

"Be kind to unkind people. They need it the most,"

—Robin Williams

The Shining and Fabled AHS Rowdy Crowd



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Throughout our high school there's not many opportunities for our students to really have fun all while supporting our fellow students, besides the Rowdy Crowd.

At our sports games there's a specific vibe that's given in the Rowdy Crowd. There's nothing else like being around all of your friends and cheering for your fellow sports team.

It's unique and really different from any other environment given anywhere else. Our Rowdy Crowd definitely knows how to have a good time compared to any other team or school in the valley.

During recent basketball games at the high school is the rowdiness has really gotten at it's definite peak. Especially considering the basketball game with valley rival, Centauri.

Staff tried to prepare for the Centauri game by calling certain students in to the office to warn them of the consequences of going too hard in the Rowdy Crowd. Although it kept every-

one in the Rowdy Crowd, everyone went their absolute hardest while they were there.

Staff was worried about our Rowdy Crowd getting involved with the handshakes going on between Centauri and Alamosa given the valley rivalry. To their amusement, nothing happened, but right as the handshakes were over, the Rowdy Crowd stormed the court and the players, and it's the hardest the Rowdy Crowd has went in years.

After taking down the undefeated valley rival, Centauri, there's no question as to why the Rowdy Crowd went as hard as they did.

There were multiple different moshpits after the game. Alamosa students have made moshpits before, and it will probably happen again. Moshpits are where our students participate in a certain type of dancing where participants push or slam into each other. It is intended to be energetic and full of body contact.

Moshpits have become a part of Rowdy Crowd culture, given the moshpits during volleyball season, and the massive moshpit the day all of AHS par-

ticipated in recording a lip-sync type video. It's pretty certain that moshing has come and is here to stay for a while.

There's something different about this year's Rowdy Crowd and a lot of the participants can agree. "Yeah, the Rowdy Crowd is definitely one of the most fun parts of being in High School. Especially Alamosa's Rowdy Crowd. I don't think anyone could really understand

unless they watch with intention or if they're actually part of it." Says Roman Salinas.

The amount of noise that is made from the Rowdy Crowd actually makes the players do better. They believe they have to win for the people supporting them as well as themselves. "I feel like I play better when I hear the Rowdy Crowd cheering for us. And that's just the way home games are." Says Isaiah Harrell.

With Basketball season coming to an end soon, there will hardly be any more opportunities for our Rowdy Crowd to shine, unless our basketball team hosts for regionals.

After that, AHS students will have to wait until next year to continue the celebration of culture. Regardless, the students of the Rowdy Crowd can not wait to participate in the next large home event.



Photo by: Andi Colson

ROWDY CROWD — Here's a picture of the Rowdy Crowd on the night of the Centauri game, as you can see everyone has happy and excited faces on.

Flu Season Takes Over



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We are now entering some of the harshest months in Alamosa Colorado. The wind is picking up little by little each day as signs of Spring are showing. However the cold is still present in all of our lives.

February brings the harshest times in the valley. Not only because of the cold weather and wind but also brings the dreaded flu. Many people in AHS become sick during this time of year.

With over 600 people in school once a person becomes ill it spreads like wildfire. This is obviously problematic for students and teachers. For when this happens students are forced to stay home to prevent getting others sick as well. This also leads to teachers having to attempt to get their students caught up.

Some people argue that a student should go to school no matter the situation. However the common flu is highly contagious and severely deteriorates a

persons stamina and motivation. This could even leave students incapable of coming to school for days upon weeks.

Junior Sarah Toney became sick and was out due to sickness for almost two weeks. It is important to stay caught up for school so I asked her what she did to not fall behind while under the weather. She says that "I emailed all of my teachers," and "got all of my homework before hand."

This is in fact a large part of keeping up in all of your classes. If you become sick it is important to let your superiors know that you might not be back for awhile. This lets them know that they need to provide you with the work that you missed.

However the main goal is to avoid any illness all together. This is the best way to stay caught up in school obviously. With so many people in a small area a person must stay clean to avoid germs.

Doctors say the best way to avoid the flu is to get vaccinated at the beginning of the year. Another tip is to wash your hands whenever you have

the chance. Drinking water and staying clean is a necessity to staying healthy during this time.

The flu season is a tough time in Alamosa Colorado. As a student body it is essential to do our best to stay healthy during these months. Many people have trouble with this as it becomes more difficult with sports and other indoor activities.

Local germophobe, Roman Salinas said that one way to keep from getting sick is to "Wash your hands frequently," and to "Not touch nasty stuff." Roman has been able to stay away from illness following these simple rules.

It seems to be an essential for everyone to follow these to avoid any chance of getting the flu or even the simple cold. Many people are able to agree that these are rough times in the year and it is important to stay healthy to get through them.

As Spring approaches, the only thing all the students of Alamosa can do is hold out from the flu for the little time it will hang around. Using the tips above from others it is possible to hold out and enjoy February.

Students Ready for Stadium Series



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Every year in the National Hockey League there is a "Stadium Series" game sponsored by *Coors Light* between two NHL teams. Last year it was held in Pittsburgh where the Pittsburgh Penguins lost to the Philadelphia Flyers by a score of four to three in overtime.

This year it returns to Colorado after a short four year break. In 2016, the Colorado Avalanche faced off against the Detroit Red Wings and lost by a score of five to three in front of a sold out crowd at Coors Field. The Avs look to redeem themselves of that loss against the Kings of Los Angeles.

This years Stadium Series was held on February 15th at 6 p.m. in the Air Force's Falcon stadium in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The last time the Colorado Avalanche played the L.A. Kings was on January 19th of 2019, which is over a year ago. They dominated and won the game by a score of seven to one.

Many students at Alamosa High School have been waiting

since 2016 for another "Stadium Series" to come to Colorado. This outdoor against the visiting Kings is a much anticipated game that should be very fun to watch.

When asked how excited they are for another chance to watch a Stadium Series, Logan Eagan replied, "I'm really excited. It's great for the players to get an experience to play outside. The only problem is the venue it's being played in, it feels like the fans are being taken away from watching the game, but other than that it's a real treat that it's back in Colorado."

The Colorado Avalanche are a huge contender this year for the Stanley Cup, but no matter how good or bad the Avs or the Kings are, they are sure to bring excitement and play a game you shouldn't miss.

Sadly for Avalanche fans the Los Angeles Kings seemed to be ready to play because the high offensive scoring Colorado Avalanche lost the game by a score of three to one.

This loss does not take away the Colorado Avalanche's support from their great fans and chances at being a truly great team for this 2020 playoff run.