

## **The Youngsters Behind YouTube:**

Steve Chen and Chad Hurley by Evan Carmichael "Everybody aspires to be a star:' says Steve Chen, a Taiwanese immigrant who came to the United States with his family in hopes of a better life. Chen's aspirations became a reality when he, along with Pennsylvania-born Chad Hurley, created what is today the world's largest s online video website. YouTube has now become a global sensation, propelling both Hurley and Chen to the top of Business 2.0's list of "The 50 People Who Matter Now." YouTube was also named TIME magazine's 2006 "Invention of the Year:' When Hurley and Chen decided to sell their company, they did so for a hefty price tag of \$1.65 billion. Steve Shih Chen was born in August 1978 in Taiwan, where he lived until he was eight years old. His family then emigrated to the U.S., where Chen attended John Hersey High School and later the Illinois Math and Science Academy. After graduating from high school, Chen enrolled in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to pursue a degree 15 in computer science. But it would be a part-time job he was hired for at a small e-commerce start-up called PayPal that would change his life forever. Chad Meredith Hurley was born in 1977 as the middle child I of parents Donald and JoAnn Hurley. His father was a financial consultant, while 20 his mother worked as a local schoolteacher. Chad, along with his older sister and younger brother, grew up near Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Twin Valley High School in 1995, where his mother continues to teach in the gifted program,2 Hurley enrolled in the Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a bachelor's degree in fine art. 2s Before graduating from the university, Hurley also applied for a job at PayPal. He was flown to California and, as part of his job interview, was asked to design a logo for the young company that would demonstrate his artistic abilities. Hurley got the job, and the logo he designed remains PayPal's official logo to this day.