

Da Press

Who are you really electing?

Long Pham

By Sara Nadenicek

The spring 2012 presidential elect Long Phi Lam Pham, a self-proclaimed Pokémon Master, answered a few question about the upcoming election.

Though he was very descriptive in his answers about the improvements he would make if elected, he was more than cryptic about his personal life. We asked him if he was involved in sports, extracurricular activities and hobbies. His response to all was a plain "Yes, I am involved."

When asked how he will fulfill the points described in his platform, Pham stated that he will "use the voice of intelligence to govern the less fortunate." But when asked what set him apart from the other candidates, he said he was "bi-winning." This was a statement used by Charlie Sheen meaning- winning in the ultimate level.

Pham also promises to "allow for greater opportunities," if he is elected.

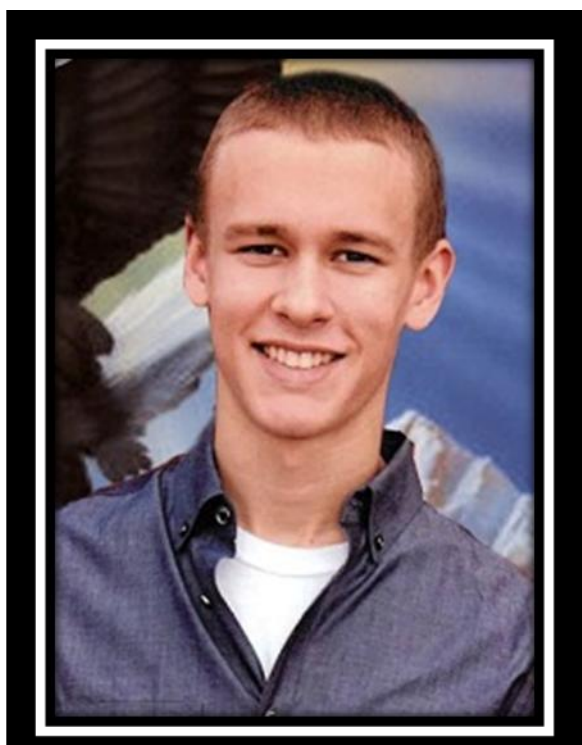


Austin Weisenbach

By Levi Vanderweide

After reading the questionnaire we gave Austin, it is apparent that he does not know how to follow directions. We asked Austin to answer in complete sentences, and of course he answered with one word statements. Austin says he is in sports but doesn't say which ones, if any. Austin is also in extracurricular activities and has hobbies, but didn't list any.

Austin does have job experience though, he works at Eastway Bowl. He seems to save his money very well because he only owns a Pontiac and he shops at Savers. Lastly, Austin must be very busy because for half the questions in the interview he wrote "see my platform."



Nate Boscaljon

By Brooke Merry

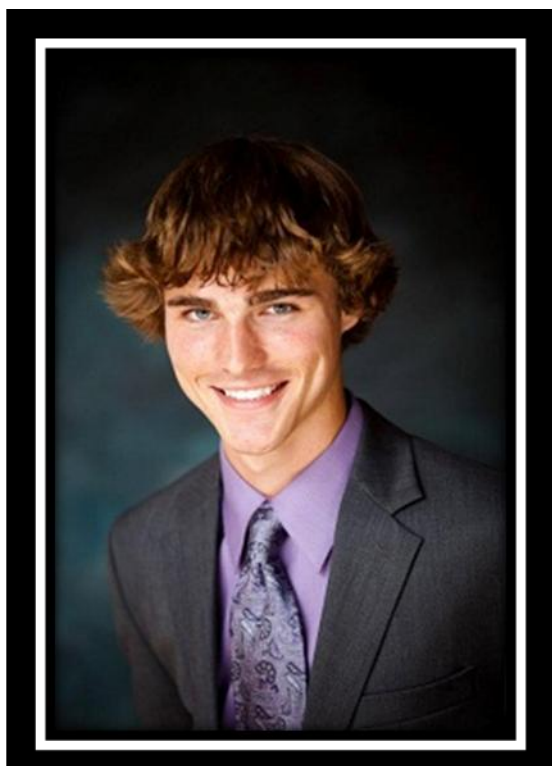
Nate Boscaljon is a very dedicated student here at BVHS. He is involved in football, track, band, and chorus. Being in these activities he has learned the importance of leadership and knowing how to be a good role model. Some of his favorite hobbies are to breed fish, play the piano, drum, and go long boarding, like every average high school student. Nate has a job at Tailgaters that he enjoys and learns the importance of working hard. Petsmart being his favorite store helps others to see that he has a loving heart for all animals. His plans after high school are to go to South Dakota School of Mines. If he is elected President, Nate would try to accomplish everything on his platform. Some of the changes on his platform are to add a men's volleyball team, Zumba dance class, and use cell phones during lunch and in between classes. He will accomplish these goals persistently and powerfully. What sets Nate apart from the other candidates is that he is loud, convincing, and let's face it, he is just awesome! His improvements to the school will be for the people's needs.



Elliot Blue

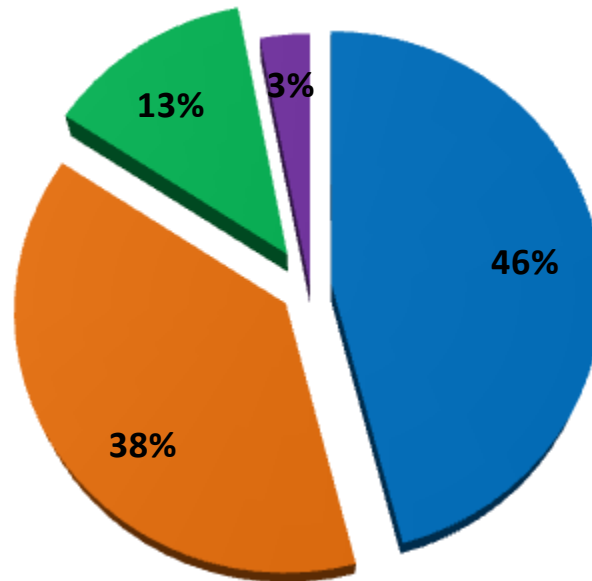
By Paul

I had the opportunity to question Elliot about his future and his background. He has been enrolled in the Brandon Valley School District for all of his 12 educated years. Filling up his free time with sports and extracurricular activities, Mr. Blue cruises around Brandon in his Mini Cooper. One place he doesn't cruise is to his job since he doesn't have one. Let me ask you this BVHS, if Elliot does not have a job, how can we trust him being president of our country?! He does have a future attending a 4 year college, given he graduates from high school. Maybe he could work at his favorite store, the Great Outdoor Store, located in Sioux Falls. He is planning on making BVHS the "most wonderful school EVER" by giving the students what they need and want. He is set apart from other candidates by saying he can "actually accomplish his goal." No explanation was given on how he would accomplish these goals.



Political Poll

■ Elliot ■ Nate ■ Long ■ Austin



**Election Day is
Wednesday March 28!!
Voting will be held in
your designated TEAM**

Highly Questionable

By Levi Vanderweide

All of the candidates have very good stances for the most part; but I choose to write about the stances that caused me top cringe when I read them.

First, Austin says if he was president he will build an expensive parking ramp with solar panels on the roof. This is an awful idea because it would be very expensive and put us even deeper into debt. Second, Elliott wants to put in a petting zoo if elected as president. This would cause big problems with students that have allergies. Thirdly, Long says he would allow students to use their phones during all times except during lectures. This confuses me because I believe he is saying students can use their phones during tests which would have huge drawbacks for obvious reasons. Lastly, Nate will make P.E. an elective instead of mandatory. As we know citizens of America are not getting any thinner so cutting gym class would not be a help to that cause.

Like I said, all the candidates have valid points but also have outrages ideas too. I just wanted make sure the public eye sees them.



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