

Robotics team gears up for next year

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It is like the season never ended.

While many other clubs are looking towards the end of yet another fruitful year, Robotics Team 604 motors on, planning fundraisers and holding rallies to promote their robotics team. In addition, the team is preparing for next year by holding programming workshops.

On May 24, the robotics team held a lunchtime rally to promote their club on the stage in the quad. They demonstrated how the robot works and showed the school what they needed to do in competition. On May 13, the robotics team did a demonstration for the Almaden Valley Girls' Softball League.

Junior and Robotics Team President **Amy Qian** said, "I think that it is very important to provide students with the opportunity to explore science and technology, and one of the best ways is to support robotics."

Team 604 is also hoping for more public relations and fundraisers other than the

ones that they already have. Through more fundraisers at the Safeway Starbucks and a demonstration at Bret Harte, the robotics team hopes to get more money for next year. In addition, the robotics team is in the process of looking for a usable room and will prepare to ask IBM/Almaden Research Center in hopes of getting one.

Sophomore **Alex Arambula** said, "Our top priority is to receive a room that we can work in next year, in addition to collecting the funds necessary for the exorbitant entry fee."

Outside of fundraisers, the team is also holding programming workshops for those interested. The programming workshops are led by team programmer **Jonathon Boyd** and are held each Monday and Thursday in **Helen Arrington's**, Math Dept. classroom. Any interested students new to robotics or middle school students interested in high school robotics are welcome to attend.

With everything in hand, the robotics team is not only anticipating a good off-season but a fruitful in-season when the competition starts again in Jan. 2007.