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National News

Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are still close in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Obama leads with 1,378 delegates; Clinton has 1,269 delegates. 2,025 delegates are needed to win the nomination. On Tuesday, March 4, the candidates competed for Texas's 193 delegates and Ohio's 141 delegates. "If Obama wins Texas and Ohio, it's game over [for Clinton]," said CNN senior political analyst Bill Schneider. Good luck to both candidates, and happy voting!

International News

Prince Harry served on the frontline in Iraq for ten weeks. "At the end of the day I like to sort of be a normal person, and for once I think this is about as normal as I'm ever going to get," the 23-year-old prince said. Last year, the military decided Harry could not be sent to Iraq because it could quite possibly put him and his unit in danger. Congratulations on serving your country, Prince Harry!

Red or Blue: Which Are You?

By: Zoe Treason

To clarify before I begin (for I've been asked several times), the title was not supposed to read red or green; for once we are not discussing chili preferences. Today, we're talking politics, and the race is heating up. (Once again, that was not a food reference). On the Republican side, John McCain appears to be the clear leader; however, Democrats continue to bite their nails waiting for one of their candidates to pull ahead. Barack Obama has been winning more states, but Hilary Clinton seems to be gathering

up delegates. In light of being a politically active school, Bosque School had their very own mock election several weeks ago. The results indicated a landslide of support for Obama at 66% with 149 votes, while McCain came in second with 11% and 24 votes. Though I was not surprised to discover the outcome, it left me to ponder why we support who we do.

Most of the students I interviewed identified themselves as Democrats, and all who considered themselves Democrat were supporting

Obama. "Barack Obama—100%," junior Adrian McNamara grinned at me. "He doesn't make insincere promises that he won't be able to keep."

"I think [Obama] has a new perspective on the issues we have to deal with today," said senior Maria Socha. "That's the great thing about him, he's completely and utterly new— not a Clinton or a Bush."

Junior Tanner Campbell has a slightly different take. Though he is a Republican (one of the elusive few I tracked

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A Taste of the World

By: Danielle Rivera and Rachael Durham

Bosque's many community service options give students a chance to help people in need. With the variety of options available, Save Darfur, Food not Bombs, Open Space, the Medical Reserve, and Operation Smile among them, a student is likely to find a club fitting her interest. Genuine interest motivates club members to serve people in need.

Such genuine interest inspires Medical Reserve Team members to take basic medical classes and to help injured peers on campus. Open Space club members show their interest by helping to clean and improve the surrounding Bosque. With every community service club starting to spread its wings, Bosque students are serving their community with inspiration.

Operation Smile, a worldwide student club in its second year at Bosque, has

quickly become a strong group. A non-profit organization, Operation Smile sends volunteers to repair facial deformities on impoverished people in Africa, Central and South America, Middle East and Asia through surgery. With \$240 and 45 minutes, Operation Smile volunteers transform the facial deformity of a person who has never been smiled at because of their slight abnormality. Operation Smile gives people hope, smiles, and new lives.

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"Operation Smile is so special because it created a student organization and reached out to high school students," said history teacher David Bair, faculty sponsor for Bosque's Operation Smile chapter. "This not only gives high school students a chance to learn how a non-profit organization works but gives them a chance to make a difference in people's lives around the world. Operation Smile is the most relevant extra-curricular activity for a high school student I've ever experienced."

Bosque's Operation Smile club has not only raised funds to provide people around the world with surgeries, but the group has also had three students chosen to go on missions to foreign countries. Senior Kinsey Durham went to India in November, and seniors Sommer Lang and Kelley Merrick just

returned from their February trip to Nicaragua.

After establishing its Bosque chapter last year, Operation Smile has become a member of the Albuquerque



Seniors Kelley Merrick and Sommer Lang volunteering in Nicaragua for Operation Smile

Operation Smile Student Association, which includes students from both Cibola High and Bosque School. Two years ago, Cibola held an auction to raise money for Operation Smile. The auction raised a little more than \$20,000. This year, with Cibola and Bosque School

joining forces, all of Albuquerque's Chapter of Operation Smile Student Association is putting together the Second Annual Auction and Reception, "A Taste of the

World," on April 25th at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel. This promising auction hopes to raise a large amount of money to pay for surgeries in third world countries.

Faculty sponsors David Bair and Mary Jane Easton of Bosque and Cibola will support

to speak with Jinni and ended up going out and bringing back juniors Kat Ellena, Tawsha Brazley, and Rori McBride, who listened and chatted quietly. "It seems pretty chill and stuff. I'd definitely come more often," Brystal said. Soon after, junior Nick Valley and English teacher Mr. Breault joined as well.

Going to Music Appreciation was fun; the atmosphere is relaxed, even if you haven't heard any of the songs before, you can enjoy them regardless. I certainly did, which means YOU can, too.

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this student-run event with food from all over the world, a band, and top notch auction items donated by businesses from as far away as California. The only Operation Smile auction created and run entirely by students, the auction will change the lives of cleft palate patients from across oceans while supporting local students. "Planning this auction has given me a chance to learn about advertisement, people skills and public speaking," said Bosque's Operation Smile club co-president Sommer Lang. "The fact that this auction is run by students proves that teenagers are very capable because I think we are often looked down upon. It really shows that we are not too young to make a difference in people's lives across the world."

The Albuquerque Operation Smile Student Association auction will feature jewelry, art, luxury packages and many other items. The student group is working hard to make the night fun filled with dancing, music and food from all over the world. Bidding on various auction items will give people a sense of pride knowing they have helped the community locally and worldwide. The auction will be a wonderful experience and will truly give people "A Taste of the World." If you would like a ticket to the event or would like to help sponsor or donate an item to the auction, please email David Bair at dbair@bosqueschool.edu or call him at 505.898.6388.

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State Swim 2008
By: Adrian McNamara

When New Mexico's top high school swimmers met at Albuquerque Academy for the state meet on February 22nd and 23rd, a dozen Bosque athletes were among them. Two Bosque swimmers competed in individual events. Junior Seth Lemon swam in two: the boys' 200 yard freestyle and the boys' 100 yard breast stroke, and freshman Jasmine Sanchez swam in one: the girls' 200 yard individual medley. Ten more Bosque swimmers joined Lemon and Sanchez to comprise three relay teams. Bosque's boys' A team—juniors Seth Lemon and Mike Sheppard, sophomore Johnny Maynard, and freshman Reed Sanchez—competed in both the



200 yard medley and the 400 yard freestyle. Bosque's boys' B team—junior Liv MacLacke, sophomore Matt Seeley, and 8th graders Luke Peterson and Max Giblin—swam the 200 yard freestyle, and Bosque's girls' A team—sophomore Samantha Sheppard, freshmen Jasmine Sanchez and Kelly Miller, and

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8th grader Natalie Cavellier—swam the 200 yard freestyle.

Entering the humid Academy Natorarium, the Bosque team's mood was upbeat. "I am nervous in the back of my mind, but I try to stay relaxed before I swim," team captain Seth Lemon said. "You just have to get out there and have fun with it," he added.

"I try to keep my cool before I swim," team captain Michael Sheppard said, "mainly by using my iPod to get in 'the zone.'"

"I'm not nervous at all, even being the only eighth grade girl to make it into state," said swimmer Natalie Cavellier.

"I really want to go to finals today and improve my individual time," Jasmine

said, this was the best year yet for the Bosque swim team.

The most memorable Bosque event of Friday's pre-



Cheered on by his teammates, Junior Seth Lemon, dives into his race

liminary heats was the first race swum by the boys' A team, the 200-medley relay. The race began with Reed Sanchez swimming an excellent backstroke, placing Bosque in a good position; next, Seth Lemon swam the breast stroke improving Bosque's position; the third swimmer, Michael Sheppard, swiftly swam the butterfly; and the last swimmer, Johnny Maynard, finished with a strong freestyle lap, touching the wall 4th in an eight team heat, a finish good enough to qualify for Saturday's consolation heat—the 9th through 16th best finishes from the preliminary heats.

Bosque's other two relay teams swam in preliminary heats on Friday, though neither qualified as one of the top 16 teams to go on to Saturday's finals. The

boys' B team placed 19th in the 200-freestyle relay, and the girls' A team placed 24th in the 200-freestyle relay.

The following day, Saturday, February 23rd, Bosque's boys' A team—Reed Sanchez, Mike Sheppard, Seth Lemon, and Johnny Maynard—swam in two final round races, finishing 14th in the boys' 200-medley relay and 12th in the boys' 400-freestyle relay.

In individual events, the swim team did very well. Seth Lemon placed 4th in the entire state for the 100-breast stroke and 10th in the state for the 200-free style. The boys team overall placed 16th in the state. Jasmine Sanchez placed 16th in the 200-medley, but unfortunately an error by the referee placed her 17th, and therefore she could not move on to the finals on Saturday.

By far, this has been the best year for Bosque School



Swimming, and prospects for years to come are looking even better. Judging from this year's performances, the majority of the swimming team may compete at state next year and do even better than this year.





In Technological Dependence

By: Ridgely Johns

Cell Phones, I-Pods and Palm Pilots—no matter the device or the use, whether communication, entertainment, or keeping up with your life, everyone has one. A new technological device is introduced every month with an accompanying public purchase frenzy. Nearly everyone, from celebrities to the average person, has one of these gadgets in their pocket ready to be used anytime, anywhere. Although these gadgets can be convenient, they may have consequences.

While the headphones that come with iPods are not up to par, they can be blasted to high enough volumes to cause serious hearing damage. You might not notice this damage at first, but when you are older and can't hear the phone ring, you will regret having played the latest Wyclef song so loudly. A good guideline for monitoring your music's volume is a simple test. If a person stands ten feet away from you and can hear your music, your volume is too high. Some people turn up their music to hear over the noise around them; if this is the case, buy noise cancelling headphones. While expensive, they will be worth it when you don't have to spend all that money on hearing aids when you get older. If you don't have a problem with the noise around you, consider buying headphones that aren't ear-buds. The ear-bud head-



Junior, Ridgely Johns, sports I-Pods, Cell Phones, a MacBook and over-sized headphones.

The Internet's Abusive Side

By: Emily Schwab and Danielle Rivera

Missouri middle school student Megan Meier committed suicide after being bullied online by a boy she thought was her friend. Investigators discovered that the "boy" was not a boy at all, but was an identity invented by Megan Meier's friend's mother, a woman seeking vengeance for having her daughter excluded socially.

As if one's teen years weren't hard enough already,

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phones can easily cause damage too because they reach into the inner ear and get closer your eardrums.

Another growing problem is dependence on one's gadget. Some people can't stand a moment alone without their personal device.

"I feel naked without my phone," junior Adrian McNamara said. This device holds your whole life, keeps you up to date, on time, entertained, and up to date. Imagine having it with you always, so it even causes a bit of wear in your pocket. Now imagine someone taking your gadget away, even if just for a moment. You would feel uncomfortable.

Although these devices are the hot new thing on the market, they aren't all good. They provide a way for you to keep organized and entertained, but they can also cause serious dependence and health issues. Sometimes the best move we can make is turning them off.

now parents get involved in one quietly settled dispute. There are no laws pertaining to acts like this, and on the internet, identities are questionable.

"[Cyber attacks are] certainly a problem," Assistant Head of Upper School for Students Mr. Daly said. "The best way to address it, however, is the real question." Though the school knows it is a valid issue, it is nearly impossible to catch the culprit, leaving vicious cyber crimes untraceable and therefore unpunished. Cyber bullying is easy to start because the internet is so impersonal. Without being

able to see the effect just a few words have on someone, things can swiftly get out of hand, causing people to take drastic measures.

"[Cyber bullying] is definitely a problem in the community, and it's something we need to keep working on," Ms. Rudnick, our school counselor, said. It is better to work things out instead of letting them simmer under the surface for a long time. While someone may say something in a joking manner, it may be taken offensively, and a war begins. Unfortunately, it's

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Text Vexed

By: Lissie Perkal

"Just a reminder, there are no cell phones allowed during class," Mr. Daly cautions us at the beginning of almost every science class. Why is there the incessant need to text during class? Why can't we just wait until we have a break and finish the conversation later? The answer may simply be because we can.

Texting is unique to our generation. Similarly, we are the first generation where it is the norm for teens to have cell phones. The only way one used to be able to talk to a friend was on a landline. "My parents usually answered the phone," recalls English teacher Heather O'Shea, "so they always knew who I was talking to." Now, cell phones are becoming the basic form for communication (and the most convenient).

Despite their convenience, cell phones may be more trouble than they are worth. Some schools have banned them. Even in Bosque's middle school, phones are forbidden. Middle school students are allowed to have them, but they must stay in their backpacks and be off until the end of the school day. If a teacher catches a student with a cell phone, they confiscate it until the end of the week. "It's very draconian, but it works," says Assistant Head of Middle School Mr. Wright of the policy.

Currently, Upper School students are allowed to have

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not just a war in the figurative sense. "Children have killed each other and committed suicide after having been involved in cyber bullying incidents," reports stopcyberbullying.org. To prevent cyber bullying and misinterpretation of comments, remember the person on the other side of the screen is human. If you wouldn't say something to his or her face, you shouldn't say it online either. It is also important to be clear when you are joking, and not to say anything possibly offensive to the other party.

Almost all of us care about what others think and everyone wants to feel accepted. For those who don't feel accepted at school, on teams, or in clubs, the internet appears to be a good option for social interaction. When one begins to depend on it, however, one becomes susceptible to being hurt over what others think. Some internet bullies don't realize they are bullying others. One needs to be aware of how things can sound from another's point of view. Misunderstanding is less likely to happen when one has walked in his neighbor's

shoes.

In the case of Megan Meier, a lack of communication began the cruel ordeal that caused her to commit suicide. She is one of many who have chosen a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Such a choice leaves only pain in its wake. When people cower behind their computers, instead of resolving matters in person, things get out of hand. If all that is needed is a simple, "I need



space for a while," then just say it. Being honest is much easier in the long run. The internet can be a great tool to chat with friends and keep in touch, but use it in moderation and be careful of what you say.

Cell phones are not going anywhere anytime soon, so we might as well embrace them. However, we need to be wary of their inadvertent effects. So, next time you feel yourself getting too caught up in your phone, stop and visit a friend or write a good, old-fashioned letter. Even if it takes longer, it's the thought that counts!

tion in their class," senior Emil Tsao said, "but it is possible for students [both] to pay attention and attend to their personal lives." When asked if he felt students were disrespecting him in class, Mr. Daly said, "I wouldn't go as far as disrespect," but he said texting takes a student's focus away from the class.

Some students argue that texting in class is not such a big deal. "I could understand where the teacher is coming from in terms of students paying atten-



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To the Masthead of The Bosque Bobcat,

As I look at the topics that this issue of *The Bobcat* will cover, you deserve high praise. Having read thousands of student newspapers over my career, I found *The Bobcat*—and especially this issue—remarkably weighty and professional. I give my thanks to the writers and editors of *The Bobcat* for producing a serious, even-handed paper. Although school newspapers are “student papers,” they are also published by the school and the publisher bears responsibility for the student paper. I am proud that the

administration has not needed to exercise its authority in demanding professional standards. The students have established appropriate protocols on their own.

Although the following articles are still in progress as of this writing and I have not reviewed them, the depth and breadth of the coverage is impressive. This issue promises good coverage on our arts and athletics, national campaign commentary, viewpoints on technology usage and the pervasive epidemic of cyber bullying. Being born on March 17th, I look forward to Ali’s article on St. Patrick’s Day. There is also very solid coverage on

many student activities that stem from student activism for Operation Smile and a number of Community Service activities to student leisure topics like “How to Occupy your Spring Break.”



sentations, state champions in chess—the list is too long for this column. And, few schools produce a school newspaper that has the level of professionalism of *The Bobcat*. Congratulations to Lead Editor,

Kat Ellena, for her leadership, to the entire Bobcat Staff for their voluntary work in producing a fine paper, and my thanks to their faculty advisor, Mr. Kevin Cummins.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wooden
Head of School

Dear Devin

Dear Devin,
I recently made a mistake with my parents and lost their trust. Now, I have learned my lesson, but I don’t know how to gain my parents’ trust back.
**Sincerely,
Un-trusted**

Dear Devin,
This boy and I have been going out on and off for two years now and have recently grown apart. He’s not even sure if he wants to be friends, but I would rather have him as a friend than not at all. How do I get him back?
**Sincerely,
Dazed and Confused**

Dear Dazed and Confused,
Try and stay in touch with him, but wait for him to come to you. Maybe he is scared to get hurt, so you don’t want to rush him because that could eventually push him away forever. Let him know that you care, and be there when he is ready!

**Good luck,
Devin**

Dear Un-trusted,
It’s hard to gain your parents trust back when you’ve disobeyed them. Sit down with them and let them know how sorry you are. Apologize for your wrong actions. Show them you are responsible for your own actions and you have learned from them. It takes time to gain trust back, but it will happen sometime soon.

**Good luck,
Devin**

An independent school at its best is an exemplar of excellence. We have seen many examples on campus lately: The brilliant play of the upper school jazz band played at the two recent morning meetings, the high quality of *Oklahoma!*, basketball victories in our packed gym (complete with Blain Wilson’s half time Bosque mascot dance), regional awards for student science pre-

Dear Students,

The yearbook is near completion and will be on its way to the printers by the time we leave for Winterm. The yearbook staff has received a lot of help from the student body, and we wanted to say thanks. The yearbook would not have been possible without your help and all the photos you submitted to us. We tried our best to incorporate as many different events as possible, and we hope everyone will find something they like about the yearbook. Once again, thank you for all your help. We cannot wait to share our hard work with the Bosque community.

Thanks again,
Meaghan O’Neill

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March Happenings



What are YOU doing this Spring Break?

By: Brynne Jolaja

Spring break looms nearer, leading us all to ask our friends the same question: what are you doing this break? College visits and family vacations are on many students’ lists of potential spring get-a-ways, but have you ever considered an “alternative break”?

Break Away sponsors high school and college students who want to do something out of the ordinary during their spring break. In 2006 alone, over 36,000 students from across the country participated in Break Away.

While reading a magazine, I came across a brief article about different ways to spend your break. The snippet inspired more questions in me than it gave answers, so I logged on to the website. Break Away sponsors students nationwide who want to make a difference in their local, regional, or national communities. They

focus on bringing students out of their traditional school settings to learn in the “real world” about issues pertinent to daily life. Racism, poverty, and literacy are issues students confront when they organize an alternative break.

Still not exactly sure what an alternative break is? See, that’s the thing: you design it. The Break Away organization focuses on community building and awareness, so anything that fits into these categories is an alternative break.

I have a friend who is one of two American Indian students attending a private school in Washington, D.C. Realizing no one in his school community understood the troubles still faced by native peoples across the country, he volunteered to lead a student trip to the Navajo reservation both to do community service and to gain a better

understanding of their cultural differences and similarities. Other examples of alternative breaks would be building homes

“Break Away sponsors high school and college students who want to do something out of the ordinary during their spring break.”

Whether you want to visit a place far from home or stay close to the Rio Grande, you too can create your own alternative break. Find out more about Break Away on their website, www.alternative-breaks.org. Learn about a culture or region different from your own and make new friends in the process. There’s a huge world beyond Bosque and the Hundred Acre Woods, so go out and discover!

so bad that he performed the miracle of chasing all the snakes out of Ireland. He claimed he would chase out all the snakes in Ireland by using a drum, made out of snakeskin, and he went to the middle of Dublin and beat it as loud as he could. Everyone could cover their ears to avoid the noise, but since snakes don’t have hands all they could do was slither away. All believed that there were no more snakes in Ireland until one day when a man said he saw a snake. Everyone was

St. Patrick’s Day By: Alyssa Fidel

St. Patrick’s Day, celebrated all over the world, is known as the “pinch if you’re not wearing green” holiday, the day Ireland celebrates St. Patrick. St. Patrick, a Christian missionary, is the patron saint of Ireland and Colombia.

St. Patrick, who lived from 393 to 473, was not Irish. He lived in Roman Britain but was captured by Irish raiders who enslaved him in Ireland.

According to myth, St. Patrick wanted to become a

disoriented because they thought St. Patrick had rid Ireland of all snakes. In the end, St. Patrick sent the rest of the snakes away...again.

The March 17th holiday is celebrated more in the United States than in Ireland. Dublin has a parade, but not nearly as big as that of Chicago or New York. Wearing green on St. Patrick’s Day shows support for Ireland as a nation. Pubs dye their beer green for the same reason, though since we minors cannot drink beer, dye your milk green. That’s what my grandma used to do to help celebrate the holiday. St. Patrick’s Day is also known as the leprechaun’s holiday. Those little, sneaky,



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green-hat-wearing, gold-coin-leaving sprites rule the day! Wearing “green underwear” doesn’t count! So don’t expect not to get pinched on March 17th because you are wearing green underwear. I speak from experience! Hope you all have a great pinch free St. Patrick’s Day! Don’t step on any leprechaun’s!



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down), he's supporting Ron Paul. "He is more independent [than right wing], which is ideal for a president, especially at this time." Campbell specifically noted his economic policy and plan for the war in Iraq as attributes to Ron Paul's thoughtful stance on issues. Claiming he had not been at all surprised at



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Obama's win in Bosque's election, Campbell was interested to see McCain had been second. "The only reason why I think McCain won was because the people that don't like Hillary, really don't like her; so much so, that they voted for another party to keep her out. They chose McCain because he is the closest thing to a democrat you will find in the Republican party."

Probably the most interesting candidate choice came from an informant who didn't want her name released. "Mr. Daly, all the way!" she said. "He's my hero." When I asked about his inspiring qualities, she told me: "How does he not inspire me? While Mr. Daly doesn't really take a clear stand on issues, he's always there. And that's inspiration enough for me." Sufficiently creeped out for the day, I decided to move on to a different topic.

What I had been wonder-

ing about since the school election was how students' views were affected by their parents' views. I know that if I wasn't supporting the same candidate as my mother, I would have probably been thrown out of the house. That's a joke . . . sort of. Most of those I interviewed said their parents weren't a big influence on their political beliefs. "They've let me decide who I want, so I guess they haven't affected me that much," said Socha. McNamara responded much the same: "When I was young I sided with my parents, of course. But when I got older, I started developing my own opinions depending on the issue at hand." Several students told me they supported a different candidate than their parents and usually managed to have non-violent debates at the dinner table. Wow! I'm impressed.

The one person who admitted to being influenced by her parents' views was Bosque junior, Nia Sena. While neither



Campaigning for his wife, former President of the United States Bill Clinton gave a speech at our very own Johnson Gym at the University of New Mexico.

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The Clintons Come to Albuquerque By: Nikki Raz

On January 31st, former President Bill Clinton came to Albuquerque to campaign for his wife, Hillary, at UNM's Johnson Center. Although the doors opened at 2:00, a long line formed at least an hour in advance!

"It is a way for me to connect with democracy because the most prominent politicians don't really think about coming to New Mexico. We are kind of ignored basically because we aren't worth that many delegate votes," said undecided voter Noel Lopez. While stops in New Mexico from prominent politicians may seem few and far between, Clinton was very warmly welcomed when he finally came out. In forty minutes, the former president covered global warming, health-care, taxes and college loans, illegal immigration, the war in Iraq, and education. "What Hillary wants to say to the world," Bill powerfully said, "are three words: America is back."

Talking with so many different people has shown me how aware and opinionated we all are here at Bosque School. Just when you begin to think you're the only one who still cares, Bosque students enlighten you about how wrong you really are. No matter who anyone is supporting, I now see that just the mere fact that they have inspired us to sit up and take an interest is enough.

The crowd respectfully showed admiration toward Bill Clinton. He delivered his words clearly and simply, and his message was powerful. He concluded his speech with these strong words, "She will never forget anybody because she thinks we have to go forward together. Vote for Hillary!" An anonymous busi-

Sena nor her family is particularly rabid about politics, they are all currently supporting John McCain. The Sena family used to be rooting for Mitt Romney, before he dropped out of the race. Being religious, they are concerned mostly with a candidate's stance on issues such as abortion and gay marriage. When Romney dropped out, Sena transferred her support to McCain. Because Sena isn't that politically involved or interested in the current candidates, she tends to agree with her family.

Get Involved

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Junior Civitan and Key Club

By: Emily Schwab

Community service here at Bosque School includes various opportunities and a requirement of 90 hours to graduate. In the past two years, we have added two new groups to our repertoire: Junior Civitan and Key Club. At first glance, these groups may seem very similar, but there are a few key differences.

Junior Civitan is a non-profit organization committed to



Junior Civitan officers, Amber Price and Amanda Chase, lead the group at Bosque

improving the lives of those around us. "The goal of Junior Civitan is to provide members with personal and career development opportunities while improving schools and communities through service," sophomore president Amber Price explained. Junior Civitan began last year with now alumna Kelly Walker as president. This year's president, Amber Price, is also the District Deputy Governor of the Southwest District.

nesswoman said, "I thought Clinton was a great president, and I think Hillary will make a great president as well." That is exactly what a room full of people at Highland High School thought when Hillary Clinton herself came to New Mexico two days later for her rally.

Although Hillary's flight arrived late, the audience never grew restless. "This is better than a concert!" Hillary supporter, Rabia Friedman, shouted. The crowd was dancing to music and doing the wave. Arriving over an hour late, Hillary Clinton finally addressed the crowd of over 3,000 people. The audience also warmly welcomed Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Mayor Martin Chavez, and Chelsea Clinton onto the stage. "If you are ready for change" Hillary said, "I'm ready to lead, so let's go make history together." The New Mexican crowd grew tense when Hillary spoke about her strict immigration laws, but Hillary quickly moved on and recovered. Taking note of the large population of Spanish speakers in New Mexico, the crowd was shouting *Si, se puede!* "That's right!" Clinton said back.

Junior Civitan was involved in many projects last semester, including a book collection and Halloween Carnival for Martinez town children, and members were featured on three local radio stations. In the fall they also joined forces with a Senior Civitan club to sell pumpkins and raised over \$1,000 for Carey Tingley Hospital.

This semester Junior Civitan is planning a few projects, including a Valentine's Day Party for the Albuquerque Boys and Girls Club, working at Head Start and the Roadrunner Food Bank, and working with disabled children in the Milagro Child Therapy Group. "I would encourage people to join Junior Civitan because you are given so many opportunities. Not just to travel, make new friends and become a stronger person, but to help others in the process," Amber said. Junior Civitan is working hard to contribute to the community in its second year.



President of Bosque's Key Club, junior Mary Lagerstrom

it's new and open to anything," Mary said. Key Club is working hard to raise funds and choose some new projects for this semester.

These two new groups began in similar ways, and both currently thrive. Each group creates its own fundraisers, chooses places to volunteer, and has incredibly talented and motivated presidents and officers.



The Corn is as High as an Elephant's Eye

By: Maria Socha

Saddles, surreys with fringe on top, and sweet talkin' Oklahoma cowboys are among the fun and surprises that lie around every corner of Bosque's musical, *Oklahoma!*

Oklahoma!, a musical adaptation of Lynn Riggs' *Green*



Lead players Colin Behl and Sarah Shelburne bring humor and sarcasm to the set

Grow the Lilacs and the first collaboration of songwriting legends Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, won the Pulitzer Prize for best musical in 1944. Set in Indian territory in 1906, the lighthearted show portrays a simpler time with a certain charm and innocence in its playful songs and giddy banter. It also encompasses the wild and rugged spirit of the unsettled American West. The longest running Broadway musical of its time, *Oklahoma!*

had a first run of 2,212 performances, a record later eclipsed by another Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, *My Fair Lady*.

The plot of *Oklahoma!* features two dazzling young women, each at the apex of a pair of romantic triangles. Laurey (junior Sarah Shelburne), a stary-eyed beauty, seeks the affections of ever-smiling Curly (senior Colin Behl), while she fends off the somber, troubled farmhand Jud (freshman Ted Wright). When asked if he has been hard relating to her character Shelburne smiled. "[Laurey] is very confident, which I'm not," Shelburne said, "but I've gotten more so because of her. She's a loveable brat; it's fun getting to play another persona."

Junior Anna Perez-Umphrey plays Ado Annie, a sassy flirt torn between two lovers—the fitful affections of Persian peddler Ali Hakim (junior Dan Porter) and the enduring pursuit of local cowboy Will Parker (junior Asher Ely). "This role is totally out of character for me," Perez-Umphrey said. "It's hard to break out of myself that much! [Ado Annie is] as far from me in terms of personality as you can get. But it's fun to be able to act stupid and silly." Both girls seemed exceedingly excited about their roles in the play, and their sheer enthusiasm made me eager to see it.

Playing one of the male leads, rugged heartthrob Curly, Colin Behl opens the play singing, and for Colin this was a

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bit intimidating. "I have to be 'on' and in character from the moment I walk on stage. And it's hard singing such a well-known song like 'Oh, What a Beautiful Morning,' because everyone can relate to it and most people are familiar with it." When asked if he found commonalities with Curly, Colin smiled. "I really like playing him because he's different from parts I've played before. It's kind of hard for me to relate to him because I am a city boy, and he's very country. I'm confident and a bit cocky in real life, but Curly is even more so than I am."

The show could not go on without sets, lights, and sound. Michael VeSeart, Bosque's own tech god, is thrilled about the amount of work and time the techs have put into this year's musical. "My favorite part of the musical is that my upper school tech class has designed and built the entire set," he said. "It's been purely student owned and operated, and I love being able to give them

credit." Michael also explained the interesting challenges the techs faced when it came to working with such a small budget and limited theatre space. "Everything we build has to serve multiple functions. It has to be on stage for the whole show because there is no way for us to move it anywhere else. We just don't have any space! So, design becomes not only a matter of aesthetics, but also an engineering feat." Michael continued to say that this is just part of the job of being a tech, and their "toil doth sweeten others." He also encouraged students and their families to come to the play, since he firmly believes live theater strengthens character and there is always one song, line, or even word that will alter someone's life for the better.

Colleen McClure, esteemed director, chose *Oklahoma!* for its timeless quality and strong characters, one of her favorites being Aunt Eller, the matriarch played by junior Katherine Martinez-Garcia. "I like the Western feel that



Juniors Dan Porter, Anna Perez-Umphrey and Sarah Shelburne

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Oklahoma has. I looked at many of our musicals and they all seemed dated in terms of equality. But the strong woman character of Aunt Eller really set this musical apart." While Colleen has acted in many plays and



Pensive Colin Behl led the other actors throughout the musical

musicals, I was curious to see which character she would like to play if given the opportunity. "People tend to look at the character of Jud Fry as a villain. But to me he is just a very sad and misunderstood person. He is such an interesting character in that he brings his own virtues to the play. The successful portrayal of his character challenges an actor's humanity." Genuinely energized for opening night, Colleen looked forward to the culmination of so much hard work by the entire cast and crew.

Regarding the culmination of all their hard work, I saw two performances of the open-

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Lead by junior Asher Ely, *Oklahoma!* was truly a group effort. And what was the result? An outstanding and memorable musical.

ing weekend, and I can say nothing more than "WOW!" What incredible work. The play started strongly. Dashing as Curly, Colin Behl entered with his rendition of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" followed by quick-witted, fiery-tempered Sara Shelburne as Laurey. The casting in the musical could not have been better, and Anna Perez-Umphrey's interpretation of Ado Annie was absolutely phenomenal. She had me convinced with every goofy smile that indeed, she really couldn't say no! As Will Parker, Asher Ely drew many a smile from the crowd, and the kooky accent of the Persian peddler played by Dan Porter is unlike any other. Katherine Martinez-Garcia was a perfect Aunt Eller, believably portraying a wise, feisty old woman. Ted Wright brought dark farmhand Jud Fry to life with chilling skill in an outstanding performance. Junior Jared Duchon played Judge Andrew Carnes, Ado Annie's rifle-toting father, with gruff paternal protectiveness, and

A dozen more upper school students and two dozen middle school students rounded out the cast. In a dream dance number, sophomore Amanda Chase danced with graceful poise as Dream Laurey, while Senior Tori Linton and freshmen Alexandra Goade danced as red-and-black-clad temptresses.



Best friends, Anna and Sarah made the musical hilarious

junior Arianna Alverson played man-hungry Gertie Cummings with a deep-throated laugh and a memorable willingness to wrestle. Freshman Alica Wisneski later joined Goade to form a pair of brown-clad dancing vixens, and junior Taylor Baca joined freshman Taylor Chavez and sophomores Taylor Clark, Nikki Vinyard, Becca Bauman, Hannah Braun, Gus Eufroyman and a gender-bending Amanda Chase in a wholesome square dance. Sophomores Sheila McNair and Kelsey Hill and freshmen Audrey Scott and Shelby Flores-Thorpe completed Laurey's bevy of female friends in the chorus, and a chipper band of two dozen middle school students, including 8th grader Thomas Chavez as sheriff Cord Elam, filled the Black Box stage to capacity as the townsfolk.

Congratulations Oklahoma! Thank you for a wonderful evening of laughter and smiles! With vivid lighting and fitting costumes, this musical was truly magical. Bravo!



Run For Student Government
By: Danielle Rivera

Any student considering a run for elective office must register with Mr. Bair by next Friday, March 14. That goes for not only the four student body officers—two presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer—but also for the two class representatives from each class.

Who is eligible to run? First, one must have a C- average or better, with no failing classes. If elected, one must maintain this academic standing. Second, one must be in good behavioral standing—neither being on probation nor having violated any major school rules. Third, one needs to agree to carry out all duties of a student government officer if elected.

Any campaign must show respect for all other candidates and adhere to three major new rules. First, any individual campaign budget must not exceed \$50—for posters and other advertisements. Second, any campaign must be run during school hours. Third, no internet campaigning.

Student government will be a full-block class next year, and all elected officers need to fit this new class into their schedule. All students considering a run for office should thus recognize their need to plan on taking the student government class next year. The class will earn all participants a history credit.

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Letter from the Editor

Over the past two years, *The Bobcat* has made progress in leaps and bounds. Making journalism an actual class has, of course, helped push the newspaper along. Having Starline Printing contribute their services for free has helped speed up the printing process. But the question is, how can we increase the student interest? As an aspiring journalist, I have been working hard to gain recognition and respect as a writer. The same can be said for the rest of the current *Bobcat* staff after having to write a 500-word response as to why they are qualified for their journalist position.

In case you are unaware, students in this class also have the responsibility of producing the yearbook, under the student management of sen-

ior Meaghan O'Neill. If you are reading this, I hope you recognize how hard this staff has been working this year. We are responsible for making sure every single Bosque student is in the yearbook at least twice, while at the same time, writing monthly articles for *The Bobcat*.

As the editor, I feel a particular duty to inspire and motivate my staff. I want my peers to enjoy coming to class. It discourages me when I hear people saying "I'm so not taking this class next year." This makes me question the reason I am dedicating my time to the newspaper.

In order to make the class happy and the student body interested, it is time for the students to decide what they want to read. Finding motivation in your writing will only be successful if you are interested in your topic. Which is why,

when choosing articles for the new editions, it is up to the writers to decide their topics. Popular subjects this year have been our school athletics and of course, current politics. Adding the "Dear Devin" column has given the chance for students to ask questions and add humor to the paper. New additions to come are games, more pictures, and prizes.

So, when choosing classes for next year, please consider Journalism. You will get an opportunity to design the yearbook and choose the pictures and, also, write what you are interested in. We work hard and have fun.

Sincerely,
Kat Ellena

Student Government Campaign Schedule

Mandatory campaign guideline meeting for all candidates – Friday, March 14th

Campaign Dates – Mon., March 31st to Thurs., April 10th

Speeches during Morning Meeting – Mon, April 7th (8th grade attending)

Debates during activity block – Wed, April 9th (8th grade attending)

Election – Thursday, April 10

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