Project Celebration provides after-prom fun

HOURS AFTER THE BLOCK STRIKE ELEVEN AND EVERYONE GETS IN THEIR CARS, the fun-filled night of partying is not ending, merely gaining its second wind. The after-prom party, Project Celebration, is sure to be an eventful night of fun and prizes winning activities.

The theme is Going Places with a New York City theme,’ Project Celebration Chairman Laiya Ramirez said. “It really sets the mood of everything New York, coming from the theme from the actual Prom.”

2007 Project Celebration is going all out with the theme of New York City and all it has to offer. First, students will be able to pull into the circle drive in the front of the school. As students enter the building the entrance will have the feel of a New York City subway.

Each part of the school: the hallway, big gym, small gym and cafeteria, will get a genuine New York City landmark. The landmarks include The Statue of Liberty, The Spirit of Times Square, Lady Liberty and Central Park.

Up and down the main hallway will be the feel of walking on a New York City street. From the walls with jazz players, artists and entertainers.

“This year we are really trying to have some cool and unique activities, to kind of shy away from the normal carnival type stuff,” Ramirez said.

The casino is sure to return again for this year’s activities. No worries if someone does not know how to play some of the casino games, because the dealers will be there in assistance for rookie players. Other games available will not be set up in the big gym.

These include a bouncy run, mechanical bull and a Gyroscope, which astound use. Not to mention Same Wrestler suits in which students can wrestle, do karate.

Electronic games will be projected onto the gym walls, those include Dance Dance Revolution, Scene It (a game in which students watch videos and identify shows or movies using clues given) and Mario Kart. Carnival type games include a putting green, Photo, washers, velcro golf shoot and ring toss.

“We are really trying to make things more fair and balanced this year in terms of students getting prizes and such,” Ramirez said. “Really we want everyone to walk out with a prize they are going to be able to use.”

Students will be able to win “play money” through playing in the casino, doing games and participating in activities.

There will be a banker set up in the vicinity in which students can periodically throughout the night go and cash in their winnings. By cashing in their wins students will be able to take a trip through the Prize Parade.

This year there will be no auction, but a Prize Parade, which will be set up down the main hall. At the end of the night rankings of who earned the most money will be tallied, which will determine the order people get to go through the Prize Parade.

Students only get to choose one thing during a walk through, but depending on the amount of prizes some students may be able to go more than once.

Prizes include everything practical for dorm room living: microwaves, lap tops, small refrigerators, gift certificates, MP3 players, DVD players, George Foreman Grills and many more exciting things.

“One of the major complaints last year was that students did not want to leave the casino or activities to come out and sit down to eat,” Food Service Coordinator Gary Lynn Morrison said. “Therefore this year we are striving for finger foods which can be eaten rather quickly.”

The night will be packed with New York City inspired finger foods, all easy and delicious. Each hour a new food will be delivered on a cart for students to just pick up and eat right there, without having to waiver from the fun.

Currently on the menu are hotdogs, pizza, pretzels and chicken nuggets. Not only will there be food, but also throughout the facility will be a smoothie, a coffee bar, frozen drinks, a chocolate fountain and Dippin’ Dots. Then as morning rolls around, there will be an array of breakfast foods including bagels and breakfast burritos.

Check-in for Project Celebration opens at midnight and lasts until one in the morning. After that the doors are locked and no one else is allowed into the school. Students and their dates both need ID.

If the date is not a student of Birdville High School they need a drivers license in order to be allowed in. Dress is casual and comfortable, but still in dress code.

“Only about 10% of parents from the senior class have donated money, it is going to take a lot more funding in order to be able to pull the whole thing off,” Ramirez said.

The night’s activities requires a lot of money in order to pay for the casino, food, activities and prizes.

There is still a lot of fund-raising to do and par- ents can easily get involved. By logging into the Birdville High School web page, parents and anyone else can find ways to help.

People can make donations on the website and also get involved in a silent auction. Items of the auction include Texas Motor Speedway tickets, Maverick tickets, Dinner certificates, NRH20 passes, gift certificates and passes for the Speeding Doggy School and more.

Many more people are also needed to volunteer on the night of Project Celebration for setting up and running certain activities. Volunteers do need to be approved by the district, which can also be found on the Birdville web page.

Project Celebration will be the true after prom party, complete with fun, friends, food, games and prizes.

~ Kylie Morrison
Co-Editor-In-Chief

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Coal-burning power plants are the largest U.S. source of carbon dioxide pollution, producing two point three billion tons every year.

Carbon dioxide and other air pollution collect in the atmosphere and trap heat from the sun, causing the planet to warm up. Can a student make a change for the world’s sake? Try a tree and plant it.

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Golden Motion sweeps All-American competition

The Golden Motion drill team has started off their competition season intact and anticipating an intense Experie- dition. This year the captain of the drill team is Paige Allen and the two Lieutenants are Megan Roberts and Christi- time Roberts. This year is the third year director Erin Mc- Farland has let freshman join the dance team. There are five freshmen, ten sophomores, six juniors and seven seniors. They competed at the All American Dance and Drill Team competition in the categorie high kick, lyrical and jazz. They also received Judges Awards for all three numbers. For scoring 90 or above on all three dances, they also re- ceived the Gussee Nell Davis Award, along with recognition for best Overall Presentation and Best Overall Choreogra- phy. They took third place in their division. Golden Motion officers took first place in their division and second place in the division; they also received Judges Awards, Best Overall Technique, Best Overall Presentation, Best Overall Precision and Best Overall Choreography. Paige Allen, Em- ily Grove, Megan Roberts and Christine Roberts competed individually and won all cho- sen as solo finalists. Christine Roberts was chosen as first runner up, Megan Roberts took second runner up and Emily Grove was fourth runner up. Paige Allen was nominated Champion and performed her solo for everyone at the gym after the competition.

The drill team had an- other competition March 2nd in San Marcus. They stayed for a total of three days. “I think we’ve done really good so far but I know we can do better in San Marcus,” Me- gan Roberts (11) said. When the team returned, they were the new state champions. Megan Roberts has been dancing ever since she was three years old when she took her first dance class at Pat Riddle School of Dance. Paige Allen, captain of the team, has also been dance- ing since she was a youth. Her hard work has paid off as she has earned the privilege of leading her team to a “best overall” award. McFarland is the director for this year for the Hawks Drill Team. McFarland has been directing for five years, two years at Carroll High school and three years at Birdville High School. McFarland also attended Texas Christian University and received a Bachelor of fine arts degree in ballet and modern dance. “Golden Motion is a team full of young and intel- ligent women,” McFarland said. McFarland has been dancing for a total of 20 years. Ms. McFarland pushes her group of girls ambitiously having after school practices every day of the week.

Artists compete in VASE

BHS students put their best pieces in art competition

The Visual Arts Scholastic Erven (VASE) was held here on campus February 23rd through 4 (with two 4 scores) and announced at the award ceremony. These students will have a permanent exhibit all year long in different exhibits around Texas.

In division 1 and 2, the top 10% are selected. In total 41 students were selected for each 1 and 2 division. In divi- sion 3 and 4, the top 15% are selected, making 15 students in division 3 and 52 students in division 4.

In all, there are 22 stu- dents from Birdville High School who will be going to state April 13 and 14 in Houston, where the University of Houston is hosting. “I am pretty excited about VASE, it’s my first time to go so I’m pretty psyched,” Rochelle Rogers (11) said.

At state, the student’s artwork will be rated again by jurors, except those will be no interviews. Students will get the opportunity to attend workshops, an award ceremo- ny, and have their artwork on exhibit for a day. “The exhibit is high qual- ity art work and a big honor,” art teacher Cherry Fitch said. The art work is rated 1 through 4 (with two 4 scores)

Birdville students make up the 124 and BISD makes up 317. There are 20 regions in the whole state of Texas. VASE is a competition, which is UIL equivalent, for art. It allows students to com- pete at a regional and state level. A juror individually in- terviews students, where they discuss their art work—how it was created, mediums used, importance one. The whole interview process allows stu- dents to gain confidence in their interview and speaking skills, problem solving, and critical thinking. After the interview, the students are scored 1-4, 4 being the best. The art works that are scored four times are taken to the gym and separated by divisions, which is called an area, then the jurors vote again on who goes to state.

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GREETINGS DIFFER BY PERSON

Has your greeting changed significantly over the last few years? Has your greeting changed over time? What’s the most common greeting? The most unique greeting? Why do you think so? What could be the reason for this change? How do you feel about this change?

With the ladies, I count out loud eight seconds while I hug them, sometimes I might even go for nine. With a guy, I do a closed fist hit-hit-and lock it handshake.” Chris Hutchins (12) said.

There are many different ways of greeting some one, such as a right second hand hug or a plain hug, a friendly handshake, a high-five, a clap and the snap the fingers, or if in a hurry, a raise of the eye- brow. Out of a survey of ten girls, seven said they just say “how” when they see someone, two said they hug and one gives a handshake. If one watches a guy greet people throughout the hall- ways, one could conclude that most either give a handshake, high-five or man-hug.

“I usually smile and say hi,” Ms. Jane Dukes said.

The variety ranges from a student’s to a teacher’s way of greeting is shown. An adult usually, being older, will greet someone with a more proper form, therefore a student will usually, being older, will greet someone with a more proper form, therefore a student will most of the time use the less proper form of a greeting.

“In a hug or a peace sign to having people in the hallway,” Emily Prybas (9) said.

In the future, will people greet each other differently from today? One should not be too concerned about this futuristic greeting system happening because if it does occur then there will be a bet- ter way for someone to be his or her own person. If everyone greeted each other the same, there would be no uniqueness and everyone would just be normal.

People should keep on greeting one another however they want to, because it makes everyone different, and to be different is okay.

Peace out!

Ashoka Modee displays her VASE entry
Companies join (RED) to combat AIDS in Africa

When faced with a serious problem or uncomfortable situation, humans tend to shy away from that particular dilemma. In dealing with issues that do not directly affect them, people find it especially easy to be content with the status quo. Therefore, it is only human nature to dissociate from problems that occur on the other side of the globe. Humans, however, have a responsibility to care for their fellow man, even if he is halfway across the world, simply because they have the ability.

The AIDS pandemic in Africa has become one of those avoidable concepts for the American public. Although 6500 Africans die every day from AIDS (according to bbc.co.uk), Americans generally find it unnecessary to provide any relief for suffering AIDS victims. They would rather not go out of their way to take part in a cause that they do not fully appreciate.

Bono, U2's benevolent lead singer who is due to receive the NAACP Chairman's Award for his philanthropic efforts, along with co-founder Bobby Shriver, has found a way to make it easy for both Americans and citizens of cooperating countries globally to advocate fighting AIDS in Africa. In January of 2006, Bono launched the for-profit initiative Product Red, or (PRODUCT)®, the parentheses, known as "the embrace", are said by the campaign's website to "represent the product to the power of red."

By partnership with major brand names worldwide, such as Apple, American Express, McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Giorgio Armani, and The Gap, the Red Campaign has released a line of "Red" products which not only promote AIDS awareness among consumers but directly profit the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. A percentage of the revenue generated from each item goes straight to the Global Fund. Motorola is even agreeing to donate 50% of profits from its "Red" SLVR and RAZR cell phones. On average, each partner promises to contribute about 40% of the profits created by their "Red" products to the fight against AIDS.

The genius behind Bono's campaign lies in its appeal to the masses, particularly the consumer with money. In modern society, people, when confronted with a decision, tend to take the path of least resistance. For instance, if an office worker needed a new pen and had the choice of walking two blocks to get one or buying one from the convenient store downstairs, he or she would probably choose the latter, even though they know the former would be more beneficial for their health. Bono has simply provided modern-day consumers with a path of least resistance. With the Red Campaign, they no longer need to venture out of their comfort zones to make a difference. By simply purchasing things they would purchase anyway, they can contribute to the greater good.

On the movement's website, www.joinred.com, a feature tells owners of "Red" products exactly how much good they have done alone by how much of each product they have bought. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done. As the Red Campaign grows, its appeal is sure to become even greater; people may even choose to buy "Red" products just to flaunt their tiny little bit of good they have done by how much good they have done.

Bono will not mind, however, because he knows that every little bit helps, no matter the intentions behind it. Bono also knows that, as more and more people begin to jump on the "Red" bandwagon, AIDS awareness and prevention will improve. His brandchild is in no way a means to end the fight against AIDS, it is the first step in a long battle. In order to truly combat AIDS, people around the world need to step out of their comfort zones and take a path besides the one of least resistance. They need to come together and stop pretending like the problem does not exist just because it is foreign. They need to realize the reality, and they need to fight it.

As a society, Americans tend to resist change. The way Bono has approached the issue of garnering support for his cause is to provide the path of least resistance for the consumer. By promoting the Red Campaign, he is taking steps to influence global notoriety of his cause, and because his cause is easy to participate in, the consumer should not have a problem with doing so.

~JH Martin
Advertising Editor

"You must be the change you see in the world.”
~Ghandi

"Only a life lived for others is worthwhile.”
~Albert Einstein

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Check out www.volunteerma for even more places
ONE campaign aims to stop spread of extreme poverty

"EVERYONE CAN BE GREAT, BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN SERVE."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Every three seconds a human being is dying from poverty. But efforts are being made such as the ONE campaign are making an effort to spread awareness to extreme poverty.

The campaign aims to help Americans raise awareness to the extinction of AIDS and poverty so that decision makers will take action to give more to the people suffering in the world’s poorest countries.

The effort is run by Americans who rally other Americans to One by One fight the global aid pandemic and the dangers of severe poverty. Americans of different beliefs, sizes and shapes are to unite as One.

The campaign stands by the beliefs and commitment that allocating one percent, one vote at a time — to make a better, safer world for all.

According to the campaign’s website, less than one percent of federal money is given to fighting aid and poverty around the world. One percent of the federal budget is $28.5 billion. By adding an extra one percent from the federal budget, Americans can help even more the goals of the campaign.

By adding an additional one percent, Americans can be committing to an internationally agreed upon program to halve global poverty by 2015; the effort is called the Millennium Goals.

One percent more would save 10 million children from becoming aids orphans. 104 million children will be able to attend school. Water can be provided to about 900 million individuals around the world.

Anyone interested in supporting the One campaign can go to http://www. one.org/takeaction, sign the declaration and promote the efforts of the campaign by getting involved with the community. The more and more people who get involved the more a difference can be made.

~ Christina Davison
Photography Editor

Breast Cancer 3-Day benefits cancer research

When one thinks of cancer he or she usually does not think good thoughts. Cancer is deadly and hard to overcome. There are many different types of cancer, such as breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society not a lot is known about the cause of breast cancer even though it is said that a woman’s hormones somehow ignite the growth of breast cancer. To be able to research this disease and find out a cure, the Susan G. Komen foundation began hosting the Race for the Cure 3-Day. The first Race for the Cure began in 1982, and in 2008, it will be the 25th anniversary of the race. The Breast Cancer 3-Day is a 60 mile walk that lasts throughout three days, and is for men and women alike. The walkers who participate help to raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research and patient support programs.

The race for the Cure has helped raise money for foundations that help support the fight for breast cancer. Since 1982, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has helped provide funding for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. The Komen foundation also awards grants designed to support and help scientists who are wishing to discover the cure for cancer. Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the primary beneficiary of the funds from the race.

Breast cancer research grants adding up to more than $140 million. Komen for the Cure remains the nation’s provider of funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. The Komen foundation also awards grants designed to support and help scientists who are wishing to discover the cure for cancer. Since 1982, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has awarded more than 1,000 breast cancer research grants adding up to more than $140 million.

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~ Ethan Hutchison
Staff Writer

"Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special."

~ George R. Bach
Swim team receives new coach, new attitudes for season’s meets

The 06-07 Birdville swim team started this year off with a splash with a new coach, Coach Mike Teague from Haltom.

“I enjoy coaching for Birdville because I have the opportunity to teach at the same school my children attend,” Teague said.

Teague has three sons, one Birdville High School alumna, one in ninth grade, and one soon to be at Birdville High.

“I enjoy coaching swimming mainly because of the people that go out for swimming,” Teague said. “If you don’t like to work hard, then you won’t be on the swim team. There is also a complete lack of any sort of prima donna attitude.”

Senior captain Katia Tarankov and Lauren Lee, as well as Junior captain Ben Hall have helped kick off a great year with a team of 23 members; eight of which are seniors.

“I love swimming because I get my exercise everyday and I have fun,” Katia Tarankov said. “I love my teammates, because they are pretty much my family.”

On November third, freshman swim team member Anna Tarankov, died in a car accident.

The team suffered severely after this loss not only because her great personality, but also because of the fun and talented contribution she made to the team.

“Anna always looked up to the dedication of the swimmers and always wanted to try it out,” Katia Tarankov said.

After months of coping, the team finally got back into practice, the meets began again and performances improved.

“The season progressed and districts came. The Hawks were back in action, progressing seven girls and five boys to the regional swim competition, including Rachel Greinke, Jeremy Fink and Mary Catherine Bach in their individual events of 100 meter Backstroke and 100 meter Butterfly.

Freshman Macey Butler qualified for Regionals as a member of the 200 Freestyle relay team, along with Lee, Greinke and Bach.

“This year our team went really far and made it to regionals,” Jennifer Read said. “I’m glad to say I’m part of this team and proud of how much we accomplished.”

Near the end, the team entered nine swimmers for the Regional Final swim meet.

Greinke, Tarankov, Bach and Lee in the 200 Medley relay. Fink, Josh Island, Stephen Hoerig and Bobby Greinke in the 200 Medley relay.

The boy’s 400 Freestyle relay also progressed to finals with members including Hoerig, Bobby Greinke, Jacob Devlin and Fink. Also, Mary Catherine Bach qualified for finals in her 100 meter Butterfly.

Although the season has come to a close, the workouts never stop. They continue to practice before school everyday and are already preparing for a much-anticipated 07-08 year.

Mary Catherine Bach
Guest Writer

Jeremy Fink practices swimming for upcoming meets.
The Three Amigos’ lead BHS Tennis team with dedication to each other, aspiration to succeed

Birdville Varsity Baseball begins new season with improved attitude, new expectations for players

Track attacks competition with determination, wins
Latest release by **SHINS** proves band possesses new, evolving taste

A *band that has already made its niche in the world of indie rock, The Shins deliver another win with their third album, **Wincing the Night Away**.*

A fresh breath on the Billboard's Top 10, the disc displays the band's musical depth through storytelling lyrics and a collection of experimental sounds.

The first song, *Sleeping Lessons*, begins the story arch by alluding to *The Andromeda Strain* and **The Secret** DVD promises to provide "lessons" from the film's philosophy, which begins the story arch, "Shins is the band's musical depth that explores on Wincing the Night Away." Along with some influence from bands The Jesus and Mary Chain and The Smiths, everything from avant-garde use of the keyboard and even unique instrumental collaborations can be heard on the album.

Wincing the Night Away was released by NekPy Records. Those interested can listen to The Shins at [http://www.myspace.com/theshins](http://www.myspace.com/theshins).

**~ Rachel Fountain**

**Staff Writer**

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**DVD promises to provide Secret of life, relationships, health, love**

The Secret promises to change one's life, and it delivers.

Previously featured on television programs such as *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, it is composed of interviews with successful individuals in everyday life and includes testimonials with successful individuals in television programs such as *The Today Show* and *E! True Hollywood Stories*.

The Secret is the "Law of Attraction," or the idea that the thoughts and feelings one has attract similar events into one's life. The point of the film is to show that with positive thoughts, good events will occur in one's life.

Those interviewed for The Secret speak about their own personal experiences in utilizing The Secret in their everyday life and include philosophers, quantum physicists, psychologists, physicians, and even authors such as **Neale Donald Walsch** and **Jack Canfield**.

"To solve a sudoku puzzle, you need to find the right combination of numbers that satisfy the puzzle's rules without repeating any number in the same row, column, or box. The puzzle is divided into sections called "regions," and the goal is to fill each section with the numbers 1 through 9, ensuring that each number appears exactly once in each row, column, and region. The puzzle is solved by using logic and deduction to fill in the remaining empty cells. Sudoku puzzles are a popular brain-teasing game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and can help improve problem-solving skills.*

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**Sudoku provides popular brain-teasing game**

A methodically placed number in one's life to change one's life, and it promises to provide Secret of life, relationships, health, love.

![Sudoku](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

If a sudoku puzzle looks intimidating, don't be scared—there is no math involved. Sudoku is a process of elimination.

The rules of sudoku are simple:

- **No math involved:** Each number must be used once in each row, column, and region.
- **No guessing:** The puzzle is solved by using logic and deduction.
- **No repeats:** Each number must appear exactly once in each row, column, and region.

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