



Voice of the Mean Moose
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The Alamosan is the official newspaper of Alamosa High School. A class full of aspiring journalists work hard interviewing various citizens of Alamosa as well as the valley as a whole in order to create a paper everyone can enjoy. The teacher of the class is Mr. Dionisio, but the class itself is student-run. Three head editors, James Northrup, Bailee Del Tondo, and Brooks Anderson, are in charge of coordinating deadline dates, and they make sure the paper is constructed properly and turned in on time.

The process of making a newspaper takes about a month per issue. For each issue, there are three deadlines that the writers must meet criteria for in order to get a passing grade in the class. For the first deadline, the story must have five paragraphs written, the story must be written in the correct font and font size, and general proofreading must be made.

For the second deadline, at least half of the story must be written. Grading is a lot stricter on deadline two. There can be bastards in the story, the byline must be placed, and the story cannot be bumping. A bastard is when there is a single fragment of a sentence at the beginning or end of a column and a new paragraph starts immediately after. Bumping is when a picture or column is interfering with a headline, margin, or other separate piece of the page.

Deadline three is the final deadline of a newspaper issue. The writer's story must be completed, all errors that were previously in the story must be corrected, the stories must be placed in their proper places in the final paper, all bastards and bumping must be resolved, and all articles must be re-read by

the author one final time before the paper can be submitted and published. Once the paper gets back from the printing press, the Alamosan then proceeds to distribute papers across the entire school.

Once all papers have been distributed, the class gets together and reads through the paper. Each student gives one compliment and one critique that they find within the paper. They do this to find the errors as well as strong points in the issue, and have something to improve on for the next. The Alamosan is always looking to improve.



Raygen Abeyta (above) designs and publishes every single centerfold within every issue.



The Alamosan crew poses for a team photo on the stairs. Together, they create the school paper that gets distributed at the end of every monthly issue. Following this picture, the team enjoyed boxes of donuts per custom of releasing a paper.