re stranded on an island, you should be able to choose any one of your teammates to be with you on that island.” Simply put, there should be no incompatibilities between the players of the team.

So the start of the year, the team struggled to get their first win. They suffered a number of heart-breaking losses to some of the elite names in the country and had a tough time dealing with those losses. At one point, there came to be a lack of interest in the game, the sport, for the team, for a win. All this changed as a new league came. This was a chance for the team, for the beginning there was hope. And to this day, we wouldn’t go in to any sort of anxiety to hinder them from their goals this season. They won to- on finding the league’s record of 1-0 by having their only loss in overtime to the team B of Faro Academy. The team had finally learned the key to winning games - they then realized what it really was. To win games. Usually, they find themselves screaming in their practices - “DEFENSE!”

And now, the moment you see are of the players on the court, it would be impossible to miss. The team’s passion for the game is far more intense than it ever was. She would miss the heat of sunny Phoenix, Arizona, her loving, erratic, and harebrained mother and her younger brother, Phil. The changes were unexpected, but the knew exactly what she was getting herself into - or did she?

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Preparing Tomorrow’s Business Leaders: The Teenpreneur Challenge

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As what has been customary for the past few years, Southridge has sent yet another formidable team to the Teenpreneur challenge. Teenpreneur is an event organized by the Entrepreneurial School of Asia (ESA), and sponsored by numerous companies such as Splash and Folded&Hung. The aim of the challenge is to help a certain product owner innovate his/her product, while at the same time helping these owners get into a new market. The challenge aims to promote entrepreneurial skills among the youth, while at the same time promoting social awareness. The event began around mid-August and culminated in the exposition in SM around November. The journey to get to SM was not as easy as others may have thought it to be. It was a very long and tiring voyage for the Southridge team. In launching the $9 school played various team-building games, which included among any one another in a human chain. In addition to this, each team had to do any ordinary product, and innovate it in the best way possible. No matter how expensive such an innovation may be. In the case of Team Southridge, the boys decided to innovate a waist in to what they called “Splath”, which is water with added vitamins and minerals. Such an innovation eventually led them to winning the competition, filling each and every member with such hope and optimism. The next challenge for the Southridge team was to meet their product owner. Aling Terri. Aling Terri is a product owner from Malabon, who makes a living by selling and supplying pajamas in her local community. The team made the trip to Malabon, and visited her in her house. What the boys saw enthralled within them their deepest sympathy for Aling Terri’s house was no bigger than many of those boys’ rooms, a house in which 3 people lived. It was a sad scene for the boys, yet many of them were filled with such hope when they realized that their time and effort would go into helping Aling Terri. Based on her original product, the team Southridge decided to turn her pajamas into personalized patches, a product the boys felt was new and unique in the market, while at the same time being affordable for most of the consumers. The house would be nice and comfortable, with the added innovation of personalized patches ironed onto the house. With such a product in mind, the boys felt that they could win at it. In order to prepare the product, the boys had to make a trip to Divisoria palengke, scraping to find the cheapest yet best quality materials. After buying the products, the team made yet another trip to Malabon in order to give Aling Terri the patches to make, in time for the exposition. When the exposition finally arrived, the boys were filled with both excitement and trepidation. They did not know what to expect, yet were excited to see the fruits of their hard work. The exposition lasted two days, filled with support from all over the Southridge community. From parents to teachers to principals to our Executive Director, almost every member from the Southridge community came to support the cause of their team. Such support gave the team a renewed spirit, for the support of the community truly energized the team. During theexpo, the team had to present their product to a panel of judges and show how innovative their product is. The team did this well, in fact even making a few of them laugh because of their outlandish way of wearing their boxers. When the decision finally came for the most innovative product and the product that made the most money, the team was glistening with anticipation. However, such a hopeful and optimistic endeavor ended in bitter disappointment. Yet these Southridge Gentlemen knew better than to talk about a loss. Instead, the team tried to focus on the good they have done for their proud owner Aling Terri, who now had more capital to jumpstart her business, and have done for their proud owner Aling Terri, who would be future lawyers, but it also taught them how to respect other peoples’ ideas, even if they did not agree with it.

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The Junior Ridge was recently awarded the Best Grade School Student Organ at the Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA), held in Teatro ng GSIS in Pasey City last October 29, 2008. It was the eighth trophy received by Southridge in the nationally recognized CMMA. The students have once again brought back rightful recognition to the school in terms of Journalism.

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outhridge has come to be known as a school of brilliance. After 30 years of excellence, the students of Southridge have become recognized to be achievers, champions, leaders, great minds and men of integrity. The Southridge vision is what has been passing these students in their every own path of success as students in the classroom, as athletes and contestants carrying these students name s to many tournaments as gentlemen.

The statement... to hone myself in the sciences and in the arts... is very often said by every Southridge student is one of the many characteristics that our school envisions its students to be. This specific line from the Oath and the Southridge Vision attributes as to why the students of Southridge never fail to excel in academics and in extra curricular. Today, that has given birth to a new field of excellence with the generation of the youth today—music is growing to become a passion that many students choose to pursue passionately and continued as a member of a varsity team would be in his chosen sport.

In the last 4 years, there has been a boom of High School bands throughout the region. These bands come from various schools such as Southridge of course, Xavier, Ateneo and De La Salle Zobel. Some of these bands even have members from girl schools such as ICA, Assumption College and even Visayas. These bands meet each other in competitions such as annual battle of the bands events during the school year such as the Immature Conception Academy Battle of the Bands (ICA BOB), mCdRose (Assumption) and in the Xavier Battle of the Bands. These bands are also the much awaited summer battles such as Albay Town Center Battle of the Bands, Summer Shoot Showdown and the famous Middleground. A battle of amateur and HS bands from the north and the south. The north and the south areas have their own qualifying round in Middleground. Bands from schools in the South such as De La Salle Zobel and Southridge and from the North such as Ateneo, La Salle Greenhills and Xavier battle for a slot in Middleground, which then results in a battle of the best between bands from north and bands from the south.

Although these schools do not officially sponsor or endorse these bands with students studying in their schools, each HS band proudly carries and represents the name of their school in the events that they join. Today, being in a band is not just a gimmick or a hobby, many of these students really nurture their liking for music into an intense passion. We can hear this all around. A band is not just a gimmick or a hobby, many of these students really nurture their passion and end up being members of a varsity team in their schools. They can be themselves and be accepted by fellow musicians and not as music-loving geeks.

It is because of pride that these musicians and bands are not ashamed to be known as Southridge students by their opposing HS musicians from other schools due to the talent, skill and recognition that Southridge bands have become to be known for. How? In the past 2 straight ICA BOB qualified and the final for the last 2008. Mange Float from bands 2008 and 2009, champions of Middleground 2007 and the recent 19 East battle of the bands, won the ICA BOB. Another Southridge band, formally known as Snafu, also placed in the top 3 bands as Junior. This year, the senior band, Am Moriendia, won the competition while another Southridge band, the juniors of The Rammstein were noted as third in the back. In the future, Southridge bands were known to be very talented and almost professional-like, having ranked top in the previous Middleground, Summer Shoot Showdown, ICA BOB and mCdRose events. It is now a common comment for Southridge bands to hear from other HS bands and HS band event organizers “Southridge bands are awesome!” or “Southridge bands are always very good.” This is all thanks to their passion for music, which is shared by fellow students in Southridge that unites them in a common bond. In Southridge, if you are a band player, support and command each other for their wines, members of different bands of any level become good friends, go all the way up north just to watch, cheer and support one another, help each other in setting up equipment before and after gig and most of all, watch out for each other, a form of brotherhood of musicians is born. There is much pride for one to say that “I am a member of this band... from Southridge...” There is a legacy that is slowly building which the student-musicians and even their fellow bandmates and schoolmates are beginning to realize, be proud of and value. Music is bringing together these students as students bring guitars to school and play in their classroom during their liking for music into an intense passion. We can hear this all around. A band is not just a gimmick or a hobby, many of these students really nurture their passion and end up being members of a varsity team in their schools. They can be themselves and be accepted by fellow musicians and not as music-loving geeks.

There is a rich culture of different music genres in Southridge bands. We have bands that play easy listening music, funk, indie, merakones, reggae, alternative and even modern kinds of music! Am Moriendia the reigning supreme senior band is known for their energetic, inspiring and Heart-melting rock anthems such as their popular and recognized Christian Rock-Salaman inspired original “Kampurs” which tells of the values of prayer and causes jays to drop in awe due to the music arrangement and melody. Their other original songs such as “Dedication”, justifies the emotions of an unrequited individual that was lied to, and “INR”, which speaks to the person to rise up and become strong and capable, are reflections of their immense talent and passion. Am Moriendia is Mickey De Guzman on drums. JR Bagan on bass, Philip Mendez and Henryson Ten on guitar and AJ Quidlat on vocals. There are also a number of other very talented bands such as Hollow, a band formed by the Kahn and Nateto brothers that pay tribute to the roots of rock and roll with their original “Love or Death” that caters to those who love AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Wolfgang and other classic rock bands! Singing lead vocal for Hollow is Jo Navarro, an SB alumna. Lek Navacio on bass, Marcel Kahn on guitar and Daniel Kahn on drums. Lady Ransom, a senior band composed of Josh Balane on vocals, Jaime Marfori on bass, Jake Sotiron on guitar, that also plays modern alternative rock has much talent and potential. Snafu, another senior band made up of Chuck Carandang on vocals, Mickey De Guzman on drums, Philip Mendez on guitar, JR Bagan on bass and Josh Balane on guitar, is known to perform modern alternative music, is influenced by today’s modern alternative rock bands such as Mayday Parade, My American Heart, Envy on the Coast and For Tomorrow. 6th Eden, yet again another all senior band that features Carlo Lacsas and Raymond Delos Vigantes on guitars, Mey Concepcion on keyboards and Paolo Concepcion, a WR senior and sister of Migi, on vocals dance their audience by playing their own acoustic versions and remixes of popular alternative and indie songs. They are greatly influenced by Paramore and The Cars. Argos, another senior band with JL Silvestre on drums, Jaime Marfori on bass, Jake Sotiron on guitar and Andrea Bacobo, an AC Senior, on vocals

is another serving alternative band with influences ranging from Sosun to Coldplay and Camba to Urbandub and Faithproject. Uraro, composed of seniors Ef Tabucena on vocals, Bente Taylo and Miggy Concepcion on guitars, Gabby Villaluz on bass and Carlo Lacsas on drums, plays popular songs from Incubus and Dieta Licencio. The juniors of Kneijiwa with Enigma Parades on vocals and guitar, Niko Banasa on bass, Nico Orden on bass and Daniel Kahn on drums, tries to achieve the sound of reggae and funk with covers like “Love Song” by S1 and other bands such as Stone Temple Pilots, Sublime, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Weezer, Incubus, and P.O.T. Another band would be The Aums composed of Mary Uyestep on guitar and vocals, Patrick Gagon on guitar, Migs Topacio on bass and Tom Mayoralgo on drums, who present the upbeat world of Indie, R&B and funk. They cover songs from bands like the Arctic Monkeys, The Strokes, Black Butterfly and The White Stripes. From the sophomore batch comes the stand alone band, Space Cake. Fuelled by bands such as Ksuan, Dieta Licencio, Urbandub and Pearl Jam, these sophomore bands push their way along with their original “Scare”. Here we have Claude Evangelista on drums, Jay Park on bass, David Mendes and Jondro Alonso on guitar and Gabby Di Rosario on vocals. The latest addition to the HS bands would be the freshmen band which is made up of seniors EJ Tabuena on vocals, Bene Taylo and Miggy Concepcion on guitar, Miles Soriano on bass, Botan Bautista on guitars and Sam Bautista on drums. Alternative Chords has JV Valencia on guitar and vocals, Mark Soriano on vocals, Lean Rosas on drums and Rabi Ayah on bass. Lastly, Wind Belowcam is made up of Botan Bautista on vocals, Patrick Calabuena on vocals, Paolo Bautista on bass and Score Bautista on drums. As you can see, there is really immense talent that exists in our school and if you ask, in the country, that exists in our school and if you ask, Southridge now has another battalion of warriors who carry her name of the school into the battlefields of concert stages armed with guitars, drumsticks and microphones for weapons on its shoulders. With the formation that Southridge gives her students, these students do not become stereotypical “rockstars” who are all about image but they become passionate musicians, who love music, who love to perform and are together as friends in a journey that they share into the wonder of the art of music.

If you want to watch some of these bands play, catch them this Fathers’ Day at 5pm to 9pm in the MSC Concert on this coming February 14, 2009 in the field. If you really want to see these bands see for yourself and be amazed! SR Musicians, unite!