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Teen mom steps up to the plate

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Senior Lanae Andrade, the varsity softball team's second baseman and right fielder, is more than just an ordinary Husky. She is a student, athlete and mother to an eight and half month old baby boy, Peyton. Many teen mothers seek other options rather than going back to high school after having a child, but Andrade is not only dedicated to graduating with her high school diploma but also working hard to get in the starting line up for her softball games.

Andrade has played softball for about four years. A friend first introduced her to the sport and since then she has taken it to the next level. It is hard for a high school student to balance both school work and sports, but raising a child, especially at a young age, can be incredibly stressful.

"Softball helps me stay sane with all the stress and responsibility that comes with being a young mom" Andrade said.

Andrade receives a lot of support from both sides of the family. Her father and uncle, both Washington softball team coaches, help Andrade grow both off and on the field.

"It's difficult [balancing school and raising a child], but in every situation I do my best to put my son and his needs first because he pushes me to stay dedicated and become successful for him," Andrade said.



Students claw for hamburgers at the lunch rally Feb. 23. ASB basketball athletes who made North Coast Section (NCS) finals.

Photo by JIMMY YOUNG

BBQ 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 Songponnophachon 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 so they would have enough time to clean up, not because there was a lack of food.

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Event provides double hours

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Interact Club is preparing for its annual Elegant Affairs Community Event to be hosted Feb. 12. Unlike other community service events, this event offers the volunteers double hours. The volunteers will be completing only six and a half hours from 5:00 to 11:30 p.m., but they will be awarded 13 hours.

"We will be helping out with various tasks during the dinner. This event is a little dressier than some of other events: black pants for males and black dresses for females are required," senior Interact president Angela Chu said.

Furthermore, the volunteers at Elegant Affairs will get free food.

"Usually, the event coordinators are extremely generous, and we get pizza and desserts, which the cooks prepare at the place. So, it's bound to be good," Chu said.

Freshmen are especially looking forward to volunteering at Elegant Affairs for their first time.

"My friends and I are already planning on carpooling to the event, and what we are going to wear," freshman Homaira Anwari said. "I have volunteered in a few places before, but we never got double hours. I think [the double hours] is the greatest motivation to attend."

Previous volunteers said that the challenge definitely comes with being able to stay up that late at the event.

ASB raises money for new marquee

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ASB is selling Christmas trees to generate money to buy a color marquee. Activities director Helen Paris found out about this idea when she went to a leadership conference. The long-term goal is to have a color marquee installed within four years. With a color marquee, ASB would have the opportunity to display ads and pictures; now the marquee can only display word messages.

"It will let us do so much more than what we can do now," ASB president Seth Neumann said.

Leadership students have spent the month of October spreading the word through posters and the daily bulletin.

It has potential to make a lot of money which will benefit students.

Seth Neumann

"Everyone we've talked to seems really interested," Neumann said.

Students have to order the trees by Nov. 18. The different types

of trees include Douglas, Noble and Grand ranging in price from \$40 to \$85. ASB is also selling wreaths and garlands. The trees are from Oregon and will be cut 48 hours before delivery. Students will be able to pick them up Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the senior parking lot.

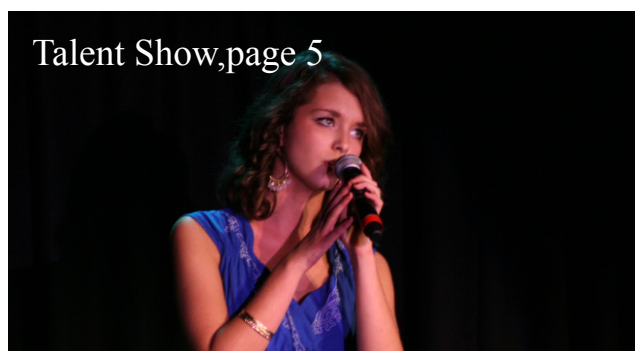
Even though not everyone celebrates Christmas, Neumann believes this an appropriate fundraiser "because it has a potential to make a lot of money which will benefit students."

ASB does not have any other fundraisers planned at the moment for the marquee.



Photo by KAYLIE MIU

Juniors Ryan Quejado and Justin Woo deliver a Christmas tree to someone's car Dec. 6. ASB raised about \$2500 selling Christmas tree for a new marquee.



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