

Opinions

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Outgoing editor bids fond farewell

Once again my Brophy brethren, we have reached the end of yet another long, painful school year. It is a time filled with both anxiety and excitement. On one hand, we are excited for summer break, but on the other we realize that we are still faced with one last obstacle: final exams.

As for my fellow senior classmates, and myself, this will be the last time that we will ever experience Brophy final exams. Normally, one would think this should be a moment of joy and satisfaction. While this will ultimately be the case for the majority of the Class of 2008, for some of us (who have been afflicted by “Senioritis”) though, final exams will turn



By Jules Kapoor '08
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into somewhat of a right of passage (did you get the pun?).

As per tradition for most journalism publications, the outgoing Editor writes a farewell letter of sorts. (If you're looking to let some tears flow, I recommend that you get yourself a copy of Edward Scissorhands—it gets me every time.)

During my time at Brophy I've learned what it means to be a part of a community, or rather a brotherhood. It's part of what makes Brophy so special and different from other high schools in the Valley. I've not only embraced my fellow classmates as my friends, but I have also developed a sincere concern for their overall well-being.

One of the greatest things about Brophy is the variety and quantity of extra-curricular activities. The faculty always encourages students to get involved in as many clubs, sports and other activities as possible. This was something that I pretty much ignored during my first two years at Brophy, choosing not to get involved in the community. Finally junior year, I could no longer let myself sit on the sidelines anymore. The most important decision I made was signing up for Journalism I.

Writing has always been a passion of mine, so I felt writing for *The Roundup* would be a fun way to express my writing skills. Throughout my time at

Brophy, I had always enjoyed *The Roundup* and its content; mostly its humor and wit. I enjoyed working with the senior writers who had previous experience as members of the staff, especially the **Editors in Chief Brad Drea '07** and **Willard Applefeld '07**.

Our staff was also honored by the presence of our fearless leader, **Jedi Master Mr. Scott Middlemist '87 (A.K.A. Coach)**, who was always there to provide us with illogical witticisms that he claimed were inspired by the force.

One of the major problems that staff faced was its lack of writers. At the beginning of the year, we were a pretty small staff of about 14 people. By the end of the year that number shrunk, as

we eventually became a staff of about nine people. This obviously limited the quantity as well as the quality of the material that we could put into the paper. Regardless, the staff was still made up talented writers like **Tom Cifone '07 (A.K.A. Tommy C)** and **Nick Kerrigan '07 (A.K.A. Raptor in Chief)** and **Bennett DeLozier '08 (A.K.A. Henry)** that consistently provided us with pieces that were both comical and clever.

After **Santiago Azpurua-Borras '09** and I were chosen as the Editors in Chief of *The Roundup* for the 2007-2008 school year, we laid out the May 2007 (with very little success). Not only were we going to have a total only five returning writers (including ourselves), but we were also going to have a new moderator as well.

This past school year, **Mr. Mica Mulloy '99** took over for **Mr. Middlemist** as the moderator for *The Roundup*. As a skilled and experienced individual in the field of journalism and photography, **Mr. Mulloy** brought a whole new dimension to our publication. It was one that was not only professional and meticulous, but also creative and intelligent. It felt like *The Roundup* had suddenly gotten a much-needed shot to the arm, and was given new life.

This became apparent during our very first Editorial meeting, where he came

up with a brand new layout design and material for this year's publication.

In the past, it seemed like *The Roundup* had become somewhat of a satirical publication rather than a professional or a school newspaper. Through **Mr. Mulloy's** guidance though, *The Roundup* has evolved into a well-rounded (yet another amazing zinger) and well-connected source of information for the Brophy community.

In general, he has added a more professional journalistic feel to the class and the paper itself. He's been extremely helpful and influential in shaping not only the layout and content of *The Roundup*, but also the process in which we write our articles as well. The drastic stylistic change from previous years initially freaked me out, but over the course of the year I've become extremely appreciative and proud of the direction in which the paper is now going.

I'm not going to lie though; I was not always so smitten with the direction in which this publication was headed. The drastic stylistic changes from previous years had initially freaked me out. It was hard for to envision *The Roundup* in different form than I had seen in the past. Ultimately, it was a necessary permutation that was inevitable. With all the significant changes that have taken place over the past few years, it only seemed fitting that *The Roundup* would be changed as well. Unlike many of those other changes though, I feel the one that *The Roundup* went through (or rather is still going through) has actually been quite positive.

I must say that working on *The Roundup* staff (even more so this year) has been an exceptionally fun and educational experience for me. The significant increase in the size of the staff has vastly improved the quality of the content in our publication.

I've learned how to write journalistic articles in their proper format, which

includes news stories and feature articles. I learned that there are strict list of principles called the “Journalism Code of Ethics” that almost all journalists abide by. I practiced how to properly proofread an article and reducing the amount of errors. I also learned how to properly layout a newspaper using InDesign, which is good thing if you're not sick and not necessarily doing anything else. Overall, I enjoyed learning how to be an actual journalist and how to properly run a newspaper organization.

The low points of this year for *The Roundup* staff were few and far between. The only real moment that I would consider a low point would be the whole “Speech and Denate” issue. It was definitely a mistake that left us embarrassed. Nonetheless, it ended up being a valuable learning experience for all us about the importance of checking our work multiple times.

Like with any other organization, when one of its leaders concludes their time helping run the show, they must find a new one to replace him/her. After a rather thorough selection process in which a highly respected selection committee consisting of **Mr. Seamus Walsh, Mr. Middlemist, Mrs. Debbie Cronin, Ms. Elizabeth Clarke, Mr. Mulloy,** and myself, helped interview and assess each of the candidates, a decision was made on the Editor In Chief position. Finally, I am honored to announce that the Editor in Chief position for *The Roundup* during the 2008-2009 school year will once again be twofold. **Santiago Azpurua-Borras '09** will return for his third term on the *Roundup* staff and remain an incumbent. He will be joined by **Matt Stanley '09**, who will be returning for his second stint on *The Roundup* staff. The selection committee also helped choose two associate editors as well: **Sahan Fernando '09** and **Christian Gillespie '09**.

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After working alongside **Santiago** this entire year and **Matt** for a few weeks, I'm more than confident that they will do a great job running *The Roundup*.

Finally, there are so many people that I need to thank for helping me as a writer and journalist throughout my years at Brophy. First there's **Mr. Middlemist**, who has provided me with plenty of support that has been discretely intertwined with sarcasm, and for believing in me by selecting me as an Editor in Chief. Last year's *The Roundup* Editors in Chief **Willard Applefeld** and **Brad Drea** for providing useful feedback and knowledge. **Santiago** for being such a helpful Co-Editor, who often ended up having to work short-handed. The sectional editors: News- **Tommy Hart '09**, Opinions- **Chris McKenna '09/Temi Molinar '08**, Entertainment- **Christian Gillespie '09** and Sports- **Ryan Moroney '09**.

Most importantly, the entire *Roundup* staff for working their tails off each and every month to ensure that we were putting out a quality publication. Of course **Mr. Mulloy**, for putting up with my shenanigans, helping me become a better writer, and for also pushing me to be a better leader. Lastly, I want to thank the entire Brophy community for taking the time to read *The Roundup*, which undoubtedly without you would not even exist.

I will never forget the time I spent here at Brophy. Like previous classes before us, the Class of 2008 will be expected to go on to do great things in life, both inside and outside of the conference room. We leave Brophy, armed with a Jesuit education that has taught us how to be “Men for Others” and express the qualities of the Grad at Grad.

The relationships and bonds that I made will last a lifetime. I will remember the lessons I learned both inside and outside of the classroom (with an emphasis on those outside of the classroom). And I most definitely will never forget the time I spent as a member of *The Roundup* staff.

In the words of the British poet John Gay, “Excuse me, then! You know my heart; but dearest friends, alas! I must part.”

Letters to the Editor

Student voices opinion about student council

I would like to see my Student Council take a more active and visible role in the school environment, allowing the students to know they have true leaders. Furthermore, I believe the Student Council should try to abolish

the constant cutting in lunch lines, perhaps by creating one constant and single file line, constantly monitored.

I also believe, as someone who has previously been a candidate for sophomore elections, that the primary system should be abolished. The primary system is simply a sheet filled with names, handed out to the students before any previous speeches are made.

Thus, the school election system already becomes a popularity contest based on how well one student knows a candidate's name compared to the other. If the primary system was abolished or if speeches were allowed to be made beforehand, I believe it would dramatically decrease the rule of the popular vote and increase the choice of the voter.

Democracy is not about which name sounds

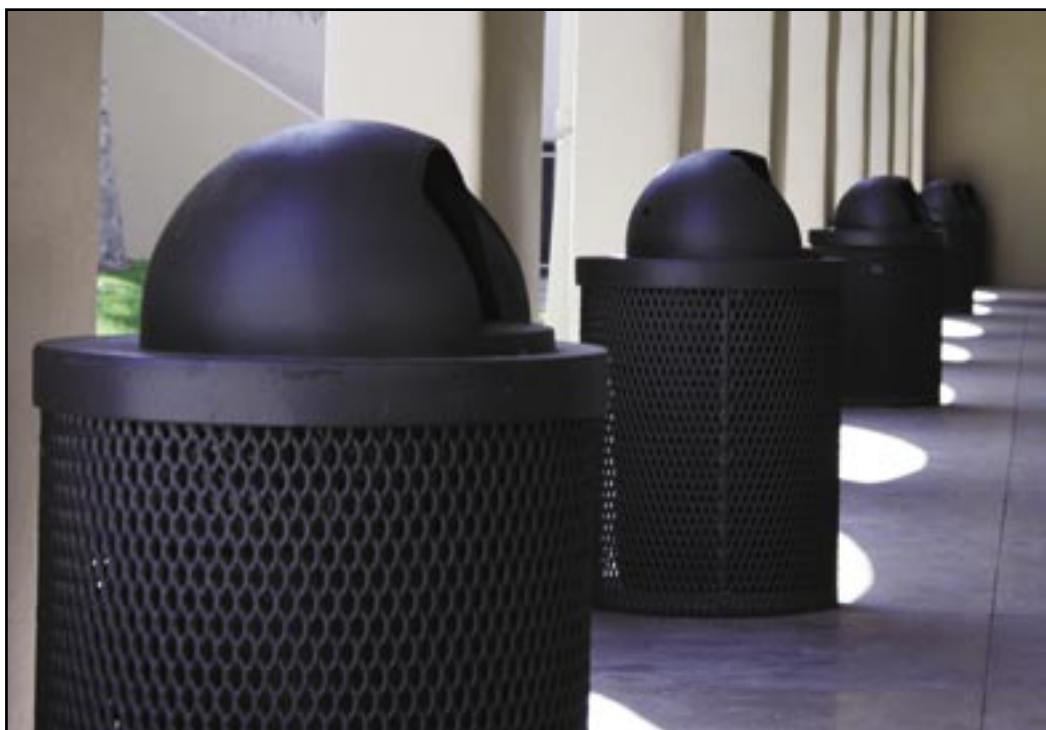
better or who your best friend is, but who has the best ideals and who can improve our school and create a better future for the students who follow in our place.

—Dallas Ducar '10

Editors Note: Letter is in response to the “Elections should determine quality over popularity” column in the April Roundup.

Trashcans clutter campus

New solutions needed to maintain a clean campus



Brophy College Preparatory is known for its academic excellence set in majestic metropolitan Phoenix. Luscious, green hills roll across the mall framing our historic architecture.

As beautiful as our campus is, it does have a couple problems that tarnish its image.

There are 93 trashcans in our mall, colonnade and Great Hall area.

This overabundance of trashcans clutters our campus and takes away from its natural beauty.

As I walked around campus with my pen and pad tallying up the number of cans on campus, I noticed one area that particularly stuck out in my mind. As I walked from Brophy Hall to Romley through the breeze-way that connects the two buildings, I saw eight trashcans.

The eight trashcans are separated by 10 to 15 feet along the short walk way.

A similar situation exists along the outside of the Keating building as well.

Now, I find it hard to believe that it is really necessary to have this many trashcans on our campus. As I counted the 93 trashcans, it raised a couple of questions:

Are we just assuming that the student body is too lazy to walk an extra 10 to 15 feet to throw away their trash if we were to cut the trashcan population in half?

Did someone accidentally add an extra zero onto the number of trashcans Brophy was ordering?

Also, how is it that there is still trash on the ground even with



Andrew Farquhar '08

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the excessive amount of trash receptacles?

There are two wrongs in this story, and two wrongs do not make a right.

It is wrong to put that many trashcans on our campus.

The blame does not only lie with the administration. The student body is wrong for still allowing trash to be left on the ground after break and lunch even though a receptacle is never more than 10 feet away.

There are a couple of solutions to consider. First, Brophy could possibly sell/remove half of the



Photos by Phil Pachtman '09

It seems wherever one looks on a campus a trash receptacle is not far away.

trashcans and tighten up the security on the students leaving trash on the ground.

The other solution is that students could realize how many opportunities they have to throw away their garbage with our current situation, and in that case

there should never be trash on the ground.

Perhaps I found the reason why former master of the custodial arts, **Mr. Al Wiggins**, decided to leave; I wouldn't want to empty all those trashcans either.

Summit lacks spark to inspire student body



By Edgar Loya '08 & Sahar Fernando '09

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The Summit on Human dignity seems to be well under way on becoming a genuine Brophy tradition.

Although two years ago it was tough to keep the student body awake for two weeks of guest speakers and relevant events, the other summits on capital punishment and illegal immigration have excelled when compared to on genetic engineering.

In fact, it seems as if though the more controversy there is throughout a summit, the more enjoyable it is. This is because when debate is sparked, the audience has the opportunity to learn about the issue at hand from more than one perspective.

At least this is what attracted attention last year when students were somewhat upset every day for two weeks for having to walk around the border set up in the middle of Brophy's campus, as well as the controversy that began regarding the non-Brophy-sponsored-counter-protests across the street from A.J.'s.

It's understood that the Summit committee's mission statement holds its purpose to inform the student body about hot-topic issues in our current society, and to focus on the dignity of the human being. As good of a mission as that is however, what is more important is that we are given more insight as to what we can do as active members in the community.

Some statements are sometimes cliché because they are true. In this case, actions really do speak louder than words.

This recent summit on war was a fair choice to focus upon, but nothing more than fair. The topic had great potential but, despite this, controversy failed to develop.

While we were challenged to treasure the value of human life the first year (we'll skip the second year) and taught to put a face to the story of an immigrant the third year, there was no challenge presented to us this year.

We were motivated to do something other than simply listen; we wanted the thrill of another protest. However, that hardly seemed possible this time around. Like many, we wanted to feel like we could do something—we wanted advice as to how to solve world conflict.

Needless to say that realistically, we can't stop the war in Iraq. We have been presented with the problem, but were not presented with what means to fix it. The guest speakers this time around were actually worth listening to for the most part; speeches are more interesting when they are about war rather than when they deal with quantum physics (that second year was awful).

Brophy Principal **Mr. Bob Ryan's** brother, Patrick Ryan, was definitely one of the best speakers out of this two-week human dignity event. His motivation and enthusiasm during his talk along with the description of his experiences of combat in Iraq were truly powerful.

If by some miracle we could go back in time and repair the damage, we would immediately replace the opening speaker with anyone who would not waste two-thirds of their microphone time talking about how they prayed to God that their talk goes well.

All in all however, this year's summit on war was worth the pain of sitting on the gym bleachers.

Brophy vacations should parallel public school vacations

When the new year rolls around and the new 2008-2009 Brophy Calendar comes out, there are only three things that I look for.

How many Mondays and Fridays do I have off? When are my breaks? When is the last day of school?

I just need to look at when I get a break from all this school and educational stuff.

All Brophy students as well as the faculty do it too. We all need a break from each other.

All of us cannot wait for our first break to roll around: Christmas vacation.



By Justin Betkin '10

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We like it because we are celebrating Jesus' birth. But in short, we like receiving presents.

Then after Christmas break, we

just start counting down the days until the next two spring break vacations.

When Brophy students are on these breaks we like to hangout with our friends of both sexes. We also have friends that go to public school; the ones that make jokes every now and then that we go to Brophy.

Every year the public schools have their vacations and holidays on different dates than we do. Some of us would like to hang out with them during that time, but we simply cannot.

Could we make it easier and somehow make a calendar that coincides with the majority of the public schools' calendar?

This is something that should be looked upon in the future when making the Brophy Calendar.

However, could we somehow make it where the majority of all high schools in Arizona are following the same calendar for Christmas and Spring breaks?

That would be a wonderful goal to accomplish for the 2008-2009 school year.

"Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half." — *Gore Vidal*

Welcome to the better half

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Candidates' quest for nomination intensifies

The road to the presidency is becoming bumpier as we near June. The 2008 campaign ends June 3 with both the Democratic and Republican parties voting in South Dakota, and although it's down to only three candidates, here is a recap of what's happened thus far:

The Democrats' original line-up consisted of Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Bill Richardson, and Tom Vilsack. All who remain now are Clinton, Obama, and technically Gravel as well.

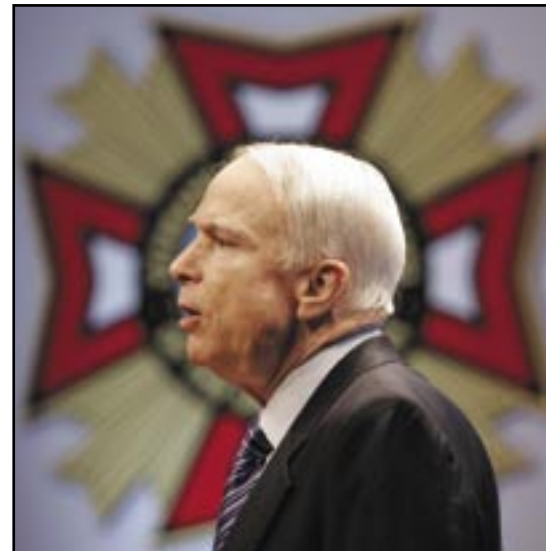
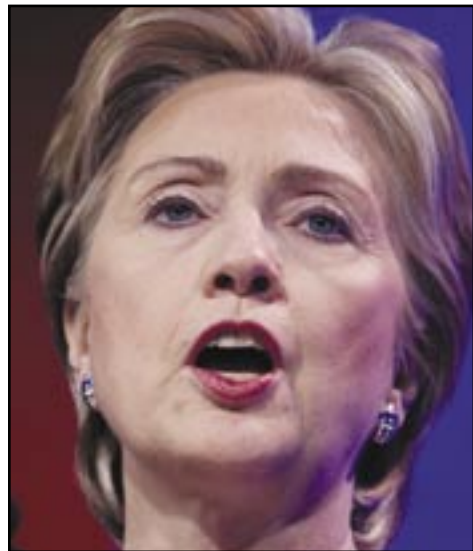
Mike Gravel, former senator of Alaska, is still in the race and the staff at The Roundup has tried to figure out why that is.

According to **Joe Slaven '09**, *Roundup* reporter and political enthusiast, "Gravel is a senile old man who either doesn't know that he needs delegates to win, or has simply forgotten that he's in the race and therefore has forgotten to drop out like the others. If you haven't already, please visit YouTube online and search: 'Mike Gravel + the rock,' as well as 'Mike Gravel + the fire'—you'll know what I'm talking about."

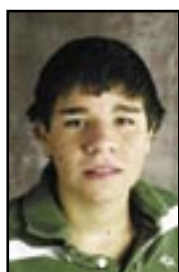
On the Republican side there remains only John McCain, senator of Arizona. However, before he could stand alone as the right-wing victor, he had to outdo several other candidates. The original line-up on the GOP consisted of Jim Gilmore, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, McCain, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, and who could forget (the media can), Ron Paul.

Dr. Paul was the center of controversy on the right-wing side of the presidential campaign. His constitutionalist point of view, traditional republicanism and libertarian ideals conflicted with the mainstream approach to politics that his opponents adopted.

Although there was talk about a



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supposed media conspiracy to prevent Dr. Paul from winning, and despite the fact that CNN and Fox would rarely acknowledge him, others held optimism.

A large portion of the American youth was optimistic about his campaign and supported the "Ron Paul Revolution," additionally, his popularity on the Internet skyrocketed for a while. In fact, in a few primaries Dr. Paul was tied with NY mayor Giuliani in exit polls despite all who expected him to do the worst.

Recently Ralph Nader also announced

his entry into the campaign as an Independent. However, in 1996 and 2000 he ran as a Green Party nominee.

Third time is usually the charm but this will be Nader's fifth time running and things don't seem any more promising than the last time, or the one before that. Actually, one thing that may be working against him this time may be the same as that which hurt him in 2004.

Democrats are still aching from the 2000 election in which many claim that the small percentage of votes that Nader gained were the reason for Al Gore's short loss of the presidency. In other words, if Nader hadn't run, Gore could have been the recipient of those additional votes, thus boosting him to win the 2000 George W. Bush/Gore election.

Whichever direction this 2008 election heads, there is reason to keep interest. Although political ideology is generally consistent within members of the same party in any election which causes severe boredom, history will be made if either of the current Democratic candidates wins the election.

As for the Democratic Party things seemed promising a few months ago but they aren't looking so now. A schism has occurred among the Democratic Party—people are tired of Obama and Hillary's constant quarreling.

Several polls on Fox and CNN showed there are both extreme Obama and Clinton loyalists. These are people who, for example, support Obama enough that if Clinton were to win they'd rather vote for McCain, and vice-versa, thus risking the Democrats to lose the election.

The race was intense for the weeks leading up to the Pennsylvania primary. The key to win that state was to appeal to the blue-collared worker and Hillary Clinton did just that.

The Democrats unlike the Republicans however, have a different delegate system. Where the winning candidate of any Republican primary takes all of the delegates, the Democrats disperse the delegates according to the percentage of votes after the closing of each primary election.

Pennsylvania was a crucial state in the

race where many hoped that the battle between Obama and Clinton would end. The chaos ensues even as the super delegates seem to be indecisive about whom to vote for.

The Super-delegates hold a big say in the election: however, they are often put under pressure when deciding whether or not they should vote for the candidate that holds the majority vote.

Siding with the major public opinion or with "Independent Judgment" is a huge deal, as Karl Rove, former Deputy White House Chief of Staff, referred to it recently in a perplexing *GQ Magazine* interview. In the interview he said that he has a plan for "dismantle" the Democratic Party.

However, the turmoil will become greater as Clinton won the Pennsylvania primary by a small margin and will stay yet another round. This will only contribute to the damage being caused to the party as a whole.

For now, the mathematics of the delegate system won't help. It's a matter of waiting for the National Convention and the critical decision of each Super-Delegate.

Things to be forgotten, things to be remembered

By **Bennett DeLozier '08, Tommy Hart '08, Teddy Hayes '08, Anthony Palumbo '08, Andrew Farquhar '08, Edgar Loya '08, Jules Kapoor '08**
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As seniors going away to college, we've compiled a short list of 10 things we won't miss about Brophy and 10 things we will miss about Brophy. Although we couldn't include every happening or small event or inside joke, we did our best to make a general list of things every senior could relate to. Happy reading.

Things we won't miss:

1. C-Schedules; having three periods in a row in the middle of the day and having lunch cut in half.
2. Actually having to attend class.
3. JUG, Saturday JUG or simply detention in general.
4. Calculus.
5. \$3 undercooked pizzas from the Harper Great Hall.
6. Mass dress and having to remember when to wear it.
7. Southwest Youthfest.
8. Parking especially on Tuesdays.
9. Dress code requirements (no flip flops, board shorts, hair length, facial hair, and no shirt.)
10. The politics surrounding Brophy.

Things we will miss:

1. The good food i.e. Corral.
2. Battle Royale, R.I.P.
3. **Mr. Jim Gmelich '87** as the Dean of Students.
4. School retreats.
5. The sense of community surrounding Brophy and knowing all of its students; no drama, no cliques.
6. Half-days every single Friday.
7. Intramurals, most specifically Maggi vs. Woods Fight Night.
8. The quality of teaching and the personable nature of the faculty.
9. School spirit: football and basketball games, The Herd, state championships.
10. This will need to remain confidential because of the formerly mentioned politics surrounding Brophy.

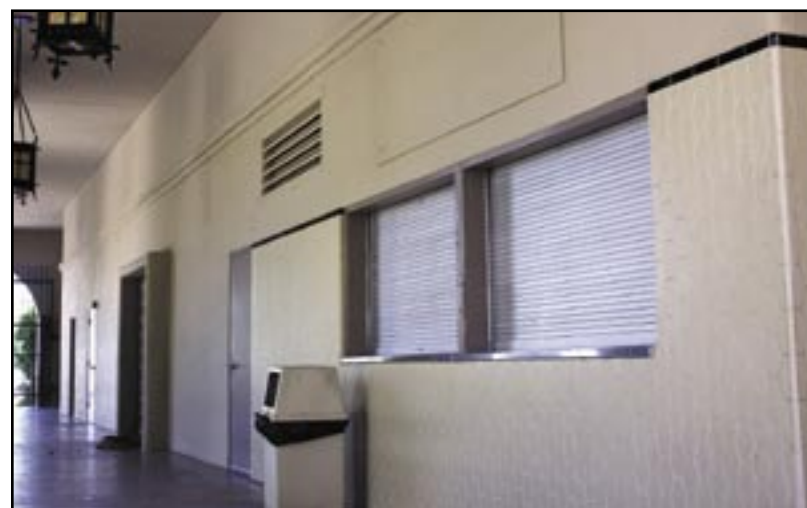


Photo by **Phil Pachtman '09**

The Corral: former source of delicious food and now a storage room for football equipment. Rest in peace, old friend.

Letters to the Editor Policies

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Sports

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LAX defeats Chaparral for 2nd state title

By Ryan Moroney '09
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After dominating Mountain Pointe in the semifinal game, 11-4, the Broncos Lacrosse team took on Chaparral for the state title April 28.

A big crowd was on hand for this highly anticipated matchup and many expected the Broncos to repeat.

It sure looked that way in the first half as the Broncos had an early 7-2 lead on goals by Trevor Howard '09, Dylan Panzarella '08, Alex Blonsky '10, Kevin Murney '10 and Hunter Rodgers '08.

The Chaparral Firebirds came out with a vengeance and a purpose in the second half, pulling within one point twice, 8-7 and then 9-8.

With 6:56 to go in the game, sophomore attack man Adam Fishman '10 was the hero, scoring the winning goal and sealing the deal for the Broncos with a 9-8 victory.

Fishman would go on to capture the MVP trophy and ended the game with three goals. The defense played very well while Pierce Bassett '09 had 11 saves.

The win has shown how much this program has come along and how Brophy's precedence over Arizona lacrosse is a feat worth noticing.

The Broncos participated in the 2007-2008 Jesuit Lacrosse Tournament in Washington, D.C earlier in the season.

The tournament featured some of the best teams in the country and Brophy had an impressive showing in the tournament.

The Broncos posted a 2-3 record on the trip, but the record says nothing about their performance.

Their best game came against one of the top teams in the country, Georgetown Prep.

The Broncos played Georgetown tough all game and were tied with them 5-5 late in the fourth quarter.

The Broncos would go on to lose the game 7-5, but left an impression.

The Broncos would go on to beat Loyola High school in Chicago and Rockhurst Jesuit in Missouri.

The tournament gave great exposure to West Coast lacrosse and showed that the Broncos can hold their own with some of the best teams in the country.

After a remarkable showing in the JLT, the Broncos would return to Arizona with confidence and utter dominance over Arizona lacrosse.

The Broncos would go on to beat their next four opponents by a combined score of 74-32 and became the favorite to take home the trophy for the second straight year.

According to *West side Lax*, they are the 8th best team in the west, and *Inside Lacrosse*, the same.

The talent pool for the Broncos is unprecedented. Rodgers is considered



Photos by Matt Hopkins '09

Above: Alex Blonsky '10 takes a shot against Chaparral April 26. The Broncos beat Chaparral 9-8 to take their second consecutive state title.

Left: Hunter Rodgers '08 waits for a cutting attacker to find an open shot.

Right: Broncos reach for the championship trophies.

to be one of the best players on the west coast and is leading the league in scoring.

Panzarella, known for his quickness and his 90 mph shot, is 6th in the league in scoring and is also considered to be one of the top players in the state.

Bassett has been his usual self, continuing to make amazing saves and

leading the league in save percentage.

Howard, Fishman, Reed Doddenhoff '08, Murney and Blonsky have made significant impacts as well.

Overall, the impressive showing at the JLT and the capture of a second consecutive state title has ended this year's lacrosse season on a high note.

Frosh shatter old track record by more than 10 seconds

Tyler Sciotto '11, Will Firth '11, Marcus Mehlhaf '11 and Tommy Williams '11 recently broke the freshman 4 x 800 record.

They posted a very impressive time of 8:50.7 which shattered the previous record of 9:02.6.

Firth also set the Brophy freshmen 1600m (1-mile) record at 4:35.7 on Saturday, April 21. The previous record was 4:37 and was set in 1983, according to coach Mr. Bill Kalkman.

Volleyball team finishes season with high hopes for next year

Broncos struggle this season, but the future of the program looks very bright

By Anthony Palumbo '08 & Teddy Hayes' 08
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Brophy is often seen as a powerhouse when it comes to sports.

Volleyball is usually one of the sports The Broncos excel in.

Although this season has been uncharacteristically lack luster, the Brophy varsity volleyball season is coming to a close with a record of 2-11 – and a lot of hope.

The team played every game as well as they could, led by the junior trio of **Austin Adams '09**, **Marcus Valdez '09** and **Tyler Hornacek '09**.

Assistant Dean **Mr. Tony Oldani** was the head coach of the varsity squad and assisting him was **Spanish teacher Mr. Andy Schmidbauer**.

Mr. Oldani stated, "We are as good as any team in the state we just haven't learned how to win yet."

Although the team did not have the record they were hoping for, they did have a lot of talent and just couldn't come up with the wins.

The team had a lot of injuries but spirits stayed high.

John Gengle '08, one of the team's best offensive threats at opposite hitter, was out for the most of the season with an injured ankle. **Adams** also experienced his fair share of injuries.

The Broncos finished third in the annual Brophy invitational tournament.

They beat Highland, Gilbert and Corona, which were the three highest ranked teams in the tournament.

Middle blocker **Valdez** was voted to the All-Tournament Team by the coaches participating in the tournament.

The volleyball squad has a lot of young talent and **Mr. Oldani** and **Mr. Schmidbauer** will be looking forward to next year's season.

Mr. Oldani lacks no confidence in his team, and he thinks the team "will win state" next season.

The team has a year to rebuild and to regroup, and they will be hungry for a state championship next year.



Photo by Jesus Aponte '10
Taylor Foss '08 spikes a ball through two defenders in a recent game.

Just in case you didn't hear, results for NCAA March Madness Tournament

Shawn Ludgate manages to come out on top

By Justin Betken '10 & Brandon Parrone '10
THE ROUNDUP

"People want to look that don't know basketball and say we can't shoot fouls. And I sit there and I laugh," said Memphis coach John Calipari just before they were to play Michigan State in the Sweet 16.

When asked if he could put it all together by two ESPN Radio 1000 hosts, he responded "What are you guys, perfectionists?"

It wasn't that hard to do the math.

Two minutes and 12 seconds left to go in the second half of the NCAA Championship game, and Memphis had a nine-point lead.

They are going to celebrate and party all night, right?

The Memphis Tigers missed seven of their 16 free throws in the second half. You make one more, you win the championship.

That didn't happen.

The Kansas Jayhawks tied the game with a three-pointer by Mario Chalmers with two seconds left and rode that momentum into overtime to win their first NCAA Championship since 1988.

In a tournament of upsets and a Cinderella story that didn't quite end in a picture perfect way, this was a tournament to remember.

With the shooting of Stephen Curry, the No. 10 seeded Davidson Wildcats stormed all the way to the Elite Eight.

Davidson screwed up a lot of Brophy students' brackets.

Shawn Ludgate '11 picked the Arizona Wildcats to go all the way. That's cute picking the home team.

But he ended up winning the NCAA Brophy bracket challenge by seven points.

"I just picked Arizona because my sister goes there. I thought I'd lose," **Ludgate** said.

When asked if it took skill, he replied, "If you consider luck a skill, then yes it took a lot."

Of course the stars of the tournament, mostly freshmen, will all enter the NBA draft. Derrick Rose, Michael Beasley, O.J. Mayo and Kevin Love, all appear to be lottery picks.

Chicago product Derrick Rose, the man who didn't score in overtime versus Kansas, will most likely go to Miami and pair up with superstar and another old Chicago high schooler Dwayne Wade.

"Chicago has got it going on," said **Corderro McMurry '10**.

Here's to another NCAA tournament and a big congratulations to the winner **Shawn Ludgate '11**.

Still, nobody knows how you could have won.

Young Broncos baseball team impresses many in regular season, dark horse to win it all

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THE ROUNDUP

The Brophy Broncos baseball team is among some of the best teams in 5A-1 and has played one of the toughest schedules in the state.

At *The Roundup's* print deadline, they had posted an excellent 18-8 record and a tie for first place in the Desert Valley Region.

Riccio Torrez '08, **Brandon Bayardi '09**, **Trent Stevenson '09**, **Drew Maggi '09**, **Cullen Mahoney '09** and **Jake Williams '09** have spearheaded the Broncos as one of the top teams in the state.

Bayardi has been a monster at the plate, hitting "jacks" left and right. **Torrez** has been his usual self, making few errors at the plate and on the field.

The Broncos have some great wins this year including region rivals Desert Mountain, Mountain Ridge, and of course the continued dominance over St. Mary's. They have beaten Saint Mary's by a combined 22-5 in two games.

The Broncos have also beaten teams like Salpointe, Trevor Browne, Mesa Mountain View, Horizon, North and Chandler. These wins have put them at the top of 5A-1 and have given the Broncos a great chance of taking home the state championship trophy.

The Broncos regular season is coming to a close and the playoffs are on the horizon.

Last year, the Broncos fell short of their second straight title, placing second and losing to rival Horizon. The year before the Broncos took home the title and dominated all of their opponents.

This year could be no different for the Broncos as they look to capture their second title in three years.



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Above: A Bronco batter connects with the ball against St. Mary's at Opus Field in April.

Right: Hard throwing right-hander Drew Maggi '08 delivers a pitch against St. Mary's.

