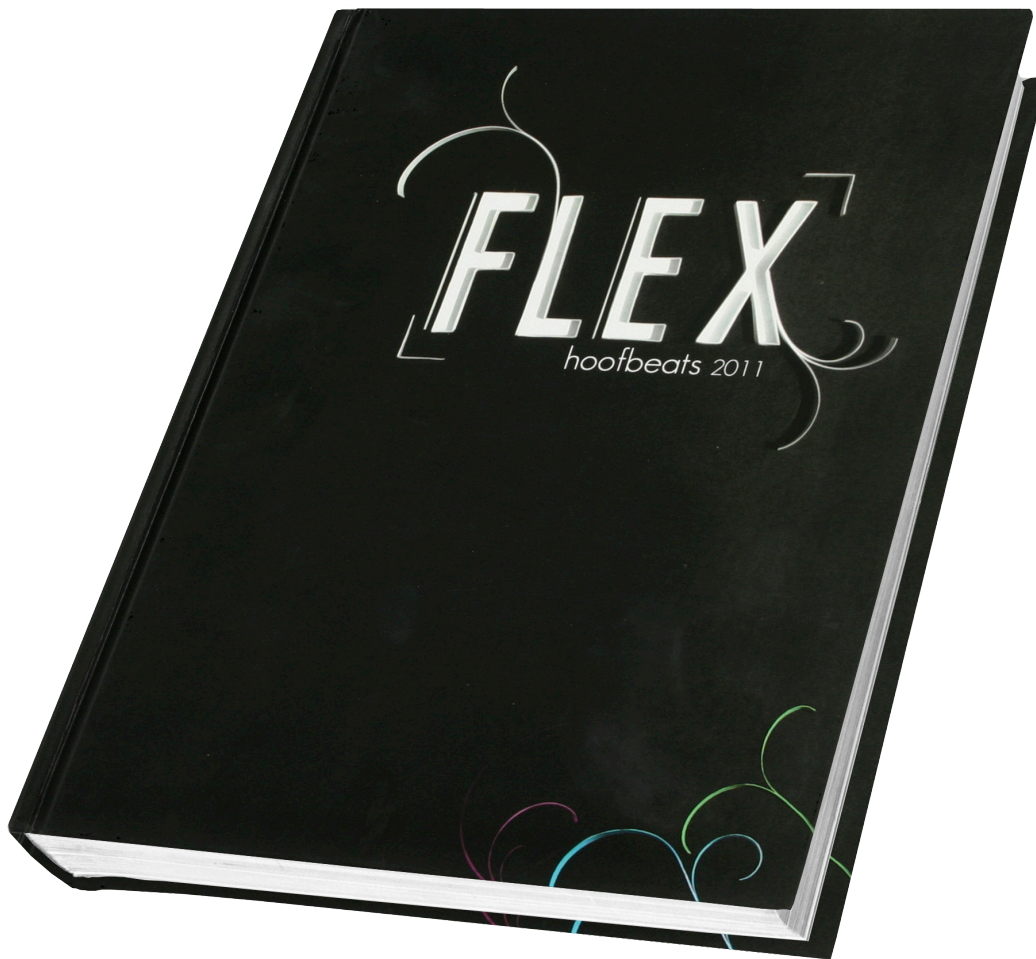


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In keeping with a general trend of black, simple books this year, the staff at Burges High School uses a hand-drawn approach of white lettering that spells out “FLEX,” along with a hint of wispy flourishes. Also popular has been sparse information on book covers, which practically guarantees a “tsk, tsk” from yearbook purists. But this simplicity also is elegant and understated, and it works for Burges.

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ADAPT - ON THE MENU Juicy burgers and hot dogs fill the grill as senior Jesse Zambardo cooks up a fatigue meal. Students and teachers meet by the grill every home football game to celebrate before the Mustangs look to the field.

GROW - REASON FOR WAITING Pink ribbons and top reading, in memory of, cover the surface of senior Alexandria Vasquez and Victor Trujillo's table for the campus Breast Cancer Walk. Each tag included the name of those who survived or those who passed away from the disease.

BEND - FITNESS BY INCHES Instead of attending morning classes, junior Kristian Pina, along with the rest of the student body, test their physical ability for the annual fitness gram. In addition to running or walking a mile, students had their flexibility tested.

STRETCH - INJURY FREE Checking out the competition, junior Samantha Flores stretches before a home game. All athletes are encouraged to stretch to avoid major injuries.

CHANGE - SHAKE IT UP Line dancing across the gym floor, teachers Maria Guadalupe and Inna Acosta decide it's time to spin up a new rally. "We wanted to jazz up the crowd," Guadalupe said. "We found Azules Was, Escalof, Choceros and I were just grooving off and dancing to the music to get people excited."

senior jesse zambardo
seniors victor trujillo & alexandria vasquez
junior kristian pina
junior samantha flores
maria guadalupe & inna acosta

Wisps become a little heavier, and draw from the most popular colors for this year's books: purple, blue, green and earthy gold. Within and beside each flourish is an action word that spins off of "flex": Adapt (student life), Grow (portraits), Stretch (sports), Bend (academics & clubs) and Change (ads & index). These words also become lead-ins for five captions on the left, which explain five horizontal, overlapping black-and-white pictures that are the dominant visual element.

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Burges long has had a reputation for balancing creative use of white space with very structured grid design. The title page reflects this, using black as “white” space, a simple flourish graphic and a grouping of three pictures with three- to four-sentence captions.

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FACE IT

Most of us hate change. This year, we were hit with it all at once. So, what could we do, complain? Break the rules? Yeah, right. We'd rather not get detention for not wearing our IDs or go to Saturday school for missing class or blowing off homework. We're teenagers. Who knew we'd be pulled in so many different directions? Wasn't high school supposed to be fun? How could we manage it all anyway?

Adapt.
Grow.
Bend.
Stretch.
Change.

Whether we realize it, that's what we've always done. That's how we've come so far.
From learning how to ride a bike to driving a car.
Getting those dreaded braces to having a million dollar smile.
Giving up free time to practice and winning the district championship.
Fighting with your best friend.
Losing a pet.
Maybe change is good. Maybe it isn't.
Maybe it's worth it.
So get used to it.
It's what high school is about.
It's what life is about.
Sometimes broken, and broken hearts are all part of the process, but change has made us who we are. There's no denying we had to flex to get through the chaos of high school.
Now what?
Sit back, turn the pages, and see how far we've come.

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Though coaching the freshman in a practice game, Coach Angelo wishes to be his personal best in the 500. "When I lose I feel like a failure, nothing is everything," he said. "Even though I own the title, I wasn't proud of myself because I was hoping for a better time. It made me feel like I wasn't fully ready for the season." Angelo finished in 4:42.

Without dwelling too much on how Burges has capitalized on trends, the black-and-white simplicity of all elements on this spread complements the simple elegance of the theme and frames the book in an elegant — yet powerful — way. “Face it,” reads the headline, followed by, “Most of us hate change. This year we were hit with it all at once.” Short sentences give the copy a plucky, staccato rhythm.

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BEND

You don't understand why adults can't believe that a teenager like you can actually be stressed. On top of classes, you have a meeting to attend and not to mention, all of the high school drama you'd rather forget. You end up wishing you had more time in the day.

"I work from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. sometimes. Then I have to go to school the next day, plus do homework. I always have to **rush** everything and don't get to do things I want to do anymore, like see my family. Between school and work, I never have enough time, and now I'm always tired, but I **manage**."

-junior Eliseo Renteria

We bend our routine to make necessary adjustments. You have to cancel plans with friends to practice the musical piece for tomorrow's contest. There's no way of getting out of TAKS tutoring, and Saturday school doesn't sound appealing at all. However, change isn't all bad. When used wisely, the new daily advisory period is a grade saver. And the new rule allowing you locker privileges between classes is a back saver. Deep down, you know giving in a little now pays off later. You'll have to make sacrifices later on in life too, so might as well get used to it now.

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STYLING: JESSICA... Sounds of... members... routine across the gym... Mariana... and senior... Miley... along with... dance to... 'Good... to... Christmas... during the... holiday... program... 'It was... a... connecting... Mariana... said... 'The... most... difficult... thing... was... flexibility... to... see... how... to... communicate... with... each... other... Eventually... with... each... practice... we... gained... more... flexibility... to... bend... further...'. Areas... spent... four... weeks... learning... all... of... the... details... for... the... program...

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Because regular spreads in each section are almost exclusively in full color, the stark white, reverse-type on black provides a clear visual contrast. These section dividers rely on simple, uncluttered phrases to compliment simple design. Quotes from students support and explain the one-word theme spinoffs. On this page, it's "Bend."

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DISTRICT FINISH
2nd Girls
3rd Boys

REGIONAL FINISH
1st Girls
5th Boys

teams find their footing

by Leslie Ross

A rocky start and miles of doubt entered the minds of runners. If they couldn't attract enough athletes, a trip to regionals was out of the question.

The last 100 yards of the 3.1 mile race were brutal. The weather was perfect, but waking up late forced her to rush to the meet. Junior Kristian Alegado wasn't in the right state of mind. The wrong breakfast and the actual running caused her to continuously throw up. It was a bad morning and a bad race, but he knew he had to cross the finish line. The team needed his points to stay in contention for district and make it to regionals. He knew the preparation wasn't completely there, but was confident in the team.

"We had four on varsity and only seven on the entire team," Alegado said. "Everybody knew they had to step up, but other teammates were forced to make up for others' setbacks. Most of the season, we didn't practice as a team, but we knew we would have to put the pieces together when it mattered most at district."

Small numbers not only affected the make-up of the team, but a lack of athletes strained its unity and mental game. However, once the team put it together, a third place finish at district earned a trip to regionals, where the boys finished fifth.

"It's hard to get athletes to want to join," junior Daniel Tarango said. "Cross country is hard because it's a distance. People don't like running for a long time and it can be painful if you really go at it. Your stomach and chest burn and your body feels heavy, you just want to stop. That's when your mental strength comes in. I started off real bad. I wasn't mentally prepared. Just thinking I had to run three miles made me tired."

The girls' season was much like that of the boys. The girls struggled with the same problem, a shortage of runners for a full team. They, too, practiced with the mind-set of competing for personal bests, not as a team.

"With only five girls, there was a lot of pressure to do well at every meet," senior Alexandra Gonzalez said. "When it came to district, we knew that every girl had to do extremely well to get the points. At practice we wouldn't let anyone slow down. We pushed one another whenever we were running by each other at meets. We were so proud to finish second at district. It has been eight years since a campus girls' team has made it to regionals. Usually, the boys have a strong team, but this year, the girls did too."



ONE MILE LEFT While knowing his strategic approach is hard, junior Christopher Martinez gains ground on his opponents during the Skyline Invitational. "This was my first year in cross country," Martinez said. "It was something totally different than what I expected. It's not only about running, but getting a good position and keeping it."

THROUGH THE RACES Thoughts about what could go wrong cloud sophomore Manuel Chir's head, but his coach's words have more of an impact. "He always told us that if it's crucial to run when you're hurting," Chir said. "He put us through a lot of practice, which only helped to build a stronger mental frame. It taught us to forget about the pain and go with the zone."

DISTRICT BOUND Jesse Sanchez and a clear head, senior Brad Sanchez focuses on passing girls one by one at the Coronado meet. "Although I was hurting, it was hard to know it was only temporary," Sanchez said. "I had to finish the race as best as I could. Even though every workout and every race was just preparation for district, they were all just as important." Sanchez finished sixth in district.

AGAINST DOCTOR'S ORDERS Exhausted and in pain, senior All Chahade relies on the poles to help her walk after her cross-country finish line. "Despite what the doctor told me, I decided to run," Chahade said. "It was my senior year, but my knee or not, my goal was still to run. I wasn't going to let an injury take that away from me." Chahade placed fifth at district and continued to regionals with her team, which placed fifth in Lubbock.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENT Senior All Chahade leads the pack during a walk after her cross-country finish line. "Since my freshman year, we've never had a complete team," Chir said. "My ultimate goal was to advance to regionals as an individual and as a team, and this year we accomplished that."




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This cross country spread is an example of solid design and a great display of varied photography. Especially noteworthy are the dominant and the corner images on the right page, both shot from a worm's-eye view.

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About our theme...

Since this year, we know our theme had to be about change. A new principal, classes, means change. As always, we wanted our theme to be unique, and "I'm embodied everything. When we started the theme with some of the student body, the immediate reaction was a chuckle. We know what some were thinking, but being doesn't only mean showing off one's muscles, look it up in the dictionary or a thesaurus, and you'll find that it actually means to stretch and bend. Our theme embodied what we did to adapt to change, because for our school, it's not easy to deal with. Deciding how to carry it out visually was easy, until we decided to change the entire concept. Finally, we wanted to offer our fans by bending and stretching the letters, but then, we got inspired by Yika Boudrias, who uses the art of paper folding to enhance graphic design. Our new approach was to show bending, stretching, and being using paper letters and "twists".

To do this, we cut out 144 inch strips of thick paper and then curled and bent them differently each time. Before we did, we each paper cut a unique. Theme headlines are made from paper as well. A table lamp was used to make shadows. We love it because the concept is different and fits our theme perfectly. It also reflects the love that was put into this book.

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A school year filled with changes. We've come a long way. Some changes were easier to get used to than others.

Adapt.
Grow.
Bend.
Stretch.
Change.

In February, below freezing temperatures and snow forced a four-day closure of school. Students were happy until they learned they would make up for missed time by spending an extra half hour a day for two weeks in school.

Midway through the year, the district was forced to flex its budget muscle, cutting millions of dollars, by letting go of 116 personnel, from teachers to aides. Four campus leaders learned they would not be coming back.

In March, change came in what is hoped to be a tradition with the campus: first ever Mustang Derby.

You've become more flexible along the way.

It's why you can handle so much more than you used to.

You've learned that stretching the truth doesn't always work.

You understand that bending the rules can lead to trouble.

You've learned that it's time to grow up.

You've learned that adapting to change is possible.

Sometimes, you hated change.

Other times, it wasn't so bad.

You know, because you've changed.

And, you made it through.

SCENE 9 CUES With three seconds left in the game, sophomore wide receiver Aaron James and senior guard Aaron Gray combine to score victory over Jefferson High School. "I didn't believe they scored the field goal," James said. "As soon as the game ended, I ran off the field and jumped on his shoulder. We were behind for much of the game so we were really motivated to do whatever it took to win. The sense of no regret, because we worked really hard to win."