

All students should rock the vote this November

Throughout our lives, whenever we saw that “I voted today” sticker on the shirts of random strangers, we really wanted to wear one too.

For some reason, we had this unspoken respect for people who happened to be wearing that sticker. It was like an exclusive club that we wanted to be a part of.

After our class voted for president in first-grade in a mock election, we didn’t get the sticker – same story in fifth-grade. When Brophy set up booths to vote for president in our freshman year, we still didn’t get that sticker.

It wasn’t until a month ago on Super Tuesday, 2008 when the old lady with her old lady hairdo gave us the sticker that let everyone know “I voted today.”

As it turned out, no one but our families saw us wear the sticker because we didn’t leave our houses the rest of the day. But at least some of us contemplated driving to the Safeway just so people could check out the new accessory.

We finally realized why the sticker meant so much to us. Although it took only 10 minutes, voting was an honor and a privilege and made us not just citizens of this great country, but active and participating ones.

After our voting experience, we came up with a few reasons why everyone – including high school students – should vote.

The main reason is because our vote actually



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counts. This is not so obvious to some.

We used to think, “Well I’m just one person out of millions, so what does it matter if I don’t vote?” That’s true, one single vote won’t make a difference; however, if millions of others have that same mindset – as millions do – that lack of participation *would* make a difference and the results of the election wouldn’t necessarily be accurate in representing how the people really feel.

That brings us to our next point: Because our vote counts, it can be a tool of change and it effectively voices our beliefs, views and standpoints. If we don’t like what the government is doing, we vote into power those individuals who we think would put our country back on the right track.

If we don’t like the current war, we vote for someone who will take us out of it; if we don’t like abortion, we vote to limit or get rid of it; if we

want affordable healthcare, we vote for someone who will get it.

What we’re trying to say is, voting works, and if you think otherwise, you’re wrong.

And there are people who think it doesn’t work or think it’s pointless. Believe it or not, there are many people who complain about politics, complain about our leaders and complain about our government’s decisions, and don’t vote.

People who are of the voting age and complain about politics but don’t vote have no respect whatsoever; they are pathetic. If someone is complaining about the government on Election Day and are not wearing the cool, “I voted today” sticker, then they are an embarrassment to the democratic process.

Seriously, it takes five seconds to register to vote, five minutes to drive to that sketchy polling booth by your house, and five minutes to fill out the ballot; standing up for what you believe in takes only 10 minutes and five seconds out of your life.

We think it’s worth it.

Finally, we have to mention the dramatic, yet very true reason why everyone should vote: millions of people have died for your right to vote. The classic example is World War II.

Literally, millions of people died to preserve our democracy and protect it from dictatorship.

But even before that, look at our Civil War. Hundreds of thousands of people died so the slaves could be set free and be granted the rights of all

equal people.

As Abraham Lincoln once said, our government is “a government of the people, by the people, for the people.” If the people (us) don’t vote, our government would no longer be of the people or by the people; our democracy could not exist.

If you’re still contemplating whether or not to vote when you become or if you are of age, think about the citizens of Russia, where their votes in the recent election didn’t count, or the people of Nigeria where riots and violence broke out during their elections.

Think about those in Cuba, or Liberia or any other country where the elections don’t count, or aren’t fair or to vote means putting your life on the line.

And think about all those who died so you could vote – maybe you can return the favor. We don’t think all Americans grasp the importance, the honor, the privilege, the necessity to vote.

So if you will be 18 by this November’s Presidential elections, register now at Arizona’s Secretary of State’s Web site at www.azsos.gov/election/VoterRegistration.htm. If you do vote this November, know that you will voice your opinion on who you think should be the most powerful person in the world.

Although it’s not too flashy, voting is fun and fulfilling, and when you get to slap on that sticker, wear it for the rest of the day, and wear it proudly.

Obama fervor sweeps schools, making politics a common topic

I was very surprised when I walked by a group of students during lunch – guys you’d never expect to care about the outside world – and the one thing I heard from their conversation was the mention of Barack Obama.

Politics seems to be a new trend and although weak, it’s growing nonetheless.

High school and college students have thus far been turning out this election season

in unprecedented numbers and they’ve been voting overwhelmingly in two

directions: Barack Obama and Ron Paul.

Both candidates appeal to typical teenaged and youthful ideals.

Ron Paul plays on the typical rebelliousness and desire for control and independence that you see in teens. Apparently though, he never matured out of that phase.

Barack Obama, on the other hand, is a candidate who offers many opportunities that his opponents criticize as being too idealistic – a form

of thinking commonly associated with youth.

I personally support Obama. Other than basic ideologies, here’s why:

He offers himself as a beacon in a time clouded by confusion and, what most of the country now agree on, a current lack of good leadership and its subsequent consequences.

He doesn’t stop there though. He offers not only to shine light upon the questionable righteous path, but also to lead the blinded down it.

He also hopes that he can be the king he so frequently mentions in his speeches, the same king who Martin Luther King Jr. alluded to in the last speech he gave

before he was assassinated. Obama wants to be the king who leads his people to the mountain top and points the way to the promise land.

Here’s another reason he’s so appealing to young people like myself. He speaks with a tone of confidence, candor and “preachiness” unrivaled since JFK and MLK, which can motivate even the laziest and the most doubtful.

He makes you feel for a moment that you’re taking part in something tantamount to the 1960s civil rights movement.

More importantly, he offers a solution and an escape to all of us who feel we were born a few decades too late.

I was accustomed to being one of the only students in a classroom who actually saw the impact of politics on everyday life.

Now, in the wake of what most U.S. citizens agree as a bad time for the country, more people, including students, are beginning to pay attention.

From there, there are two paths they ordinarily take.

They may support Ron Paul and skew the line between libertarianism and anarchy.

Or they may support Barack Obama, who runs on a platform of hope for a better tomorrow.



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Take all things in moderation; even presidential politics in 2008

There’s about six months until November 4, and for those of you who are clueless as to what that means, that is when your next president will be elected.

Yes, it’s a big deal. So, for those upperclassmen who are, or will be, eligible to vote by that time, I advise you to pay close attention.

Personally, I take much interest in both national and international politics. I’m sure that many of you who are just as interested as I am in to what goes on in Capitol Hill, may find yourselves displeased with the lack of variety in the presidential candidates this election year.

Yet, despite this I hope that I may offer you a fair perspective from a moderate point of view, and assure you that unlike Fox’s “Fair and Balanced” section, I actually am.

To reinforce what I state, let me inform you that I read the *Arizona Republic* and the *New York Times* every morning, watch CNN and Fox news every

evening, and have been following both sides of the campaign trail from the beginning.

Hopefully you’re in tune enough to know that only Arizona Sen. John McCain remains on the Republican side, and that a bloody battle ensues on the Democratic side between Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hilary Clinton, who refuses to retract her claws.

I believe McCain to be an unfit candidate for the presidency.

Why? As much as I respect him for his service to this nation during the Vietnam War, and for the time he spent as a prisoner of war, I don’t agree with his approach to the Iraq War.

He would be too paranoid of a president, focusing on prolonging the conflict more than needed as a result of his own experiences with war.

McCain, I predict, would make this concept of “terrorism” the new communism like Kennedy did in the 60s, Nixon in the 70s, and Reagan in

the 80s.

I’m sure the nation would have been just fine and dandy without the Cuban missile crisis, the Vietnam War and Cold War. The point I’m trying to make is that the war on terrorism is quite pointless. Terrorism will never cease to exist, just like there are still communists in the world, and just like there is still gang crime in LA.

Then there’s Clinton. My reason for dismissing her is quite simple really. It’s not that she’s a woman (as I’m sure is the problem with many others who don’t believe the U.S. is ready for a woman president), in fact I’d like a woman president.

I don’t support Hilary because she presents herself as an advocate for the poor and a supporter of women’s rights. Despite this, she has sat on the board of one of the corporations known for being one of the biggest women’s rights abusers there is: Wal-Mart.

Not to mention that if she won the Democratic primary, the GOP would have a greater chance of winning the whole shebang. This could easily be accomplished if McCain were to bring up the

dirt on her that Obama yet hasn’t—that being the Whitewater scandal.

And finally there’s Obama. He doesn’t seem too pushy with the whole health care thing like Hilary, rather he’s quite neutral about things. And what controversies or questionable actions can he be tied to?

Well, lately Fox has blown out of proportion the comments made by Obama’s pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, claiming that he preaches radical ideals and inappropriate social teaching. However, this doesn’t seem like such a big deal after you realize that is exactly what a lot of Brophy’s religious courses are about—teaching Social Doctrine.

In addition, there was also distress when Obama admitted past drug use. Obama said to magazine editors: “When I was a kid I inhaled.” Although I’m not an advocate of drug use, I also don’t think this is enough to affect his legitimacy as a candidate.

At least the Illinois senator admitted it, whereas when Bill Clinton was president, he said he never inhaled.

Support Barrack Obama '08.



By Edgar Loya '08

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Elections should determine quality over popularity

Another year is coming to an end at Brophy and that means school elections.

This year, the elections were fast, easy and fun, making it very memorable.

But in every election, there is always an unsatisfied population of voters that believes the winning candidate triumphed because of popularity.

Even when George Bush was elected in 2000 and 2004, many people believed he won the election because of name recognition. George Bush's father, George Bush Sr., was president 1989 to 1993 and gained popularity for the Bush name.

Because of this, many voters assumed they could trust George Bush if they could trust George Bush Sr.

You have to ask yourself, do you think Brophy's president and vice president elections won office because it was a popularity contest?

Well, that's exactly what I did. I surveyed 35 Brophy students, asking them if they believed **Michael Tree '09** won the presidential office and if **Brandon Love '09** won the

vice presidential office because of popularity.

Thirty-four out of 35 students, or 97 percent, said they thought **Tree** won office because of popularity. Surprisingly, only 11 out of 35 students, 31 percent, believe **Love** was won office because of popularity.

Why is there such a large difference between the president and vice president?

Anthony Giannini '10 said he believes inexperienced freshman voters are to blame.

"[The freshman] will pick the person they've seen the most, that's why **Mike Tree** won, because [the freshman] have seen him the most," **Giannini** said.

Tree may be the most qualified candidate and will hopefully be a success at the position, but I believe he was elected because of his popularity.

I agree with **Giannini** because **Tree** is one of Brophy's most recognizable students and for many freshmen that was the only candidate that they saw or even knew existed before the election speeches.

For example, **Tree** was the star of the famous Campus Linebacker video and also starred in Brophy's "The Office" parody.

He is also heavily involved at Brophy's sports rallies and on the varsity football team.

His dedication is certainly not in question.

"The year Mike Tree had made him one of the most recognizable figures on campus because of the campus linebacker, because of 'The Office,' and because of the rallies," **Mr. Jeff Glosser** said.

Mr. Glosser added "He put himself out in front of the rallies whether it's in the plaza or it's in the gym. Same thing with Office Linebacker, he was successful in it. If he bombed in those roles he would've taken a hit, but he did well and he deserves the opportunity [to become president]."

I disagree with **Mr. Glosser**, I don't believe being active at rallies or starring in movies like the Official Campus Linebacker will make **Tree** a good president.

How do we try to eliminate or prevent elections from being a popularity contest in the future?

Tree and **Mr. Glosser** both had some



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What do You Think?

What do you want to see your new student council officers accomplish?

Do you have a suggestion as to how future school and class elections should be held?

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interesting suggestions.

"I think people should give a speech in the primary elections or put bulletins around the school of a profile of each candidate saying why they're good candidates or putting it in the video announcements," said **Tree**.

Mr. Glosser had a good solution for last year's election, but it wasn't put into action this year.

"We tried to do a Roundup article last

year on the candidates so that they could answer some questions or put their viewpoints out on paper."

Mr. Glosser and **Tree** are on the right track with these ideas.

Putting these ideas into action won't completely eliminate elections from becoming popularity contests, but it will definitely decrease that influence and help insure the best man gets the job.

One year later immigration summit still making impact

A message to all students and witnesses of the Summit on Human Dignity – don't walk away thinking that it's over just because there are no more assemblies.

A year after the fact, 10 Brophy delegates, including myself, attended a three-day teach-in at Loyola High School in Los Angeles focusing on the immigration conflict.

To us, it was a quick extension and renewal of last year's two-week summit. To the delegates of the many other Jesuit schools who attended the conference, it was a way to incite enthusiasm for change and compassion for the affected human-beings.

We heard the painful stories of immigrants without real homes.

Such was the case with one girl who grew up Filipino-American and 15

years later realized she was undocumented when trying to enter college to achieve her dream.

But we also got to hear stories of heroes who have saved lives and respected the dignity of others.

There was a man at the conference who had spoken to our school last year named Ruben Garcia. He's the Executive Director of Annunciation (Hospitality) House in El Paso, Texas, which has become famous for not closing its doors to any person in need, regardless of legal documentation.

His purpose at the conference was simple – to remind us of the immorality of current anti-immigrant laws. He started his speech off the same way he did during the summit last year – with the story of an elderly woman telling him that anyone found crossing the border illegally should be shot to death.

He ended his speech differently – with the story of two elderly women helping an illegal immigrant for just being a human-being. In this story, two church members decided to drive an illegal immigrant to Annunciation House because they knew he'd be fed and cared for there. Towards

the end of the drive, they were intercepted by unmarked border patrol trucks.

When the ladies asked if they were in trouble, the agents said, "My chief says no. Just never do it again."

I repeat this story not to show how immigrants are pragmatically important in American society through things such as their contributions to the social security system which would be bankrupt without them, or through their acquiescence to do underappreciated jobs that represent the backbone of the national economy.

The purpose is to show that when you view an immigrant as somebody without legal documents and treat them as such, instead of viewing and treating them simply as a *somebody*, you can no longer claim to be a Christian carrying out God's will.

There is no greater advocate for the rights of the immigrant as a human than the Bible itself.

For example, "You shall not oppress an alien; you well know how it feels to be an alien, since you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9). If you've ever seen the picture of the Native American with the caption that reads, "Homeland Security: fighting since 1492," you can see how this biblical passage is especially true for America.

Not to mention that one of the preeminent messages of the Bible is the love of your neighbor and fellow human. The fact is that the quality of being human is universal and it is without borders. When one has that quality, as we all do, it should be honored, respected and never denied by superficial bureaucracy and laws.

Ruben Garcia was able to do something that helped me understand the frame of this issue. He showed that since the enacted and proposed immigration laws forbid not just humanitarianism,

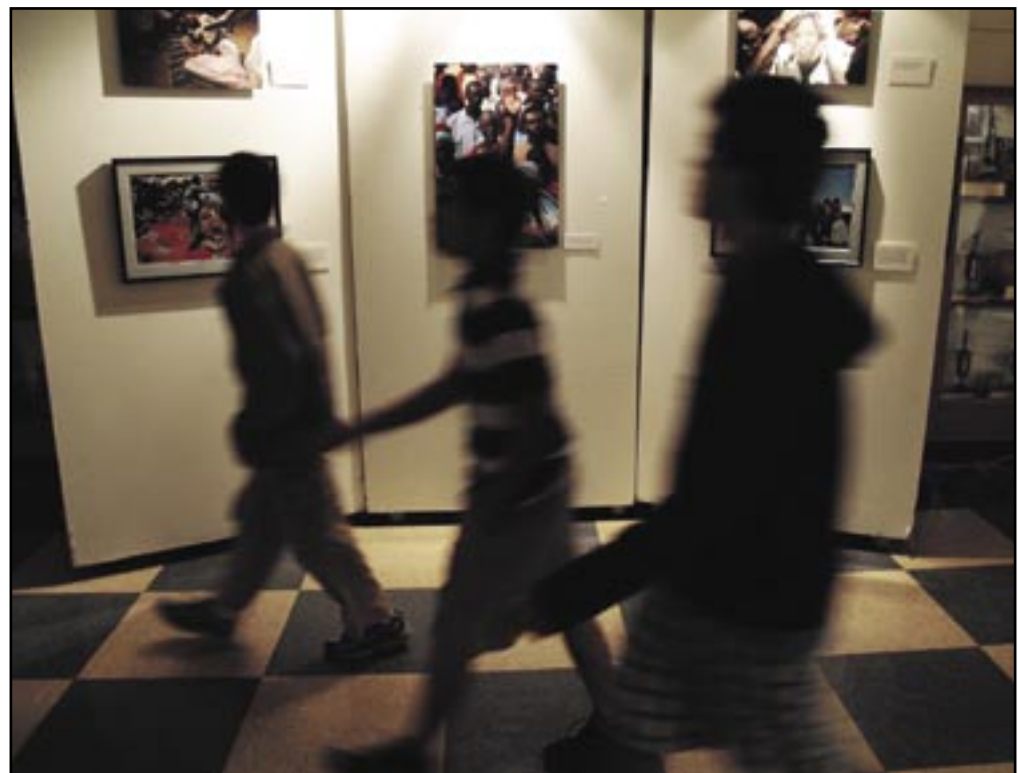


Photo by Jake Kelly '09

Students walk through the "Human Tragedy in Northern Uganda" photo exhibit during this year's Summit on Human Dignity. If history repeats itself, images, speeches and discussions from this year may impact students far into the future.

but the outright human decency of giving a dehydrated immigrant a bottle of water, it is beyond fair to say that the country is in a time of grave injustice.

Lawmakers seem to be sending the message that the legal thing to do when an illegal begs for water is to sit by and watch him die.

If you can see how immoral the situation is and if you want to do something about it, I implore you to join the Student Activists for Social Justice club, which is moderated by **Mr. Ted Skowron** and **Deacon Joe Stickney** and meets every Wednesday in room K22.

For those who would join the club but are turned off completely by politics, know that you're still welcome and wanted because this issue transcends politics and is about basic human decency.

For me, the single most powerful moment of the entire conference and of my education on the immigration conflict came when Garcia ended his story about the two women getting in trouble for aiding another human.

His thought in response to the border patrol agent saying "Just never do it again," was this – "I will not stand by and allow these government agents to rewrite the Lord's gospel."

Sports

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Track team expecting another region title

By Ryan Moroney '09

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The Brophy Broncos have dominated the sport of Track and Field in the Desert Valley Region for the past four years now and it looks like another region title is on the horizon for the Broncos.

"We are a talented group," said a confident **Mr. Bill Kalkman**. "We have standout performers from all grade levels."

The Broncos will be resting on many seniors' shoulders this year to carry them through the year.

One of these seniors is **Kevin Ferreira '08**. Ferreira runs the 100 and 200-meter dash and is considered to be the top short distance runner on the team.

Another one of those seniors is distance runner **Alex Phillips '08**. Phillips runs the 1-mile and 2-mile and spearheads a talented group of distance runners.

The quest for the title will not be easy for the Broncos as teams like Chandler and Desert Vista will be standing in their way.

"Chandler and Desert Vista will be very tough to beat," said **Kalkman**.

The shot put team will be directed by **Trent Murphy '09** and **Adan Nunez '08**.

The pole vault will be guided by the prolific **Alex Bishop '10** while



Photo by Jake Kelly '09

Blake Franko '09 leaps during the high jump event at Brophy's first home track meet in early March.

the high jump will be led by **Blake Franko '09** and **Justin White '08**.

Kevin Roesler '09, **Kyle Krakoski '08**, and **Matthew Xuereb '10** will front the distance team (the 1, 2, and ½ miles) while **Kevin Hilliard '09**, **Matt Berkeley '09**, and **Alex Altiveros '08** will conduct the short distance team (100, 200, 300, 400, and

110-meter hurdles or dashes).

The triple jump team will be directed by **Dominique Debose '10** and **Danny Bishop '11** while the long jump will be headed by **Max Leonesio '10** and **Josh Dennard '10**.

"Our young athletes need to learn to perform consistently – when all of our top event performers do well on the

same day, we are a great track team," said **Mr. Kalkman** when asked what his biggest challenge is going to be this year.

It should be an exciting year for Brophy track and the headline this year will be whether or not the Broncos can capture their fourth straight region title.

Baseball swings through injuries

By Matt Stanley '09

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After an impressive season last year with a No. 1 ranking in the nation, the Brophy baseball team is looking toward another successful season.

Coach Tom Succow explained that the season was going "pretty good" this year with a 4-2 record as of March 10.

The broncos have boasted 79 hits on the season with 225 at bats.

Nine homeruns have been dumped over the fence in a mere six games. **Brandon Bayardi '09** has hit a total of three over, **Harlyn Griffiths '08** has hit two, and **Trent Stevenson '09**, **Jake Williams '09**, **Cullen Mahoney '09** and **Brian McIlhenny '09** have all hit one.

The team has also managed to attain 66 RBIs in those six games averaging out to be 11 RBIs per game. **Bayardi** is also leading the team in RBIs with a total of 16, and **Griffiths** is following him with nine.

Clearly, the team has no problem scoring runs, but the main area of contention is pitching. Five different pitchers have been injured, and **Griffiths** recently had a serious ankle injury that could put him out for the rest of the season.

Andrew Angulo '09, **Stevenson**, **Williams** and **Jimmy Westling '08** have spent the most time on the mound and are expected to see even more with all the injuries.

Because 15 senior baseball players graduated last year, **Succow** said that the many new members of the team "need to get comfortable" on the field and that the team was "slowly getting better." He especially mentioned wanting "the juniors to get used to the new atmosphere."

Mr. Succow said that he expects to be seriously competing for another state title by the end of the season.

The team is also going to participate in the Horizon/Cleats National Invitational coming up soon. Some of the best teams from Arizona and the southwest will come into town for this very high profile tournament. Brophy won the tournament last year and is looking for another successful run.

Since the Desert Valley Region is amazing when it comes to baseball, the team will have to fight in order to win every game. The season will be tough, but **Succow** said that the team "has the talent to win state."

Young team looks to spike back

Volleyball boasts talented group, even without club team veterans

By Ryan Moroney '09 & Anthony Palumbo '08

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Volleyball is one of the fastest growing sports at Brophy today and sometimes the sport can go unnoticed.

Brophy has won three volleyball state titles including one just a couple of years ago.

Last year's team seemed poised and ready to repeat but fell short in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

This year's team is young, talented and are among some of the best athletes at Brophy but lost a lot of gifted players to graduation.

Many teams throughout the state play volleyball year around, but many of the Brophy players do not, which presents a disadvantage.

"Most of the top team's field club teams that give their players a lot of game time before the season even begins," said **Mr. Tony Oldani**.

Coach Oldani is extremely confident in his team's

ability saying, "athlete for athlete, we're among the best in the state."

Coach Oldani would go on to say that he is "confident we'll be among the top teams by the end of the season."

Of course Brophy's main goal this season is that coveted state championship trophy, but the road will be incredibly tough as Mountain Pointe and Desert Vista will be the main competition for the Broncos.

"No one in the state plays a tougher schedule than we do this year, so we're going to take some lumps early on but should be ready for the state tournament in May," said **coach Oldani**.

The team will be led by **Jon Gengle '08**, **Tyler Hornacek '09** and **Austin Adams '09**.

"Austin is our one true volleyball player and was a member of the '06 championship team as a freshman," said **coach Oldani**.

"His understanding of the game is such a tremendous asset to our less experienced players," said **coach Oldani** when asked about the junior leader.

There will be many challenges for the Volleyball team this year but **coach Oldani** is very positive that his team will be able to compete.

"We have to learn the game of volleyball beyond simply mastering the skills and basic systems. We've got to become masters of the nuances of the game so as to not have to always rely on our physical attributes to win games. The goal of the coaching staff is to

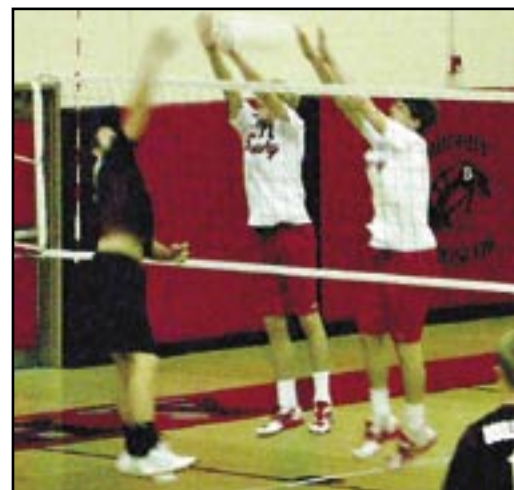


Photo by Jeff Coltin '11

Tyler Hornacek '09 and Marques Valdez '09 block a shot by a Boulder Creek High School player March 11.

continually present unique situations in practice, have the team come up with solutions to those challenges, and then work on applying those to situations that come up in our matches," said **coach Oldani** when asked what his biggest challenge will be this season.

Volleyball is an exciting, high octane sport that deserves attention from the student body and is well on their way to capturing their second state title in three years.

Lacrosse boasts 7-1 record, big East Coast win

LAX eyes second state title with quality offense and defense

Andrew Farquhar '08

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With a 7-1 (3-0) record so far this season, the varsity lacrosse team is the team to beat going into this year's playoffs.

After a close loss to the Chandler Wolves 10-9 in early February, the Broncos have gone undefeated in six straight games, as of March 14, including a 10-6 win against rival Chaparral.

Leading the team, and the league, with points this year is **Hunter Rogers '08** with 44 points in the first eight games of the season.

With 32 goals and 12 assists, according to azlax.com, he is showing to be the offensive leader of the team.

Brophy currently sits on top of the standings with a 3-0 division record with only five games remaining in the regular season.

Their next two games will be against the 2-5 Desert Vista Thunder, a school who historically has

not had success against Brophy athletics.

With three of the next five games against teams previously defeated this season, winning the rest of the regular season games does not seem too far off.

With many players stepping up into unfamiliar positions, the team has banded together in order to achieve success.

With solid defense and stellar offensive performances from **Rogers** and **Dylan Panzarella '08**, this team is looking to repeat last year's performance with another state championship.

Not to mention the success in the regular season, Brophy also had a historic win against Lawrenceville School.

This is a private boarding school from New Jersey known for their dominant lacrosse team. They came to Arizona to play exhibition games against local teams.

A confident Lawrenceville team was stunned by Brophy, who defeated the favored team from the East 8-6.

All-in-all the season so far has been a good one for the defending champions.

They look to keep their season rolling right into another state title.



Photo by Andrew Farquhar '08

Dylan Panzarella '08 dodges against a Mt. Pointe defender.

Tennis team makes strides on court

Team serves a 5-0 record to start year

By Brandon Parrone '10

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One of Brophy's greatest, and perhaps least recognized, sport teams is tennis.

Brophy tennis is coached by Brophy math teacher **Mr. Bill Woods**. "The team is very strong. We are one of the top 4 teams in the state, with a chance to be state champions," said **Mr. Woods**.

When asked about who is the No. 1 player on the team this year **Mr. Woods** said, "Instead of naming the No. 1 player, I would like to name the top varsity players, we are, after all, a team."

"**Bryce Kessler '08**, **James Warne '08**, **Devin McClelland '09**, **Michael O'Connor '09**, **Eric Chalmers '10**, **Lorenz Laurel '10**, **Chris Lefky '10**, **Chris Salvatore '10**."

The team this year has six of the seven varsity players.

The team is off to an amazing start of 5-0.

Brophy tennis is also ranked No. 5 in aiaonline.org power rankings.

These stats come to no shock because tennis at Brophy has a great history from winning 35 division championships and 14 state championships in a span of 36 years ('71 to '07), according to Brophy's Web site.

The tennis team poses a great threat to all schools despite their loss to Sal Pointe Catholic last year in the state championship tournament.



Photo by Bryce Kessler '08

Devin McClelland '09 hits an overhead ball against St. Mary's.

The best places to hit the slopes

Telluride, Snowbird top the list

Teddy Hayes '08

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In one of the best years for skiing/snowboarding in recent memory it seems the only place not getting dumped on is Phoenix.

Not to worry. Here are the top five ski resorts in the Western United States for next season, if you couldn't make it this year.

Telluride – Telluride, located in Southwestern Colorado, has the whole package; the skiing is phenomenal, the town is fun, the mountain village is luxurious, the people are nice and the scenery couldn't get much better. The accessibility factor is kind of rough, but once you are there, you never want to leave. Telluride, Colorado is about an eight hour drive from Phoenix.

Snowbird – Some of the best terrain you will find anywhere in the world. You can ski this mountain for days without being able to explore the whole resort. Located 45 minutes outside of Salt Lake City, Utah, Snowbird is an easy mountain to get to, so you can hop on a flight, and be ripping down the mountain by lunch time.

The Canyons – Put the Lake Effect to the test at The Canyons. The

Canyons is one of the best kept secrets in the country. This resort offers many kinds of terrain but is mostly geared toward more experienced skiers. Many locals flock to The Canyons to get away from all the tourists at Park City so it is easy to find someone to show you all the fun spots on the mountain. The Canyons, like Snowbird, is located 45 minutes outside of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Vail – Vail is one of the biggest and most popular mountains in the country. Vail offers the entire resort experience with a huge mountain and a town littered with five-star hotels and restaurants. Vail has something for skiers of all abilities offering over 5,200 acres of skiable terrain. Vail is located about two hours outside of Denver, Colorado.

Sun Valley – Sun Valley was the first ski resort in North America with a chair lift and has been one of the most popular ski destinations ever since. With a charming town located 2 hours outside of Boise, Idaho, Sun Valley offers plenty of quality skiing all season long with some of the best man-made snow in the country. Make sure to check out "Arnold's Run," just try not to break your leg as the Governor did a few years ago.

Editor's Note: The writer is a skier and has been to four of five of the above listed ski resorts. Some of the above information was attained from vail.snow.com and thecanyons.com.



Photos by Alex Heape '09

Top left, Tomas Abrate '10 celebrates after scoring a goal against Desert Vista in the State Quarter-finals.

Top right, Matt Stefanovich '09 smothers a Desert Vista shot.

Bottom right, from left, Anthony Quatela-Crean '09 watches as Michael Weinberger '10 wins a faceoff against a Desert Vista forward.



'The Big Cactus' blooms for Suns

Can Shaq bring long-awaited championship to Phoenix?

Analysis by Justin Betken '10

THE ROUNDUP

"Hey, you're Shaq," said a starstruck Patrick Poblete '10 while sitting next to Shaquille O'Neal courtside at the Suns game Feb. 8.

"Yeah, I know," said O'Neal.

"You're really big."

"I know, I get that a lot," said O'Neal.

Five minutes later, Poblete overheard O'Neal say to one of his teammates, "Wow this kid's an idiot."

Shaquille O'Neal, welcome to the Valley of the Sun.

Unless you've been asleep for the past couple of months or so, Phoenix Suns General Manager Steve Kerr, after thinking about what the Suns' three consecutive trips to the playoffs but no

appearances in the NBA Finals meant, decided to play let's make a deal.

The Suns sent forward Shawn Marion (maybe the only Sun at times who knew what the term "defense" meant) and guard Marcus Banks to the Miami Heat for future Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal.

After making the trade, Kerr had said that Charles Barkley had called him and asked if he was trying to get his TNT job back. (Kerr had previously worked for TNT as a commentator)

The trade happened almost a week after the Los Angeles Lakers acquired big man Pau Gasol from the Memphis Grizzlies for absolutely nothing.

Ok, maybe a bucket of nice new shiny basketballs and a Kobe Bryant bobble head doll.

While it is sad to see Shawn Marion and his four NBA All-Star appearances go, the change of scenery for him and the Suns had to be made.

The Suns were not going to win the big prize with the same group of players they had tried three previous times.

Everyone was well aware of that.

Maybe Shaq can bring them that spark like he did with the Miami Heat just a couple of years ago when he was traded from the Los Angeles Lakers and finally bring the city of Phoenix a championship.

The Suns have never accomplished that ultimate goal of winning the NBA Finals. The last time we've seen the Suns in the Finals was back in 1993.

But, like Karl Malone, Gary Payton and John Stockton; Charles Barkley and the Suns had to run into that guy who ruined more players' chances for championships, Michael Jordan.

One thing is for sure; the Suns have fired their bullet.

With Steve Nash turning 34 earlier this year, and now with the acquisition of 36 year old O'Neal, the Suns' window is even smaller.

Can Shaq, or "The Big Cactus," as he now calls himself, bring the Suns and their fans their first NBA Championship?

That will remain to be seen.

Wrestlers place at state match, represent at national tourney

The following wrestlers placed in the Arizona state tournament this year:

Tadeo Ruelas '10; 125 lbs., 5th place
Cody Norton '09; 140 lbs., 5th place
Diego Ezrre '08; 171 lbs., 4th place
Clint Norton '09; 145 lbs., 4th place
Bryan Click '09; 189 lbs., 2nd place

The following wrestlers went on to compete in the national tournament:

Conner Devereux '11
Tadeo Ruelas '10
Andrew Nieto '11
JJ Dutton '10
Cody Norton '09
Clint Norton '09
Bryan Click '09
Paul Benkendorfer '09

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Brophy bands mix music, friendship

Is this the end for Aztech Sol? Probably not

By Edgar Loya '08
THE ROUNDUP

Danny Mayasich '08 said AZtech Sol' collectively gained their inspiration from 30h13, Atmosphere, Mac Lethal, Jedi Mind Tricks and Army of the Pharaohs.

They were doing well for themselves, and after their stunning performance at the last Battle of the Bands, there was even talk about possibly performing at the Rhythm Room in Central Phoenix.

It was March 9 when Mayasich's Facebook profile status read, "[It's] over."

The producer of the band announced the end of Brophy's own three-man rap group, AZtech Sol'.

Soon after, fans expressed emotions that ranged from sadness, to disappointment and indifference.

When asked to comment on his reaction to the break-up, Sean O'Neill-Ryan '08, a former band member who decided to leave AZtech

Sol' before they "hit big" at Brophy, had only this to say: "I came up with the band name."

T.C. Davis '08 had a more indifferent approach in his reaction commenting that as long as Zane Meyer '08 (aka Firebird) continued to release his own "gangsta noise" he'd be just as happy.

The Roundup had the opportunity to meet with two of the band members for an interview and there was an obvious sense of tension at the table as they sat and spoke.

Both explained their separate versions as to what lead to the big break-up.

According to Mayasich (aka Fuego, also the producer), Firebird and Reed Dodenhoff (aka Da Potion) exchanged several text messages in an attempt to "conspire" against him and start a new band.

Firebird later said that their motives for their actions were that "Fuego was on a power trip."

Firebird and Potion were upset because they were not satisfied with



Design by David Sydiongo '09

the beats Fuego was producing.

"We wanted to take it into a new direction, try different styled beats and Fuego wouldn't let us," said Potion. "Doing that would be like Mike telling Greg that they want to switch drummers for a while (referring to band members Mike Kitlas '08 and Greg Garrity '08 of the band Anarbor).

After Mayasich said to Dodenhoff, "Every time we record, nothing gets done without me because I basically have to beg you two to do work."

Another fan, Mahad Zara '08, commented on Potion, "He seems like wants to become professional but he's too lazy to do anything."

However, when all hope seemed lost

after Firebird said, "All the love I had for Potion is diminished," Mayasich also went on to say that he'd like to re-record the song "Live it up" before it was all over.

Dodenhoff responded "Yeah sure, and you want to record that other hyphe song tomorrow, too?"

All hope may not be lost after all—AZtech Sol' may live on.

Dyer Mayhem on the rise, to perform at benefit show in April

By Christian Gillespie '09
THE ROUNDUP

Students Thomas Sellers '09, Ryan Reid '11, Anthony Brant '10 and Jake Klein '11 make up the band Dyer Mayhem, who in mid-February showcased their talent at the annual Battle of the Bands.

Starting primarily as a "fun band" in the summer of '07 with just Sellers and Reid practicing, the band started becoming more serious in the beginning months of school when Klein and

Brant joined.

Sellers, on vocals and rhythm guitar, Reid, on lead guitar, Brant, with bass, and Klein on drums played their first show at The Sets on October 7 of last year.

So far the band has played five full shows, according to band member Sellers, and wants to start recording an EP this summer for fans.

The EP will feature their five original songs.

Dyer Mayhem has played with other local bands such as Spaceship Go!

The band described their genre as Reggae and

Rock with a little bit of Dub and Metal thrown in.

They try a little of everything in their songs to please their fans.

Dyer Mayhem won the Brophy Battle of the Bands last February, beating out other local and popular band Anarbor, with a few hundred students attending.

The bands future plans are to release their EP and hopefully gain more fans because of it. Dyer Mayhem wants to continue with the band after high school, with all members most likely going

to college in state, and might even want to make the band permanent if they can make enough money through their shows.

If you want to catch Dyer Mayhem, they are playing April 25 at Bourgade High School for a benefit concert called "Play Pumps" which is raising money to buy water pumps for Africa in order to provide clean water.

You can also contact the band right through Myspace. Search for Dyer Mayhem.

Junior, Senior prom slated for April 19 in Great Hall

By Anthony Palumbo '09
THE ROUNDUP

Prom is the dance all the upperclassmen look forward to every year. It will be held on the 19th of April from 8-11:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

For seniors this is the most important event to attend.

Prom is one of the last moments seniors will get to look back upon once they graduate; seniors have to make the

best out of their last prom.

The prom after-party is also times everyone will remember. Safety is for sure taken in consideration when it comes to the after parties, but a great time will be had by all.

The thing guys worry about the most when it comes to prom is how to ask the girl to prom. There are a number of ways to ask a girl to prom. You can text her, call her or ask her in a romantic way. An option would be to arrange a customized fortune cookie by having

the fortune say, "Will you go to prom with me?"

Xavier student Caroline Smalley '11 said that the boy should ask in a cute way. There are a great number of things you can come up with, but make sure you have it planned out before you do it.

When it comes to what to wear, a tuxedo is suggested. There are a number of places available to buy or rent a tuxedo from.

Azteca Wedding Plaza (602) 254-5944 1010 E. Washington St., sells

tuxedos for good prices. They have done work with the Brophy fashion show so they are used to having Brophy students come in to buy tuxedos.

Mr. Formal (602) 265-4431 333 E. Camelback Rd., #102, has legitimate prices, but a little bit pricier than the others.

After Hours Formalwear (602) 277-1977 4320 N. 7th Ave., has packages that only cost \$69.99 for a tuxedo.

Tux-Xpress (480) 991-6655, 10610

N. 71st Place, costs from \$37.99-119.99 to rent a tux.

All in all, prom is going to be a good time and if you do not attend you will surely be missing out.

Do not be the person who does not go to prom, but just waits for the after-party.

Go to the dance, wear a tux, be loud and have fun.

Hungry? Best places to grab a bite revealed

By Bennett DeLozier '08
THE ROUNDUP

With the school year beginning to slow down and the recent availability of time and freedom, *The Roundup* has compiled a brief list of delicious, affordable (for the most part) places to eat across the valley.

Aunt Chilada's: Located in Central Phoenix near the Pointe at Squaw Peak, Aunt Chilada's is known for the Friday night bar crowd, but they also have delicious food. More importantly, it's inexpensive. Aunt Chilada's provides succulent chips and salsa, tasty standard Mexican food, a few steaks and you can leave the restaurant with an \$8.00 bill.

El Bravo: Located at 7th Street and Northern, family-owned and operated, El Bravo provides delicious, affordable, homemade Mexican food. The food tastes great and although it can get busy at lunch time, it is usually a quick dining experience. A must for Mexican food lovers.

The Grill Next Door (more formerly known as Heartattack Grill): On the corner of 44th Street and Thomas, The Grill Next Door still sticks close to its former name with heavily greased and deep fried foods. With Ultimate Fighting Championship fights on loop, The Grill Next Door is

the perfect place to get a burger/hot-dog and fries, and the Coke comes in the original glass bottles.

YC's Mongolian Barbeque: Located in Scottsdale, Tempe and Gilbert, with a knockoff Mongolian Grill inside Metrocenter Mall, YC's provides a live dining experience in which the goal is to pack as much food into one bowl as possible but keep it tasting delectable.

In-N-Out: Too classic to leave out. Residing at various locations throughout the valley, In-N-Out does it simple: burgers, fries, milkshakes. They are known for their "Animal Style" sauce: onions, cheese and Thousand Island salad dressing. In-N-Out is good at what it does, classic burgers and fries.

Any version of 'Berto's (i.e. Raliberto's R.I.P., Filiberto's, Poliberto's, Asberto's, Roberto's): Standard filth located all around the valley, the 'Berto's chains provide greasy, fried Mexican food that tastes absolutely delicious. Health standards aside, the food is great, just don't look in the kitchen.

Pat's Pizza Plus: In close vicinity to Central Phoenix goes at 12th Street and Glendale, Pat's Pizza provides various versions of real pizza (i.e. not frozen and put in a oven like Papa John's), subs,

pasta, salads and wings. Not only does Pat's provide a variety of food, but also it provides quality reading material in that multiple tabloid magazines are free and available for reading during your dining experience. Uniquely decorated with license plates from multiple states and funny pictures, Pat's Pizza provides an original, tasty meal.

The Ocean Club: Unfortunately you'll have to trek to Kierland in Scottsdale for this meal; be wary of 16-year-old girls criminal speeding in Range Rovers and BMWs. To sum it up, The Ocean Club is so pricey but so delicious. The food comes in family size portions and they have every kind of mashed potato available. Juicy steaks, fresh seafood, lush salads and good waiters all reside at The Ocean Club. The meal is definitely worth the money, but worth the trip? Maybe not.

Christo's: Located at 7th Street and Maryland, owned and run by the Panagiotakopoulos family, Christo's is basically fine Italian dining. Delicious family style food, with a classy, well-dressed atmosphere, Christo's is well worth the money. Great for a special dinner or a necessary first impression and although it may make a dent in your wallet, you will not be disappointed.



Photo by Bennett DeLozier

Got Carne Asada? Rolbertos does.

BCP musicians, singers on the rise

By Shane Metzger '10 & Prajwal Mendon '10
THE ROUNDUP

A recent surge of activity from the Brophy band and orchestra is attributed to their rising publicity by Choir Director Mr. Paul Olson.

According to Mr. Olson, Brophy band has not been "doing more" rather, it has simply making itself known better. "We're involved in rallies and attend band fests," Mr. Olson said.

The music groups performed in front of the entire student body at a rally last semester.

He conceded that he didn't actually like playing in the gym because of the acoustics. "It's a day I'd forget ... the gym is good for basketball," Mr. Olson said.

Mr. Olson described recent band festivals as something in which the entire band performs in front of a panel of judges to be rated, on a scale of one to five with one being the highest score.

Band member Christopher Garling '10 described the March band festival in one word, "tiring."

Despite the band having participated in the festivals for two years they have only managed to score a "2" and a "2+" out of "5" with a "1" being the highest.

The Choir, however, scored a "1" on their first year of participation.

Out of 80 members, 60 competed in the festival, according to Choir member

Raphael Silva '10.

Mr. Olson said that there are two things that the band has been doing to bolster its visibility. In addition to advertising, he said that band has had more successful and more involved students.

Finally he said that many band council members have been involved in the student council, and that has been getting the attention of the student body.

"It's a great impression," he said.

The Honors Choir and Orchestra have also attended two Masses, therefore getting more visibility.

"It's the most we've done," Mr. Olson said.

The increased advertising has paid off; Mr. Olson said that there has been a record turnout at the December Concerts.

He said that in previous years he has seen many relatives of family members. This year, he remembers seeing more students who didn't show up at previous concerts.

Mr. Olson refused to take sole credit for the recent success of the music department; he metaphorically said, "I just start the fire."

Silva said that "everyone puts their own effort into it and wants the choir to be good in the end."

It's a team effort.

'Foxy Shazam' wows crowds with crazy antics, rock n' roll

By Alexander Barr '09
THE ROUNDUP

Their name is Foxy Shazam and they proclaim themselves the "Evil Knievel of Rock N Roll."

Throw in old-school swing dance and '70s disco guitar riffs, funky piano/organ licks, upbeat and poppy drum rhythms and the outrageous stage presence of lead singer Eric Nally, and you have created the perfect recipe for a death defying stunt in a musical form. This band is a force to be reckoned with.

This piano lanced quintet from Cincinnati just released their second album, *Introducing (Foxy)*. The album consists of songs that are written to be a soundtrack of a Robin Hood film ("A Dangerous Man") and the song, "Red Cape Driver," was inspired by an adventure of a Bull fighter.

Foxy Shazam is the definition of all-night dance parties.

Foxy played a show in Phoenix on Feb. 8 at the *One Place* with Peachcake and also March 18, headlining at the Modified Arts.

People of all "cliques" were there in February for one performance: Foxy.

As soon as the group got on stage for sound checks, audience members were antsy and some teens even did "pre-foxy-calisthenics" so that they were well prepared for whatever daredevil tactics were coming their way.

The band started the show with a spoken introduction about how Eric Nally, lead singer, was the only white kid in his school and immediately the band started liftoff with their first song, "Introducing Foxy," and later performing an A capella parody of *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

From there on out, it was nothing but a feel good dance party full of hilarious stories told by Nally. When Nally found a lit cigarette on stage, he excitedly picked it up, took a drag and then (without wincing) ate and swallowed it. He found himself hanging upside down on the ceiling, dangling from light cables.

Also, pianist Sky White eagerly jumped on his keyboard



Photo by Lance McKee, Special to The Roundup
Eric Nally performs a death-defying handstand.

quite a few times and continued the songs playing with his feet.

Foxy completed their set, and immediately the Foxy-hungry crowd was chanting "one more song!"

After the short off stage delay, Nally got back on stage smirking sarcastically saying, "You white kids want another song?!"

Foxy Shazam definitely shows a great sense of personality through their music, each goofy and outrageous member of the band has their own style and zest that is thrown in the music and show.

