

LIGHT AND ignite

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For the community, it's a parade and bonfire. For students and alumni, it's the annual Burning of the 'B'.



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FINAL LIGHT

Hand in hand, seniors Nick Yanez and Faith Lightbourn take in their final burning of the 'B'. "I hold the event very close," he said. "It has been very important. Every year it feels like a big party for the community. I don't know when, but after I graduate I definitely want to come back." He has been front and center since his freshman year.

Trying something new, the technology club attempted to put a modern spin on the burning of the 'B.' This time around, an electronically lit 'B' would be displayed while synced to music from the band. Made from a previous year's B, tech club members were ready to put on a show, but they would run across some problems.

"Going into the night we were all really excited," junior Isaias Leos said. "It was something that hadn't been done in a while and we were trying to bring it back. After it didn't work, it felt awful. On top of that, I heard someone say 'let's just go to the burning B because no one cares about this one.' It really hurt hearing that because we worked for about a month on it."

For senior Naomi Aguirre, the only problem of the night was that it would be her last.

"It was definitely an unforgettable experience," Aguirre said. "I can honestly say that I saved the best for last. There was a great atmosphere and I was able to be on two different floats in the parade. From beginning to end, I was excited. It was something I'll never forget."

TAKING CHARGE

"Titanium" by David Guetta blasts throughout the stadium as sophomore Nicole Duarte leads her team. "Sometimes when the other girls need help, I have to take a leadership role," Duarte said. This was Nicole's second year on the varsity squad.



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CENTER STAGE

Confident in her moves, senior Amici member Diana Ontiveros dances in front of the crowd, which included parents and students from the feeder pattern schools.



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ROYAL TREATMENT

Surprised, senior Aaron Ponce and Jocelyn Aguilar share a laugh. "I didn't expect to win," Ponce said. "I was kind of shocked that I got king."



Juan Grimaldo

BACK IN BLACK

Patently waiting, senior Brenda Pinon and the Mare-ettes don their new uniforms. "We were waiting for homecoming to wear them," Pinon said. "These were my personal favorite." The Mare-ettes have six uniforms to choose from.

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COMEBACK 'KID'
Outstanding Ex Javier Loya shares his campus experiences as well as his siblings' success since graduating from the campus. Loya graduated in 1987 and is president of Choice Energy. He is also part owner of the Houston Texans.



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FALLEN FLAMES

Senior technology students Alejandro Nunez and Ivan Olivera rush to extinguish a fallen B, while crosswinds create a flurry of sparks and debris. The B's metal frame measured 20 feet tall. The B, wrapped with 45 burlap bags and eight 50-gallon trash bags filled with pine cone needles, were used to make it flammable. (photo by annabeth burgess)