

New Student Council prepares for office

New crop of leaders brings fresh ideas, old traditions

By Alexander Barr '09 and Matt Stanley '09
THE ROUNDUP

Student Council Elections were held last month to elect leaders for the 2008-2009 school year. *The Roundup* recently interviewed the student body executive officers.

Mike Tree '09 — Student Body President

Mike Tree is a well known name on campus for many reasons. He played lacrosse for a year, and currently plays varsity football. When he is not on the field, he can be heard at other sporting events and rallies. His voice booms through the stands as he always tries his hardest to “pump up” the student body.

Tree will also bring a good amount of experience and ideas to the table. He has been in student council every year and has contributed greatly to the program.

Despite Tree's inability to spell “pin him” correctly, he works his hardest in class and is also a member of NHS. You may also know Tree as the “Official Campus Linebacker” or the perfect imitator of Principal Bob Ryan.

Vice President Brandon Love '09 remarked on how seriously Tree takes his job. Love said that he insists on getting to the Dean's office early to prep for announcements. Tree always strives to do the best he possibly can.

Brandon Love '09 — Student Body Vice President

Brandon Love has held a position on Student Council during his sophomore, junior and now senior year. During his sophomore year, Love served as a senator for the '09 class, and junior year he served as class president.

He has helped plan and execute many
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Summit on Human Dignity wraps up March 20



Photo by Jake Kelly '09

Brophy students, faculty and community members participate in a candlelight peace vigil March 19 in the chapel courtyard. The vigil took place on the fifth anniversary of the War in Iraq and followed a presentation by Mike Baxter.

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- See student photos from the Summit online at www.flickr.com/photos/brophyphotoclub.

Youthfest makes second coming at Jobing.com arena

By Sahan Fernando '09
THE ROUNDUP

It's 9 a.m Friday, March 7 at the Glendale Jobing.com Arena.

Picture this chaotic scene: A mass of Catholic school kids, most in their respective school uniforms, all crowding towards their assigned check in stations.

This is the of beginning of the Diocese of Phoenix's Southwest Youthfest 2008, a gathering of all six Phoenix Catholic high schools to celebrate Catholic heritage and tradition.

There is a sense of exhilaration in the air; teachers stand around chatting. When asked about his opinion of the day, Mr. Pat Higgins had this to

say: “Yeah, I think this will be a good day.”

The schools present included Brophy, Bourgade Catholic High School, Notre Dame Preparatory, Seton Catholic High School, St. Mary's and Xavier.

Once everyone was checked in and seated in the auditorium, Mass began. The honorable Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead was not in attendance due to a previous engagement. The band for the mass was an amalgamation of several musicians from the various schools.

Fr. Billy Costa delivered the sermon, an attention getting speech in which he used a humorous story involving his friends and phonetic misunderstandings. He then proceeded to talk about the importance of following one's dreams, which may or may not include being a priest.

After an optional communion, the hour and a half

service ended.

Then Bob Rice took the stage and sang many classic rock hits such as Lynyrd Skynyrd's *Sweet Home Alabama* and Bill Wither's *Lean On Me* to a screaming crowd at the foot of the stage.

Rice introduced the first speaker of the day, British artist Sal Solo.

Solo, a former rock artist who gave up commercial music in order to preach to teenagers in the United Kingdom and the United States, first played music and then passionately spoke about poverty in the world.

The central point of Solo's presentation was DATA, which stands for Debt AIDS Trade Africa.

After Solo's presentation, last year's musical artist Matt Maher returned to the stage, this time sporting a new hair color.



Photo by Brandon Parrone '10

Singer Matt Maher performs during this year's Youthfest.

After performing a few songs, Maher became
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Facebook aides students in Michael's online campaign

By John Tighe '10
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A group of Brophy students who are against Michael's food service have started a Facebook group that opposes the company that supplies Brophy students and teachers with food in the Great Hall.

Facebook is a social networking Web site that was created in 2004 and allows anyone over the age of 13 to create an account and to socialize with friends over the Internet.

The Facebook group against Michael's is called "Out with Michael's Immediately." The group was created by **Matt Habib '10**, who started the group because he doesn't agree with Michael's quality of food and prices.

"I feel Michael's food quality could be a lot better

and the prices are way too high," said **Habib**.

Although the anti-Michaels group is relatively new, it has gained a lot of popularity from Facebook subscribers.

"Last time I checked, which was a couple weeks ago, we had about 80 or 90 [members]," **Habib** explained.

"Out with Michael's Immediately" also attempted to take action against Michael's by refusing to buy food and drinks from Brophy's food supplier and bring lunches from home instead.

"There was a boycott about two weeks ago but unfortunately, it didn't go as well as planned," **Habib** said.

Only about 40 students took part in the boycott because the original plan for the event, handing out free food wasn't allowed.

"[The boycott] was supposed to be set up with

the Barbecue Club to have a group barbecue, giving out free food so that people would go to that instead of buying from the Great Hall but it was not approved," **Habib** said.

When **Habib** was asked why he chose to use Facebook to voice his opinion about Michael's, he responded with, "Because lots of people are always on Facebook and they always check it and there's a lot more Brophy students that I know at least, that are on Facebook and MySpace."

Nick Balduzzi '10 agreed and thought using Facebook was the best way to voice opinion about Michael's.

"I think spreading the word on Facebook is a good idea because a lot of students have a Facebook [account]," **Balduzzi** said.

There aren't any future plans with "Out with Michael's Immediately" but **Habib** is optimistic,

"Hopefully we'll get a larger gathering."

Director of Facilities and Food Service **Ms. Sherri Stephens** said students are entitled to their opinion and she will be putting a comment box in the Great Hall over Easter break. Michael's Chef David and **Ms. Stephens** will read the complaints once a week and will address any ongoing problems.

Ms. Stephens added, "As far as the price of the food, the administration feels it is fairly priced for the quantity and quality the boys are receiving. Where else can you get a seven-inch pizza, 20-ounce drink and candy bar for \$5? I think the boys need to realize that Michael's doesn't charge sales tax either, they include that in the cost of the food."

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Brophy events throughout his career in student council. Among these, he has helped with forming the Hoopcoming Dance, prom and homecoming.

Love has not just spent his few Brophy years on Student Council, but has also played basketball and volleyball, as well as being a member of key club. His well-rounded and modest disposition has gained the approval of the student body.

One of the most important issues that **Love** will address is the lack of variety in the Great Hall. In his speech to the student body, he explained that he is "tired of pizza, burritos and chicken tenders" for lunch every day. He hopes that his efforts will encourage Michael's to branch out and offer new options.

When asked about anything else he would like to do or improve, **Love** enthusiastically responded that he would want to "bring back Red Army from freshman year." He recalled the spirit that was so prevalent on campus previous, and he looks forward to bringing some of it back.

Colin Howard '09 — Co-

Athletics Coordinator

Colin Howard is new to Student Council, but is bringing forth new ideas to improve athletics at Brophy. His drive for the Athletics Coordinator position started when he decided he should give back to Brophy athletics. He has played football and currently plays varsity baseball. He seems to truly "want athletics to reach a peak next year."

One of the ideas **Howard** brings to the table is his desire to bring over Xavier students to "enrich our rallies." He remarked on how impressive our rallies were this year, and he wants to make even more improvements for the upcoming year.

Howard has not just participated in sports throughout his Brophy career, but has also been inducted into Key Club and NHS. When asked what else he wants the student body to know about him he exclaimed, "I am philosopher king."

Nick McKee '09 — Clubs Coordinator

Nick McKee may be the only person ever to be elected to student council by

having another person read his speech. For those who do not remember, **Chris S. McKenna '09** actually read **McKee's** election speech to the student body.

When asked if he thought that **McKenna** reading his speech helped him to get elected, **McKee** said, "I knew he (**McKenna**) would add a sense of humor to my speech which I found to be somewhat serious."

McKee is new to student council, but should bring forth some new ideas. He also said that "one of the most crucial things I want to do in office is just get the students more involved in the whole club system."

McKee said the position of clubs coordinator is the "best job on student council hands down."

Also, he remarked that he knew a lot of students in previous years that had great ideas for potential clubs.

However, he noticed that many students did not know how to create new clubs or were afraid that their ideas would get shut down. **McKee** said that he does not want this to happen this year.



Photo by Phil Pachtman '09

Brophy's new student body President Mike Tree '09 stands in the middle of campus.

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Students plunge into urban L.A.

By Phil Pachtman '09
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From February 13 to 18, Brophy students spent five days in Los Angeles on a spring immersion trip focusing on urban poverty and gang activity, according to the Office of Faith and Justice's Web site.

The goal was for the students to spend most of their February break in L.A. to learn about the most critical issues an urban center faces by volunteering at Dolores Mission, Homeboyz Industries and visiting social service agencies.

"We were exposed to life on the streets, met many case workers and homeless people, discussed Single Resident Occupancy housing, transitional housing and resident apartment-ultimately being witness to God's creation in a different light," said Brophy teacher **Mr. Tommy Smith**, who accompanied the students on the trip.

"We also had a chance to tour Homeboyz Industries, a print-screening company with a bakery and café, started by Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.," **Smith** said "It's purpose is to provide jobs for kids on parole, former gang members and anyone willing to turn their lives around."

The trip also proved to be an uplifting experience for students.

"It was an eye-opening experience," said **Anthony Quatela-Crean '09**.

Mr. Smith summed up his spiritual experience on the trip by saying, "What was inspiring was to see all those people who have dedicated their lives to assisting others, and the gratitude demonstrated by all those receiving help. These are all good people who have been put in unfortunate situations."

He concluded by saying, "As the motto goes 'If God brings you to it, He'll bring you through it.'"



Submitted Photo

From left: Sean Hanson '10, Jesus Aponte '10, Esteban Orozco '10, Eric Vogt '08, Anthony Quatela-Crean '09, Blake Franko '09, Josh Nomkin '09 and Robert Warren '10 pose for a group photo in L.A.

Student Assistance Program open to any and all in need

Program made to help students with any social and family issues

By Sahar Fernando '09
THE ROUNDUP

If someone is feeling depressed for one reason or another, there are many places to turn.

Friends and family seem like the standard beginning; however, sometimes these sources of comfort are not accurate, or are even the source of distress.

Brophy realized that students often need help to cope with problems they can not deal with on their own.

This is why Brophy decided to start the Student Assistance Program.

These problems can include "physical, chemical, emotional, spiritual, sexual, familial and/or educational problems."

The director of the SAP is the current Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, **Mr. Jim Gmelich**. He is assisted by counselors **Mrs. Mary Novak** and **Mrs. Karen Parise**.

According to **Mrs. Parise**, "Our Student Assistance Program is designed to identify and address students who might be having problems that interfere with their learning and/or are harmful to themselves or others."

The SAP was originally started at another school a few years ago, but **Mr. Gmelich** brought the program to the Brophy campus recently.

The goals of the SAP's treatment include identifying students in need, intervening on their behalf in

the earliest stages of dysfunctional behavior, and to work cooperatively with parents and outside agencies to help facilitate appropriate resolutions.

According to **Mrs. Parise**, the agencies involved depend on the nature of the problem.

"If it is a drug or alcohol problem, we primarily refer to a program called ASAP, an adult substance abuse program. They do an assessment of the student . . . and help the student to deal with the issue."

People are admitted to the SAP either by the recommendation of a friend or faculty member or by self-referral; a completed Assistance Referral Form is then either placed in a referral box or mailed to Brophy.

The SAP uses a seven-step program; these steps are: Prevention, Identification, Screening, Intervention, Assessment, Treatment and Support.

A more detailed explanation of each step can be found on the SAP's Web Site, which is linked from Brophy's home page.

Each step relies on the support of different people, including the school community, family, friends, the SAP Resource Team and qualified professional health care providers.

Brophy's all-star SAP Resource Team currently includes **Mr. Gmelich**, **Mr. Jim Bopp**, **Mr. Tony Oldani**, **Mrs. Parise**, **Mrs. Novak** and **Mr. Ted Skowron**.

The SAP is an organic entity; it changes in order to suit the student.

Mrs. Parise presented the program to the National Guidance Counselors Conference with other Jesuits the weekend of March 15, and gathered information about other student help programs in order to improve Brophy's.

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vexed when several students began to mosh heavily in the crowd. This resulted in some students being taken from the crowd.

A short lunch break followed Maher's performance; students were allowed to bring their lunches or purchase food from vendors in the arena.

The day ended with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal.

Overall, the Southwest Youthfest for 2008 improved from last year. The venue was a bit more spacious, students could bring their own food and everyone got out earlier.

Overall, one can hope that the next Youthfest in 2010 will be even better.

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Youthfest not worth the money

Some improvements over '06, but nearly \$35,000 could be better spent

The annual Southwest Youthfest is an event that happened the last two years to bring together the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Phoenix to celebrate in our faith.

The Youthfest returned this year with a new lineup of speakers and the well-remembered Matt Maher. As most would recall, last year's Youthfest was less-than-spectacular.

One major improvement this year was the Jobing.com arena; it was slightly smaller, felt more comfortable and the food was not as expensive as last year. However, while the Brophy student body was gathering outside in the morning for the first check up we traditionally started chanting, "Let's go home. Let's go home."

Although the chant only lasted for a minute or two, the general consensus of the message remained the same: It was obvious that none of the Brophy student body wanted to be there.

However, once we did get inside most people just found their friends from other schools and took ample opportunity to spend time with them. So in this sense the event did bring us closer to an extent.

This sense of unity only continued during a song in which all the students pulled out their cell phones and waved them in the darkened room simulating the famous lighter effect.

Although it was nice to see such participation, the cell phone screens never fully turned off after that moment. The arena was then speckled with back-lit screens of texting cell phones, game playing Nintendo DS, PSPs and various MP3 players. It was obvious that almost no one was paying attention. It seemed most would rather text message their friends than to listen to various messages given to us.

The sermon given by Fr. Billy Costa during the Mass was essentially a sermon with the use of a bad pun as its foundation (hoddy sounds like hottie, hilarity fails to ensue) and slowly morphed into a sort of recruitment speech. Don't get me wrong, being a priest takes a dedication that the average person cannot achieve, but if I wanted to hear a cryptic recruitment speech I would just watch a marathon of "Army of One" commercials.

After Mass had ended there was a something like an intermission. While the majority of the crowd left, I stayed inside to see who the next



Photo by Jake Kelly '09

Jobing.com Arena sits nearly empty during a performance at this year's Southwest Youthfest while students lined the concourse in search of concessions.



By Santiago Azpurua-Borras '09

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speaker was.

A man named Sal Solo then took the stage.

As we found out, Solo was part of a band called Classix Nouveaux, which he quit to become a youth minister.

Solo actually gave an interesting speech with weak audience participation thrown in. I felt sorry for the guy as he did have some interesting things to say, but he was far too late into the program for anyone to be paying attention anymore.

He concluded his message talking about world poverty, using some very interesting statistics. His speech was very similar to things one might hear in a Gospel Action class.

I found it ironic (and a bit hypocritical) how Sal Solo had just told us how economically poor these countries are, yet he shamelessly advertised his own albums by the end of his speech. However, as a fair trade off he also did advertise his charitable foundation, "Fifty cents

a day." As the name implies, this foundation accepts donations of fifty cents a day from its members.

After Solo had finished, a man in a blue shirt named Mark Hart took the stage. All I remember he said was that "my wife is hot." This is because he said it about five times throughout his peculiar skit.

I'm not too sure what his message was, but apparently his wife is hot. And I guess that counts for something. Hart was less than captivating using his Jim Carrey voice to drive students away. He had no purpose in the Youthfest. His forced attempt to connect with the crowd only led in disconnection.

Overall I was underwhelmed by the Youthfest and its attempt to bring us closer to each other and our faiths.

Although it did have its positives moments, the negative outweighed the positive in this situation.

We gave it a second shot, and we still didn't like it. This is without mentioning the fact that it cost \$27.50 for each person to be registered. With the Brophy student body counting 1,267 kids that equals a grand total of \$34,842 dollars.

This money could be spent on a school community service, such as serving lunch at the Andre House, or volunteering at a retirement home.

So with that I leave you with a very profound question brought to us by Matt Maher, "What would Jesus mosh?"

Cut us some slack, guys

Opinions editor sheds light on the mystery of Roundup editing

The past few issues of *The Roundup* have seen a record amount of student responses in the form of letters to the editor, special columns, as well as verbal feedback.

Feedback, whether positive or negative, is always encouraged. And, rest assured, we do read and print all of the letters which we receive (except the anonymous ones.)

This article, however, is intended to address some common criticisms that *The Roundup* receives.

First of all, I'd be willing to bet that most readers don't know too much about the system of deadlines and copy editing which goes into creating an issue of *The Roundup*.

This seedy underbelly of high school journalism is seldom seen by the uninitiated – until now.

Some have criticized *The Roundup* on the untimely nature of its content. This is really due to the way that our deadlines work. While you're picking up this issue, *Roundup* writers will be hard at work getting articles ready for the next edition, which may not be for over a month.

For the record, I'm writing this on March 10.

Feel free to make the necessary calculations now. (Remember, "30 days has September...")

I'll take time now to address the extensive copy editing process which *The Roundup* staff goes through for each edition.

Before this initial deadline, writers have hopefully revised their articles on their own, cutting out any mistakes which they find.

The article then goes to section editors, who make further revisions, and then back to the writer for changes. It then goes to the editors in chief, who revise it even more, back to the writer, and then to **Mr. Mulloy**, our faculty adviser, who gives it a look-over before it goes to layout.

After all this, a dedicated team of editors literally hovers over the laid out pages, giving them a final once-over before sending it off to the printer.

Unfortunately, spelling errors are to be expected in a publication of *The Roundup's* size. If an average issue has 25 articles, and each article has roughly 400 words, give or take, then an average issue has around 10,000 words. If an issue has, say, 5 spelling or grammar mistakes, that means that .05% of an average *Roundup* is comprised of errors.

Now, if journalism was baseball (it isn't, but *imagine*), *The Roundup* would be batting a .999. We're basically the best baseball player. Ever. Period.

Despite this awesome sports analogy, *The Roundup* tries its hardest to remove such errors.

Now, *The Roundup* isn't perfect. Case in point: the horrible "Denate" incident of '07, about which we were probably more embarrassed than the Debate Team was angry.

We will always work to improve and constantly strive for perfection, and ask any *Roundup* readers to voice their invaluable opinions to help us do so.



By Christopher S. McKenna '09

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