

Petition “Escalates Quickly”
by Ashley Skinner

Each year, the senior students nominate and vote for their class song, colors, flower, and motto. October 26, this voting took place.

“See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa swept the ballot for class song, the bluebonnet was chosen as class flower, blue and black will be the class colors, and the class motto will be “Well, that escalated quickly.”

Following the announcement of the results, many of the senior students were disappointed and upset with the choices made, and requested a re-vote to the class sponsor, science teacher Michelle Barnet.

“There will definitely not be a re-vote, and that is that,” Barnet said.

After Barnet refused the re-vote, valedictorian of the senior class Brendan Keane created a petition against the results of the voting.

“No one took the voting seriously because they weren’t informed about what was happening,” Keane said. “Two hours after I made the petition, over half of the class had signed it, proving that the majority are not okay with the results.”

In the class meeting where the voting took place, many seniors think it should have been run differently. The meeting was held by new co-sponsor Brenda Huvar on the day of the regional cross country meet, an event that both the class president and vice president competed in, which prevented them from attending the voting. Barnet also was not able to attend the meeting.

“The president and vice president are supposed to run the meeting,” Vice President Mercy Yermo said. “Both (President) Seva and I had to attend the regional meet, so the voting should have been held the next day. These results are embarrassing to our class, and more people than just me believe that.”

These four things chosen will be used to represent the class of 2016 at multiple events like senior night, the baccalaureate, and most importantly, graduation. Many seniors admit to being irresponsible while voting, saying they didn’t realize how much of an effect these choices had on their class because it was never explained to them. A small detail such as a fake bluebonnet instead of a real one was an issue that need to be discussed, but was not.

Students argue that if things like this had been explained to everyone at the beginning of the meeting, that if the class president, vice president, and head sponsor had been there, the results would have been different.

Keane plans to give the petition to Principal Sergio Menchaca once it reaches 115 signatures, and fight for a re-vote on behalf of the senior class.

“We have 83 signatures currently and I am confident we can reach 115,” Keane said. “I don’t support a graduation where the majority of the class isn’t happy with what is supposed to represent us, and I am prepared to not give my valedictorian speech if that is what it takes to gain a re-vote.”