

Together we stand

The recently-concluded presidential election had two very diverse candidates.

This diversity between the candidates is one of the main causes of the enthusiastic response from the American citizens.

Although there is nothing wrong with being excited about an important election and doing all that you can to support your favored candidate, there is a limit.

A special on Fox News talked about how many American citizens had become obsessed with this presidential election.

It discussed how one candidate was going to lose, and all of his supporters would be disappointed, but no matter how disappointed these supporters would be, they would still have to

move on with their lives.

The grandmother of one of our staff members said, "If Obama wins, I refuse to watch the news for the next four years!"

A BRMHS student, "If McCain had won, I would have moved to Australia!"

The point in America is to come together: blacks, whites, Democrats, and Republicans. We need to work together in this hardship our country is going through, not be separated by candidates.

Barack Obama is our president. The key word is "our". No matter if you voted for him or not, we need to work together as a united country, a united democracy, and as a united people.

Keep it clean

Eating on the front lawn has been a Baton Rouge High tradition for years. It is the only time in our day when we can relax without worry or teachers, lay back on the grass, and bask in the sun's rays.

Principal Nanette Greer announced that if the litter continues on the front lawn, students will not be allowed to dine there for lunch. Litter itself is a huge problem in Louisiana; in fact, we are practically drowning in it, but can we really blame the students?

Half of the trash out there probably rolled in from the surrounding neighborhoods and stores. Yes, we students do contribute with our

Capri Suns and M&M wrappers, but not so much that we should ban the lawn entirely. Students may chuck an apple core on the grass, or pieces of a left over sandwich, and though this might attract ants, these things are biodegradable.

Enforcing a ban on eating lunch on the front lawn is too harsh. We should focus more on students contributing to the clean-up. I'm sure that no one wants to lose the front lawn for lunch, so people need to start picking up trash whenever they see it.

Students, pick up trash when you see it, and let's keep our lawn clean.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As the former sponsor of "One Way", any mention of last year's Just for Jesus rally yanks the scab off of a very deep wound.

During the controversy which led to my resignation as sponsor of the Christian club, I felt that there was a total disregard for my judgment, my authority, and my feelings and it broke my heart.

This week after reading the idealistic comments reported in the article about Awakening, I feel insulted.

If this lack of consideration for me as an individual of value is an example of the "love of Jesus Christ" offered by the Christian club NO THANK YOU.

Sincerely,
Vicky Kidwell



A "Nichol" for your thoughts Burritos and Oreos

By JEREMY NICHOLS

Today, I'm going to talk about human kindness. Recently, I was involved in two situations where I was the recipient of small acts of kindness. One was awkward and the other was awesome.

Let us start with the awkward: The other day I went to my favorite burrito place to get one my favorite foods: a burrito. Everything was all good, the guy behind the counter rolled me a good looking burrito and even gave me free guacamole, but then I got to the checkout-cashier-lady.

She greets me by taking my cash. Pretty normal and not at all awkward, right? Just wait. As we're finishing our little exchange she says, "What did you do today?" I know it is hard to tell in writing, but imagine that the tone she used was a mix of your mom and an awkward ex-girlfriend. Yeah. My response? Mumble and avoid eye contact. Burritos should never be awk-

ward, but they were that day. They were.

But kindness can be truly amazing. One example came two weeks ago, I was sitting in Euro-History and one of the most glorious moments of my life came to pass. Logan Cummings bought me Oreos.

I love Oreos. A lot. Seriously. You may ask why anyone would just out-of-the-blue use their hard-earned cash to buy, of all people, me, Oreos, because I know that's what I asked myself. But then it hit me; sometimes, love does conquer all or at least it conquers my craving for Oreos.

Logan's heart was just so full of love for me. It was beautiful. I tried to thank Logan then and there, but I don't think I did his kind act justice. So I am now publicly exalting Logan's kindness and love. Thanks for making my day.



Taylor's take "Geaux" away

By SHELBY TAYLOR

The environment is an important issue to me, but honestly I'm getting tired of hearing about it. The next time I hear the slogan "Go Green" or even "Geaux Green" I may take an axe out and chop down a small tree.

I am all for actually promoting change, but a fashion statement isn't going to save the ozone layer.

So many T-shirts sporting the infamous "Go Green" print are being sold right next to the half-off leather shoe sale.

Wearing a "Go Green" shirt just because it was cheap and cute is kind of like wearing a "Kiss me, I'm Irish" shirt and being from Turkey. If you wear the shirt, you should actually be taking more steps towards eco-friendliness.

In my opinion, someone should have to go plant seven trees, recycle daily, and never use hairspray in order to qualify to wear the shirt.

Carrying a cute "Go Green" tote bag

while sporting your favorite bunny fur-lined boots is kind of like punching mother nature in the face. Even if it is faux fur, you're still sending a mixed message.

If all the people who sported this fashion statement actually put the ideals of "Go Green" in to practice they may actually begin to make a small difference. I'm all for making a difference, but I just hate to see the possibility go to waste.

I hate knowing that people can buy merchandise with "Go Green" written all over it, and still ignore that we're facing big problems with our environment, and we need to start changing.

The next time you see the stores lined with all the cute merchandise, think before you buy it. Are you really an example of what "Go Green" is all about?