

# battle FOR THE

For the first time in nine years, football plays Gunn, creating a spirited crowd, but ending in chaos.  
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# 650



The energy in the student section was higher than ever before, even though at an away game. Fans scream from across the field, cheering for their teams. This is the battle of the "650."

The stands on both sides were packed with students decked out in green or red supporting their schools football team.

For the first time in over nine years, Palo Alto High School played town rival Henry Gunn High School on their field.

"It honestly was one of the most fun games I have ever been to in my years at Paly," senior McKenna Rausch said.

Rausch and her friends stood right on the railings starting chants for the school to follow and support the players.

"It's a lot more fun to go play when people are cheering for you," senior player Luke Young said.

The players appreciated the support from the stands. On the field, all the players were hyped for the game.

"Players had been there practicing all week for the game, and the outcome of the score really shows that," Young said.

Young plays defense for the team, and was proud of how he played that game.

The game was going extremely well with a score of 41-0, up until the student section took a turn for the worst. With just a few minutes left on the clock

in the fourth quarter, the student section decided to celebrate a little early and rush to the Gunn side. This created chaos, and ultimately the game ended early. Some players were disappointed.

"It was the time for the other players to go in the game that hadn't had the opportunity to play but they didn't get their chance because of the game getting cut short," Young said.

Senior Nicolas Dorigatti took his anger to the student section and told the stands how he felt when he found out the news.

"I was really frustrated when they told us so I made my way over to the students section and took my helmet off and stood right in front of the student section and expressed to them how I felt," Dorigatti said.

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**NICOLAS DORIGATTI ('23)**

The students felt sorry for the events. After the rush, students were unsure what to do.

"We were unaware of the game being canceled so we kept up our excitement for the game," Rausch said. "Until one of the players came over and was mad that we were still cheering, we all left and realized what had happened."

**CHEERING IN THE STANDS** (dominant), seniors McKenna Rausch, Russ Filter, Rachel North, and Skylar Burnett root for the team. Rausch loved being a part of the student section during the first half of the game. "Everyone was super happy to be there," Rausch said.

**SCORING A TOUCHDOWN** (top left) junior Jeremiah Madrigal runs with the ball. "It was pretty exciting playing against friends from Gunn and it for sure made it a more competitive game than the others," Madrigal said.

**GETTING IN THE MINDSET** (bottom left) to play, senior Jack Newman, junior Jeremiah Madrigal, Iki Tupou and Va'inga Mahe stand together. "The energy in the locker room really gets everyone hyped up," Tupou said. Photos by Caleb Wong

What do cheerleaders think about the game?



"At the beginning I loved the energy of the crowd but I think it was a little disappointing to see my peers ruining the game for the football players. Prior to that I had a lot of fun and had a great experience."

**EUNCHAF HONG ('23)**



"We didn't really know how we stood since we were just supposed to be standing there. We saw our classmates run over to the other side and it was just really surreal to see."

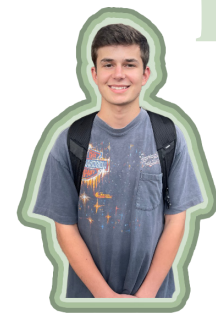
**IVY HARDY ('26)**

## lets GET working

The first job & volunteer opportunity day brought hundreds out to the quad.



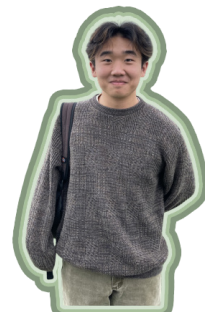
**LOOKING FOR A** job, Annabelle Navarro ('26) asks questions to the vendors who are set up in front of the library, ranging from volunteer services to popular restaurants like In-N-Out. "I wanted to go to see if I could get a job," Navarro said. "In-N-Out and Great America seemed pretty interesting to work at," Navarro said. Photo by Alessandra Chandler



**ADAM SCHILLING ('23)**

## FALLING for a sale

"Working the annual sale was a lot of fun and I have never seen the store with that much enthusiasm."



**AUSTIN ENG ('24)**

"Considering how small the store is, I can't really gauge how many people were inside. I worked for four to five hours every single day of that weekend."

Photos by Meredith Glasson

Downtown thrift store Blue Bin Vintage hosts an annual Labor Day weekend sale.



**AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY**, the small space in downtown Palo Alto that Blue Bin Vintage occupies is filled. During the weekend sale, the store had people coming in and digging through boxes filled with \$5 clothing. "There was 50 to 60% off the rack clothes, and we had bins of clothes for \$1 and \$5 apiece," Eng said. "It was quite packed for most of the three of the days that weekend," Eng said. Photo courtesy of Austin Eng

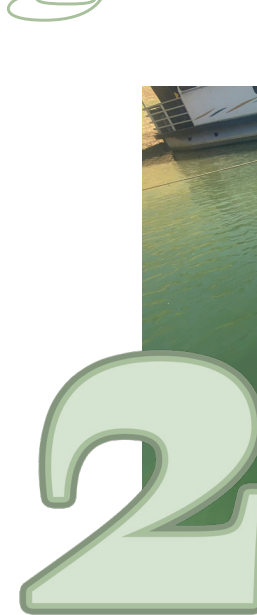
## weekend getaway

Photos courtesy of Anna Wingard

Anna Wingard ('23) has a water-soaked, sun-drenched blast when visiting Mount Shasta.



**STARTING OFF THE** day, Wingard takes a seat on the deck of the house boat she stayed on for the weekend. While relaxing on the deck, Wingard opens up her Kindle and starts to read her current book, *Normal People*, by Sally Rooney. "Reading helps me get into my imagination," Wingard said.



**WHILE STAND-UP** paddling in Shasta Lake, Maya Quinlan ('23) joins Wingard. To remember the moment, they take a 0.5 selfie on the water.



**TAKING A BREAK** from water activities, Wingard takes a seat on the boat. At Shasta Lake, you can do all water sports including wake boarding, water skiing, tubing and more. "I ski a lot during the winter, so I wanted to try out water skiing and I loved it," Wingard said.