

SGA begins new venture with “Invisible Children”

By MAYA MILLER

On Wednesday September 20 Natalie Creel, 18, from Gulf Port Miss., Cory Briscoe 20, from Slidell, Nick Stenson, 22, from St. Paul Minn. and Jenni Gougen, 20, from Phoenix, Ariz., came to BRHS to make a presentation to the SGA about Invisible Children.

Invisible Children is a non-profit organization that travels to undeveloped countries focusing

on Northern Uganda which is going through its 23rd year in civil war. It all started in 2005 with three young film-makers who traveled to Africa in search of history. In the end a movement was created with thousands of people wanting to help others.

Natalie Creel is in her second year of the program and is enjoying it very much. She found out about Invisible Children on MySpace and also heard about it through her church program.

“Meeting people is what I like most,” said Creel. “I’m very passionate about what is going on, and all the success stories are what is really treasuring.”

“In the presentation I got to see an inside look at what really goes on in Uganda,” said senior Zaryland Ervin. The film showed the life a 12 year old boy named Emmy who lost both of his parents to the war and HIV/AIDS. “I felt really touched by Emmy’s story. I feel more privileged in my everyday life.

I’m glad that there are people who help others and I believe that this is a wonderful organization,” he said.

“Invisible children is about poor building the poor,” Stenson said. He got involved when he

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saw the film his freshmen year of college. Stenson is a political science major which is why he was really interested in becoming involved. “I was moved at what I saw. I just followed up and applied,” he said.

Gougen is a “roadie” in the group and had just gotten back from Africa four days before the presentation.

“I was lucky to have gone to Uganda. It gave me a different perspective on what I was already doing, and actually seeing the children face-to-face was amazing also. Even more so it was exciting to see people when I returned, then to see the creation of the next film and waiting to be more involved,” Gougen said.

“Join first; fear later,” said Briscoe. “I joined after seeing the film in a youth group. I started by spreading word of mouth and just some self-volunteering. It was also pretty cool because I was able to take a break from school.”

The group said it’s easy to waste time and the time to help comes when they take action.

SGA has taken on a project to help with the invisible children program. SGA president Senior John Lafleur said “This is a good way for us to share our wealth in a sense that the schools in Africa are very behind in education compared to us.”

The senior class will be working internally within the school to make posters. Juniors will be networking to larger companies asking for grants and additional advertisements. Sophomores will help with the external publicity. The freshman class will be doing the majority of the fundraising activities themselves.

“The goal is to raise a minimum of \$5000 and to show how we can pull together as a school of young educated students. But hopefully we’ll become a role model for surrounding schools and upcoming students,” Lafleur said.

“The Invisible Children just want to have as many people aware of what’s going on, but also to just get them involved and to show that they all can make a difference.

“If you don’t have money, donate time. That’s all we can ask for a person to do,” Briscoe said.

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Quiett saw the event as a good learning experience.

“It was a great opportunity for our students to come together and unite with other students from around the state to have their voices heard,” she said.

The final tally showed that Sen. Barack Obama won the election at Baton Rouge High with 70.5 percent.

Obama also won the mock election statewide.

Fall Fair provides variety of booths and games



By SHELBY TAYLOR

The BRMHS Fall Fair 2008 was an overall success. Many familiar booths lined the walkways alongside new attractions.

Stage Craft made a small fortune from their haunted house and snow cone booths. The haunted house was originally the set of the recent school play “Frankenstein” which was modified to create a more creepy and suspenseful atmosphere.

Students were willing to wait in a fairly long line for snow cones. The booth was

one of the most successful this year. Stagecraft rented a real snow cone stand for this year’s fall fair and had a variety of syrup flavors to choose from.

Environmental Club was

also successful with their henna tattoo booth. Many students lined up and waited to get their tattoos. The club made about \$125 in profits.

There was a great deal of

food including chicken sold by the African Heritage Club, egg rolls and noodles sold by the Chinese Club, and hummus and pita bread, as well as other culturally diverse dishes, sold by the

ICA.

Principal Nanette Greer spent most of her fall fair experience in the SGA-sponsored dunking booth.

“From what I could see, everyone was enjoying themselves. I was really proud of the teachers and students for helping to make the whole week successful.” Greer said.



(left) Principal Nanette Greer has fun in the SGA dunking booth. (above) ICA club members sell foods from different cultures at fall fair. (Photos by Brock Palombo)



Fall Fair Gallery

