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Student experiment to travel to International Space Station



Courtesy Alice Fielder

Seniors Kaitlyn Bloch and John Gonzales receive certificates and a proud handshake from Principal Ada Bohlken as they are honored for their experiment that will be sent to the International Space Station.

By Zack Necesito

Seniors Kaitlyn Bloch and John Gonzales competed against thousands of students from across the country to have their experiment proposal accepted and conducted on the International Space Station in outer space.

The Student Spaceflight Experiment Program

asked Earth and Space Science students from all over the nation to propose an experiment that tests the rate of cell division of plants in microgravity. In other words, the students had to design and create an experiment that could show whether or not plants in space grow the same way they do on Earth. The students who presented the most viable idea, taking size and expense into consideration, would have their experiment conducted in space by the National Center of Earth and Space Science Education.

The efforts of Bloch and Gonzales earned them the privilege of having their experiment chosen at the national level. In a contest with thousands of participants, theirs came out on top.

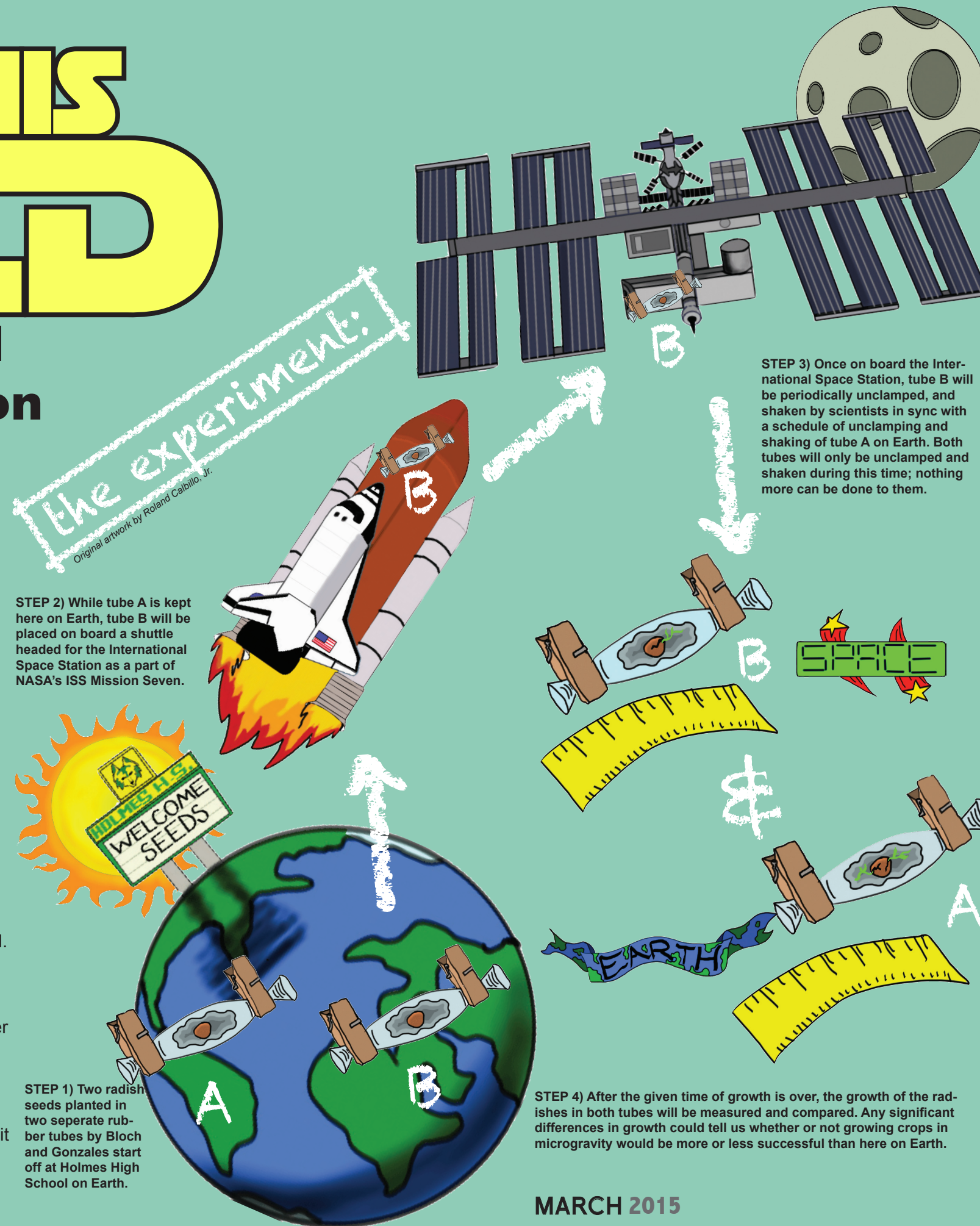
"There are about 2000 projects sent overall, and 70 were chosen for district, three for semi-finals and out of those three, we were chosen," Bloch said. The two received very little interference from their Earth and Space Science instructor, David Powell.

"My role is really more of an encourager, kind of a guide to facilitate their thinking," Powell said.

A lot of time was taken from the students in order to excel in this competition. This time was not provided by the school.

"I had to do a lot of revisions to the project over Thanksgiving break while they were finalizing their decisions," Bloch said. Today, the two are still processing the impact of their accomplishment, and are extremely proud.

"I honestly feel surprised still, but I kind of like it in a way," Gonzales said.



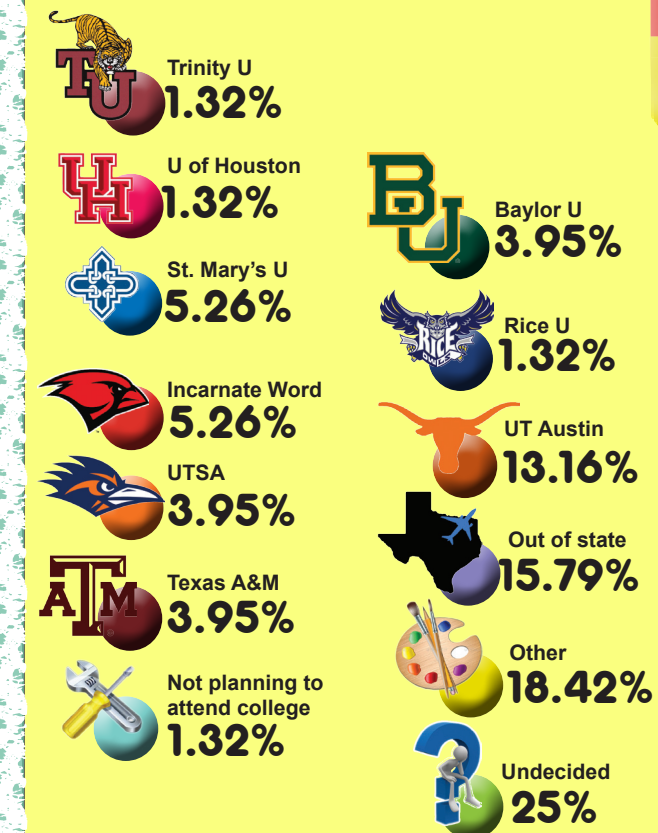
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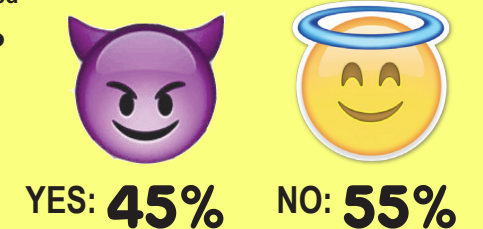
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