March for our Lives in downtown Dallas
Activists of all ages march to promote changes to gun legislation

BY ELVIRA ROSAS
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On Saturday afternoon, March 24, a historical march titled the “March for Our Lives” took place nationwide in which hundreds of thousands of civilians came out in support of stricter gun laws. In Dallas alone, about six thousand people attended the march in hopes of capturing the attention of the lawmakers of the United States.

This memorable march transpired due to the actions of people who have committed atrocities in schools using guns. One of the most recent ones was the infamous Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, and there have still been even more since. The march commenced at Marilla Street at the anterior of Dallas City Hall, where thousands proceeded to stride and chant in the streets of Downtown Dallas.

The majority of the people who marched were students from all ages including at least one from W.T. White. One senior student, Zachary Stanush, who is enrolled at White, attended this historical student-orchestrated movement, where like many others, marched for the protection of millions of student lives. He said, “It was an extremely enlightening experience to see so many people my own age out voicing their beliefs and concerns about the current political climate.” Stanush said, “especially when it is as polarized as it is.”

When the protesters made their way back to the Dallas City Hall, several students made courageous and heart-breaking speeches about their experience with gun violence, like Wael Alhayek, a student from the University of Texas at Arlington who helped organize the march in Dallas.

She gave a speech on a disastrous childhood experience where her friend was held hostage at gunpoint while being together at a convenience store. Several listened and applauded at her fearless speech where she let the people know she was emotionally and mentally exhausted of having to hear people are dying due to guns daily.

Another speaker at the march named Laydee Music is an Atlanta hip hop artist and songwriter who brought awareness of how common it has become for gun violence to take place daily in and outside of a school; 

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W.T. White holds annual community street fair

Volunteer Ebbie Sanchez (left) and school librarian Dina Reitmeyer work at the book fair booth during the annual street fair, held on Saturday, March 24 in front of the school building. The street fair is an event that brings in the community, including plenty of students from the W.T. White feeder pattern.

BY LOREMI BRITO, OPINION EDITOR

On March 24th, W.T. White had its annual street fair in the breezeway and in front of the school building. There were many booths for companies such as shirts and little knick knacks to buy and snacks for kids. Different companies had fun games to participate in such as bean-bag toss and they got rewarded candy.

Programs from W.T. White also participated in their own booths selling their merchandise and some going around selling T-shirts, like the Caballeras. There were also performances from the cheerleaders, both T.C. Marsh Preparatory Academy and W.T. White. Then a performance from the Caballeras, as well as the W.T. White Band. Tenth grade cheerleader Jazmin Rodriguez said, “It was really fun, everyone seemed like they were having a good time, I feel like it was a good way to explore new things and to learn more about them.”

BY LOREMI BRITO, OPINION EDITOR AND ABIGAIL MORALES, STAFF WRITER

Armed educators: is it a good idea to give teachers guns?

The debate on gun control has held a lot more of the nation’s attention recently. The rate of school shootings is showing no signs of diminishing, and students everywhere are becoming increasingly afraid that they might one day have to face an active shooter in a place that is supposed to be safe— their classrooms.

In the first 12 weeks of 2018, there were 17 school shootings in the United States. That is an average of 1.4 attacks per week. It’s becoming more and more clear that nobody is safe, and the people are divided as to how to solve this issue. Our right to bear arms is the second amendment and it is enforceable. Arming teachers could also have dire consequences: It could prevent police and professionals (that deal with those things for a living) from properly doing their jobs. If there are multiple people in a building running around armed searching for a shooter, what if they mistakenly assume a teacher is a shooter? And what if a teacher does end up becoming one? What if a gun is accidentally fired like what happened at Seaside High School in California? Not only this, but the accuracy rate of professionals hitting active shooters isn’t all that high. Experts were only 10% more accurate than novices between three and 15 feet.

Arming teachers is not the answer.

By Karen Arballo
General Editor

Teachers should have guns

I believe teachers should have guns for the safety of not only their lives, but the students as well. Teachers who could control themselves and are trained with guns should have a gun in the classroom. The reason this is a good idea is that anything could happen, such as a school shooting. According to CNN, in the first 12 weeks of 2018, there has already been a total of 17 school shootings.

“I think certain teachers should have guns for any school shooting,” said senior Kenneth Cleto.

After the shooting in Parkland, Florida that left a total of 17 people dead, President Trump suggested that teachers who qualify to handle a weapon should be able to have one. Many believe teachers shouldn’t be armed, but I think they should, because then there would be smaller body counts in school shooting events.

Only 20 percent of teachers would be trained and armed under this plan. “I don’t believe every teacher should have a gun, but there should be at least some teachers armed at schools,” said Senior Armando Gomez.

By Jerson Soriano
Staff Writer

Same sex couple refused as foster parents by Catholic charity group

A Fort Worth couple were refused as foster parents after the Catholic Charities of Fort Worth turned them down for being a same-sex couple. Fatma Marouf and Bryn Esplin are now suing the federal government and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The married couple was rejected from their first interview before they applied for not “mirroring the Holy Family.”

This has been a very controversial issue in the public eye due to the different beliefs of people. Same-sex marriage was just recently legalized in the summer of 2013. Gay adoption became legal in all 50 states after a federal judge ruled that Mississippi’s ban of same-sex couples being able to adopt was unconstitutional. Therefore, couples can adopt or foster children no matter their gender or their partners.

Some agencies who go through the church, such as the agency Marouf and Esplin wanted to foster the refugee child, can be selective toward who can adopt the children.

The right of same-sex couples to adopt children came with the right they earned on June 26, 2016; having the right to give a child a home and protection and to start a family came with the right for them to marry no matter their gender.

It’s been a “tradition” for a family to consist both of a female and male figure, but times have changed, and that shouldn’t be the case. Children aren’t raised differently because their parental figures are homosexuals or heterosexuals. A child is raised with the love, nourishment and protection that is given to them.

By Priscilla Meza
Photography Editor

Performance fail: Fergie bombs anthem

On Sunday February 18th, Fergie performed the national anthem at the NBA All Star Game. As Fergie thought she was doing a great job, other people, including celebrities thought it was funny. When showed on the big screen, stars like Jimmy Kimmel, Stephen Curry, Chance the Rapper, and so many more were trying to restrain themselves from laughing.

Students also had an opinion of Fergie’s performance. Freshman Miguel Gutierrez said, “Her performance was funny I couldn’t understand her.” Her performance went viral across many social media sites with people recreating her performance to it being on TV. On February 19th Fergie responded to her performance by saying “I’m a risk taker artistically, and clearly this rendition didn’t strike the intended tone.”

By Monica Delgado
Staff Writer
Facebook scandal centers around Cambridge Analytica

Cambridge Analytica is a data analysis company who according to them, “source data from a trusted list of major data providers and combine it with your own to produce deeper and richer insights, then centralize your data assets and match your data to ours, to help you find and persuade voters quickly and efficiently.” Cambridge Analytica essentially uses micro-targeting based on personality traits to drive behavior. Senator Ted Cruz’s campaign used the company in late 2015, they helped influence Brexit, they were involved in the American Elections, and also played a major role in politics in many other countries such as Russia, Ukraine, Kenya, Mexico, Malaysia, Brazil, China and Australia. In December of 2015, details of Cambridge Analytica’s use of private information from Facebook came out.

Dr. Alexander Kogan, the founder of Global Science Research (GSR), teamed up with Cambridge Analytica’s parent company Strategic Communications Laboratories (SCL) and gathered information about Facebook users based on their profiles and profiles of their friends. Kogan was able to use an Amazon crowd sourcing website to give surveys to users and get access to their Facebook profiles. In 2014, an average Facebook profile would have up to 340 friends, GSR would then gather basic info on the user’s locations, interests, likes, and dislikes. Shortly after, Amazon banned GSR from posting on their crowd sourcing website.

The two candidates that were connected to Cambridge Analytica at the time were Ted Cruz and Ben Carson. FEC filing showed that the Cruz campaign paid $750,000; Ben Carson’s campaign paid $220,000. And at the time, Facebook said that they were investigating the situation and told GSR to delete all Facebook data that was gathered. Trump’s campaign ties into all when he was the clear winner of the Republican primary, Cambridge Analytica jumped over to his campaign, however; unconfirmed reports saying that Cory Lewandowski met with Cambridge Analytica before the Trump campaign was even a thing. Another connection would be Steve Bannon, who served as vice president of Cambridge Analytica’s board. The Trump campaign eventually cut ties with Cambridge Analytica as well stating that “it doesn’t have a level of understanding or experience that allows them to target American voters.”

In 2017 reports came out that GSR gathered the information of 50 million Facebook users from a different data collection operation, making it the largest data breach in the social network’s history. Facebook came out with a statement saying that they are further investigating the breach and that not all data was deleted. Facebook also suspended SCL, Cambridge Analytica, Wylie, and Kogan pending further information. Later reports showed that GSR still has access to all the data. Wylie, who helped found Cambridge Analytica, stated that Kogan provided 50 million raw profiles, and of those, 30 million contained enough information to build psychographic profiles; only about 270,000 users participated in the survey and has consented to have their data harvested. Psychographic profiling basically involves dividing a market into segments based on different personality traits, values, attitudes, interests, and lifestyles. Facebook made another statement saying that this wasn’t a data breach, no passwords or sensitive pieces of information were stolen or hacked. The problem in this instance not only involves Facebook but a third-party, which is why this isn’t considered a breach, all the reports show that the users knowingly gave away their profiles to third-party apps not a part of Facebook. It still puts Facebook in a really bad position of this for not policing Cambridge Analytica’s access, this is how Facebook makes money, which ironically enough, Facebook’s stocks have been dropping substantially since this all began, and Mark Zuckerberg’s net worth has dropped 10 billion dollars.

British Channel 4 released on exposure on Cambridge Analytica, videos revealing how Cambridge Analytica actually works. In the videos, we see chief executive Alexander Nix, in addition to Alex Taylor, their chief data officer, and Mark Turnbull, the managing director. The video is from a four-month investigation where a Channel 4 reporter posed as a rich Sri Lankan businessman and his assistant trying to support a candidate. They talk a lot about collecting data on people, profiling them; they get insight on people and segment the population to target who they want. During the fifth meeting, they talk about entrapment, where they would “offer a large amount of money to a candidate, to finance his campaign in exchange for land, ... we’ll have the whole thing recorded on cameras.” They also talk about sending girls to a candidate’s house, which they said they have a history of doing.

Alexander Nix issued a response after the leak stating “In playing along with this line of conversation, and partly to spare our ‘client’ from embarrassment, we entertained a series of ludicrous hypothetical scenarios. I am aware how this looks, but it is simply not the case. I must emphatically state that Cambridge Analytica does not condone or engage in entrapment, bribes or so-called ‘honeytraps’, and nor does it use an untrue material for any purpose.” The board of Cambridge Analytica shortly thereafter suspended CEO Alexander Nix pending a full independent investigation. In conclusion, and as Ben Wyatt said best, “A person should not have to have an advanced law degree to avoid being taken advantage of by a multi-billion-dollar company.”

By Mohammed Abdul-Kadir
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Photo Poll: If a movie title could explain your life, what would it be?

The Delta Force. Why? Because Chuck Norris is a legend.

Get rich or die trying, or All about the Benjamins.

Ratatouille because I love to eat.

Boss Baby because I’m the boss.

One mile to you because love is everything.

It’s Complicated because a lot of things in my life are just complicated.

Liam McLaughlin
Sophomore

Armani Gray
Sophomore

Bryan Calix
Senior

Hazel Palacios
Junior

Armando Garcia
Junior

Liliana Fernandez
Sophomore
Gas leak, fatal home explosion causes devastation in nearby North Dallas neighborhoods

By Edgar Garcia
Assistant Photo Editor
A search for any gas leaks started after an explosion was caused by one of the leaks. The explosion caused the death of a twelve-year-old girl, the rest of the family was injured with burns. A cracked gas pipe was found behind the house.

Northwest residents were evacuated from their homes to hotels, and families have moved with other family members or friends. Many of those residents are worried about losing their homes. Atmos Energy has been providing the families with hotels, gift cards, and $1250 in debit card or check. However, many residents are still frustrated because they don’t have much information about the leaks, and don’t know if their kids can still go to school because the streets are blocked due to the replacement work.

Before the deadly explosion, reports of the gas leak were reported to Atmos energy, one leak two days before and another the day before, both on Durango Drive. Both houses caught on fire but no much damage was done. The homes, built in the ’50s have older steel pipes mostly that need to be replaced. New leaks have been detected west of the northwest area, and other leaks were discovered near the intersection Snow White Drive and Deep Valley Drive. Most of Dallas is covered in gas leaks; leaks were even discovered in South Dallas and Oak Cliff.

On March 1, Atmos Energy announced they were shutting down the gas system in the area where the house explosions occurred and replace a 152,000 feet of pipe. The replacement of the pipes has left 28,000 homes without gas which means no heat and no hot water. Atmos is facing many repair jobs; trouble with communication lines with the consumers, holes to make and pipes to replace. Atmos has its crews working in multiple places, around the clock.

Atmos has warned their consumers to be on the lookout for scammers posing as crew members; the company has told residents to ask for identification or proof if approached by any suspicious workers.

Students speak to school board about conditions

By Nancy Quijano
News Editor
On Thursday March 22nd at 6pm, the Dallas ISD Board held a meeting to discuss the issues in DISD schools at 5151 Samuel Boulevard, Dallas Texas.

Nadia Jojola, AHN Tran, Kimberly Delgado, and Nancy Quijano and others attended the board meeting to discuss the conditions of the facilities at W.T. White. Each student prepared a speech to bring up what needs to be improved on campus. The students also provided photo evidence, samples of lead in the art room, and samples of asbestos.

Nadia Jojola said, “Our school and students deserve better, we can have what other schools have, we just need help to get that.” She continued, “The art department has achieved a lot and they need the rooms they need to help them achieve more.”

Accompanying them was art teacher Stacie Nicholass.

All five entered the building and gave their speeches in front of the board, many others had their time to speak. Concerned teachers, students, and parents showed up during the meeting to voice their opinions to the trustees. These trustees include Edwin Flores District 1, Dustin Marshall District 2, Dan Micciche District 3, Jaime Resendez District 4, Lew Blackburn District 5, Joyce Foreman District 6, Audrey Pinkerman District 7, Miguel Solis District 8, and Bernadette Nutall District 9.

Our school’s trustee is Edwin Flores, he has been known to attend the schools annual street fair our graduation ceremony. Although they were unable to speak to Edwin Flores they were able to speak to Joyce Foreman and Bernadette Nutall after they had given their speeches on the school’s needs.

The deputy and chief officer for operations of Dallas ISD also reached out, providing the students with his personal contact information so they can get in touch with him to bring change for the school.

Tran said, “I didn’t expect them to come up to us, or even speak to us about how to help us, it was great.”

Nicholass said, “It’s great that you guys (the students) care about your school and what goes on in it.”

School shooting in Florida leaves 17 dead

By Yarelis Vela
Assistant Features Editor
Seventeen people were killed on February 14, 2018. Three other people were shot outside the school building on a nearby street corner, and two other victims died at the nearby hospital.

Nikolas Cruz was apprehended and charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder.

He tried to break the windows with his gunshots, however they did not break through the window because they were hurricane proof. Cruz arrived at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, in an uber at 2:19 p.m. On Wednesday, February 14 with an AR-15 rifle.

When he arrived at the school, he decided to set off the fire alarm, resulting in students being released from their classes. He then began to shoot four classrooms, then he took another stairwell to get to the second floor where he shot one person.

As CNN news said, “Cruz arrived at a Walmart nearby the school, buys a drink at Subway and then leaves.”

At around 3:40 pm, the school began dismissing students to the buses which took them to a hotel to reunite with their families.

On Thursday, February 15 Cruz was held without a bond he was charged with 17 counts of deliberate murder.

Sophomore, Crystal Cadena said, “My point of view of this tragic event that occurred in Florida was a kid who felt like he was alone, left out and had a difficult time due to his parents loss.

No I’m not saying it was acceptable that he did what he did. I’m saying in some cases people have to pay more attention to their surroundings and if they see someone different than everybody else they should make them feel like they belong rather than make them feel bad about themselves.”
Second annual feeder pattern forum welcomes future Longhorns to campus

By Jesus Mena
Staff Writer

The second annual Longhorn Feeder Pattern Forum was hosted by the Senior and Junior Executive Board in the W.T. White library. Students from the elementary and middle feeder pattern schools were invited to attend The Forum, the students participated in group activities which taught them confidence, leadership, Longhorn spirit, and what to look forward to. The future W.T. White students were put into groups to take part in activities guided by Senior and Junior Executive Board members and volunteers.

“It’s really exciting to see how active the kids are to get to know the environment, Longhorn pride, and school spirit confidence. It really is heartwarming,” said Britney Herrera. Inviting students to the forum is meaningful because they will have a sense of connection and establishment even though it will be their first year.

“Students also received T-shirts with their year of graduation, but when they received them, they asked, ‘Why are the T-shirts a size large?’ The concept behind the larger T-shirts was that they might not fit them now, but when they reach their senior year they’ll fit perfectly,” said Herrera.

2018 winter Olympics conclude

By Jeanette Carabajal
Staff Writer

South Korea hosted the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, from February 9 to 25 in Pyeongchang County, Gangwon South Korea, with the opening rounds for certain events held on February 8.

It was the first time that South Korea had hosted the Winter Olympics and the second Olympics held in the country overall, after the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Some of the featured sports were alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, curling, figure skating, snowboarding, ski jumping, skeleton and ice hockey.

Norway won the most medals in the winter games, followed by Germany and Canada.
Drill team dances in *Caballeras Forever* spring show

**BY VALERIE GALAVIZ  
STAFF WRITER**

Every year, the Caballeras have the *Caballeras Forever* Spring Show. The show involves group performances made and performed by the team. It is a mixture of jazz, hip-hop, kick, pom, and modern contemporary routines. There were even performances done by Marsh, Walker, Longfellow, and the “Caballeras in Training.” Every year, the girls work hard after football season to prepare for this big show that everyone loves to watch.

Sophomore Caballera Nayeli Burgos said, “The show was really good, we worked hard but it was all worth it in the end. All the work we put in the weeks leading up to the show definitely paid off and it was very noticeable.” People in the audience agreed. Monic Delgado, who was in the audience, said, “The show was really nice and I loved the routines. My favorite part was when they all walked in the aisles kicking in the beginning.”

The show ended with Captain Alondra Mendoza’s solo performance. Many people loved it and were very impressed. After everything, the returning members walked down the stage with a new member and a senior.

The new members received a letter signed by all the girls and a Caballera T-shirt as a welcome to the team. Then the seniors also received a letter signed by all the girls with an alumni T-shirt as a farewell. In the end, the show was very successful. The dancers also wished to extend a huge thank you to Juliana Williams, because without her the show wouldn’t be possible.

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W.T. White holds annual book fair in school library coffee bar

**BY KATEY CALIX  
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W.T. White held their book fair on March 21-28 from 8am to 5pm in the library coffee bar, with another part of the event taking place at the school’s street fair.

All students and staff were welcomed to attend the book fair. On March 23, it was tax free day at the book fair. Students and staff were able to buy anything without paying taxes. This year’s theme for the book fair was “Fiesta.”

The book fair had many topics to read about, like fiction, non-fiction, horror, mystery, sports and a few cook books. As librarian Dina Reitmeyer said, “For this year’s book fair we expect for the students to have fun and enjoy the books.” She said, “Our goal was to raise $3,500 for our library.” The sales helped the library reach beyond that goal.

Reitmeyer talked about fund raising. She said, “We hope to buy more new furniture or technology so that the students can come and have fun.”

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Dub T students volunteer at Marsh literacy night

**BY SAMANTHA HERNANDEZ  
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On Thursday March 1, Marsh Preparatory Academy held their annual Literacy Night. Literacy Night is a social event where different booths are set up and participants walk through the school and enjoy each booth and its subject. Most students from W.T. White went as volunteers to read to elementary students who showed up. The theme this year was ‘Camping / Night Under the Stars.’

As participants entered the school, they had to sign in, grab a map of all the booths and find their way to the gym. Once they made it to the gym, all W.T. White students had to sign in to show they participated. Along the gym wall were a variety of books scattered for anyone to choose. Although not very many elementary students showed up, it proved to be a great turn out for volunteers. Snacks were provided to the volunteers and kids who were there.

Everyone was reading to one another; high schoolers to one another, and high schoolers to elementary kids, and some middle schoolers to high schoolers. Groups of volunteers and students were scattered across the gym floor; everyone reading the book of their choice. The gym was rowdy as everyone was reading or just talking to one another waiting for students to come. One of the volunteers, Juan Alegría, said, “It was crazy lit. It was like an XXX-Tentacion concert.” Everyone seemed to enjoy their time at Literacy Night.
High School Nation makes return visit to W.T. White in cafeteria performance

By Jezzika Marin
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, February 28, High School Nation visited our campus for the second time. They came to our school to put on a show and give out Tilly’s products for a new store called RSQ by Tilly’s opening at the Galleria mall.

High School Nation brought new artist, Jena Rose to perform five songs as students were signing up to win a free pair of jeans. As a student signed up, they were given a choice of taking a Tilly’s bandana, lanyard, phone sticker, pen and a “jenarosemusic.com” pink bracelet. Students were also given a grand opening flyer that informed them about when, where and what’s going to be given away.

Tish Bryant and Megs Heismoth were the two RSQ employees at the sign up table. They said, “Come shop, were hiring at 16.” After Jena Rose finished up her last song, they announced the winners of the free pair of jeans. They closed lunch with pictures of the winners and some last announcements about the opening of the store.

W.T. White plays host to foreign exchange program

By Karime Chavez
Features Editor

This year at W.T. White, we have foreign exchange students on campus. Many students wonder how it was that they got here and how it is that they are studying here. Studying abroad for a year must have positives aspects, but it could also have downsides. Foreign exchange students live with their host family which is a family, consisting of at least one parent and a child under the age of 18 who invites a student from a foreign country to live with them for a period of time.

It is not only the schools that have the foreign exchange programs, there are also many companies that are willing to take in students that are interested in participating in this program. The companies team up with students willing to participate in the program and conduct multiple interviews as to why they would want to participate in the exchange program. There are multiple steps as to getting where some students are today. One does not just sign up and automatically get accepted. It is based off grades and how far into education they have gone.

Josip Sušilović is a first time foreign exchange student from Berlin, Germany and a junior here at W.T. White. According to Sušilović, the whole process takes about half a year. One has to fill out plenty of paper work as to why they want to participate in it, get a visa in order to travel, write essays for the host families to see and get medical check-ups.

According to Sušilović, his personal expenses come out of his pocket, but he receives financial help from the government as part of the program. “I was excited to finally leave after all that stress about doing all the paperwork and going to the doctor a lot,” said Sušilović. He arrived here a few weeks before school started in August and is scheduled to leave back to Germany June 11.

“I felt really weird my first days; I didn’t interact with anybody, and I was a little scared to be the guy that is alone.” Sušilović plans on finishing his senior year in Germany and hopefully come back. “If you’re here you have to travel a lot and experience everything you can in school, do as much as you can to make your stay fun,” said Sušilović.

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one victim being her cousin whom survived a school shooting, but unfortunately is now permanently paralyzed and will need a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

After it was over, I spoke to Laydee Music. She had said, “The goal of this day is to bring awareness to my community, the urban community, and to let everybody know that we do have something to do about these guns, we have to do background checks, mental health checks and I do agree that we need to boost this age up to 21, but first step is to bring awareness. She added, “Everybody has to know what is going on.” Laydee and many others hope that death to gun violence halts as well as the fear of students implementing such a simple task as going to school. The march is in favor of making people safe before the love of the second amendment. It believes that the second amendment is respected, but that there should be modifications made, which is what thousands of people marched for.
Girls track team has successful season

BY AIRAM CORDOVA
SPORTS EDITOR

The track girls had a great season this year with many achievements. “They had a good start,” said Coach Michael Martin, “We were top three places in the first meets.” The lady Longhorns have been working hard this season.

Senior Zena Cohuo said, “It feels amazing. We made a huge improvement compared to last year. I can’t wait to come back next year to watch y’all run.”

Before spring break, they got first and second place at the Dallas Adams High School Cougar Relays, in the Varsity 1600 meters, Cohuo got first place with a time of 6:02 and Bryanna Gonzales got second place with a time of 6:09.

In the Junior Varsity 1600 meters, Rachel Medina placed in second with time of 6:44, as a school the team got third place. For most runners, Districts is the last time to show what they have. “To be running my senior year is emotional and stressful, but fun,” said senior Tatyana Anguiano, “I have accomplished running all four years of high school and dropping time every week.”

At the Greenville Cotton Ford Relays, Cohuo got first place in the 1600 meters, Gonzales got second place, and Karla Quinones got fifth place. The girls had a great season overall and are already preparing for next year. A lot of returners will be sprinters and it will also be a rebuilding stage for the distance girls.

Cohuo recommends that everyone join track, even if they don’t like running, because team members bond so much with their teammates, and they have the most fun times ever.

She said, “Your teammates are literally like your family, we all look after each other. I love track and cross country because it taught me to never give up and to have a good mental endurance.”

Cohuo said, “Track and cross country have made these four years of high school such an amazing experience, but sadly it’s time to move on to college.”

Mary Anne Crowe (far left) and Ka-Koya Foster (far right) participate in a 4x100 meter relay race. BY AIRAM CORDOVA, SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball team packs meals for the needy

BY RYAN DiSANTI
COPY EDITOR

On Sunday, February 25th, the baseball team and some other members of the community helped pack over 6,000 meals for starving and malnourished kids throughout the world at the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church. They did this with the help of the Kids Against Hunger nonprofit organization.

Volunteers packed filled, sealed and packaged bags of high-quality white long grain rice, vitamin-fortified crushed soy, dehydrated blend of six vegetables, and 21 essential vitamins and minerals with nine amino acids to add flavor.

Senior Michael Brookshire said, “I think it was a good experience to focus your own time and effort towards people who are less fortunate.” He continued, “It’s a different feeling caring for other strangers, because it’s something that has a deeper meaning than simply doing things for yourself.” He enjoyed helping out the community.

Junior Buck Gomez supports helping starving children. He said, “If we can conquer space, we can conquer child hunger.”

Freshman Michael Williamson said, “When I was there, I was able to help others that needed it and still was able to have fun with my team and only good came from this experience.”