

# Features

## For contraband items

g September 9th, 2007,  
metal detector tests  
administered to WHS  
esity of the new Safety  
g implemented across the

initiative is based on  
OMPSTAT system,  
y to ensure the safety  
hich Mayor Antonio  
nd Los Angeles board  
e is a top priority. But  
his mean for students?  
use they aren't allowed  
e are within our rights  
said Glen Mitchell,  
High School Dean  
presence of cell phones  
school. "If an iPod or a  
found during the check, it  
iscated, but that doesn't  
cant take them."  
reason cell phones and  
being taken if discovered

is because they aren't a part of the  
initiative and pose no threat to students  
in possession of or near them.

There's no need to worry  
about the tests (unless you're harboring  
a concealed weapon). Daily metal  
detector test is a phrase that sounds a  
lot worse than it really is. Only 5-10  
students will be tested daily. You will  
be pulled aside during class and the  
test will be administered. Afterwards  
a letter will be mailed home to your  
guardians stating that you have been  
tested.

The tests are a cool change of  
pace from the usual image that pops  
into your head when you think of  
metal detectors in school. No walking  
through machines or emptying your  
luggage or anything like that, just a  
simple wand wave and arm lift and  
you're done with the whole thing as  
long as you don't have and contraband  
on your person, you'll be fine.

## er: Mr. Probasco



ther, Mr.Probasco  
his job.

thy Ruiz  
y at room E-3, Probasco  
emin have "jam sessions"  
age students to join them

during lunch.  
Being around enthused passionate  
students and having their company  
is one of the main reasons of why  
Probasco loves teaching.

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### Comets to college

*College prep program aims to help  
college bound students in need*

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CO-OP Upward Bound is a  
federally funded college-preparatory  
program. It is designed to assist kids  
who are from low-income households  
or whose parents do not have a degree  
prepare for and enroll in college. This  
program services include an After-  
School Program, Saturday Academy,  
School-Site Support and Advocacy,  
College Tours, Enrichment Activities,  
Scholarships, and a 6-week Summer  
Residential Academy at a local college  
or university. The type of student this  
program targets are students who are  
considered "middle of the road." in their  
academics. This means that we prefer  
to enroll students who are between the  
2.0 and 3.0 GPA range. However, all  
students are encouraged to apply and  
we will make a decision regarding their  
GPA at that time. There are always  
exceptions based on other factors.

The federal government  
in 1965 created the Upward Bound  
program. CO-OP Upward Bound  
began in 2003 with 50 students from  
Westchester High School. We started  
servicing YOU High School in 2004  
and were awarded an additional grant  
to serve Inglewood and Morningside  
High Schools fall of 2007. We provide  
services to a total of 110 youth. The  
program is a real success; CO-OP  
Upward Bound has a 100% college  
enrollment rate for the programs  
graduates. We also have a 98%  
retention rate for our alumni. What  
makes CO-OP unique is that the  
relationships with alumni continue until  
they receive their Bachelor Degree  
(approximately 4-5 years after high  
school graduation). The alumni receive  
follow-up services from the Alumni  
Coordinator, Joyce Taylor, who remains  
in contact with them on a weekly basis.  
If any of you students are interested  
In joining this program make sure you  
keep a 2.0-3.0 GPA. It's a great program  
and you'll really appreciate it.