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ASB decorates school campus with flowers and walkway

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ASB members redistributed large planters filled with an assortment of wildflowers around campus over the past few weeks.

The students put in a brick pathway outside of the Eggers building, and they also trimmed plants around school, with student activities director Helen Paris wielding an electric edger.

These efforts are appreciated, but some students feel the money should go to school improvements, such as new books and bathroom locks. However, ASB isn't authorized to use student funds on such items.

Senior John Rasure said although the improvements are helpful "they should have done this a long time ago, at this point the money could be better spent elsewhere."

Paris thought of the idea to move the planters from their original position near the Eggers building.

Junior Julien Malard, president of the New Leaf Club, said their club submitted a plan to ASB to place plants around school throughout the year, but then ASB moved ahead with this project separately.

"I first was a bit disappointed because I wanted our club to do the planting," Malard said.

However, ASB agreed with the New Leaf Club to continue adding flowers, trees and other plants around the school with the help of the club. They will plant to celebrate Earth Day, April 22.

Former homecoming queen and Mr. Husky announce 2009 title winners



Photo By: PRO IMAGE STUDIOS

During halftime at the homecoming game, Nov. 6, an excited crowd waited with bated breath for senior Breana Meagher to announce this year's homecoming queen. The 2009 homecoming queen is Kellie Ishisaki and the runner ups are Kimberly Chatterjee, Emily Khuc, Monique Pascual and Shay Mozzetti in second, third, fourth and fifth places, respectively. Erika Gerards, last year's homecoming queen, returned to crown Kellie as queen. The next night, at the homecoming dance, this year's Mr. Husky was crowned. Brian McMahon, last year's Mr. Husky, came back to crown Cedric Lousi as the winner of the title. The first, second, third and fourth runner ups were Austin Wong, Seth Neumann, Ben Rich and Jack Veronin, respectively.

Barbecue honors basketball teams

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ASB held a lunchtime barbecue Feb. 23 to celebrate the advancement of both the boys and girls basketball teams to NCS.

"It's been roughly 10 to 15 years since we've sent both boys and girls basketball to NCS together," activities director Helen Paris said.

The funding came from ASB, athletics and the money initially meant for the "Up Yours" lunch. Leadership decorated eaves with paper replicas of team jerseys, each personalized with players' last names and numbers.

"It was great for ASB to put on the barbecue for basketball and to show support for the team," senior John Songponnopachon said.

ASB made the decision Feb. 22 to put on the barbecue; they set up posters and announcements around school by first period Feb. 23. Despite the unexpected rain, ASB fed over 300 students.

"The price and food was good but there was a really long wait to get the food. It took like 20 minutes," junior Andrea Bonilla said.

ASB members began turning students away early so they would have enough time to clean up, not because there was a lack of food.

"One lesson I learned was that I should do every barbecue in the rain; everybody stays on campus," Paris said.

ASB encourages freshmen to 'give back' during assembly

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ASB organized an assembly for ninth graders to bring the class together and to encourage students "give back to the school" by doing well in finals and STAR testing. The assembly also promoted the upcoming Sadie Hawkins dance, Feb. 6, which the freshman ASB officers organized.

"We want you to succeed academically. We want you to

succeed socially," Small Learning Communities (SLC) coordinator Brynn Osicka said. "We want you to be number one."

To strengthen the assembly's message, ASB members

and freshmen engaged the audience with two performances. Once again, the school has set a goal to reach at least 801 for the

API score. If achieved, students will receive an Up Yours lunch, an extended lunch period in which ASB will provide food and various activities. In this case, "up yours" refers to increasing test scores. If students do not reach the goal, the

administration may take away events such as dances.

"I really want to have a party. It sounds fun," freshman Akshita Taneja said. "[The assembly] definitely motivated me."

ASB increased involvement in encouraging the freshman to do well on their STAR testing. In reaction to the school's unchanging API score in 2009, ASB decided to start the campaign much earlier in the school year than before.

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-Brynn Osicka



Photo by: MICHAELA GO

Freshman Juan Rodriguez performs to the crowd during the assembly.

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