

**MOCK TRIAL**  
Mock Trial team prepares for competition  
⇒ NEWS, page 7



**KNEELING VERSUS STANDING**  
Two writers discuss peaceful protest during the national anthem  
⇒ OPINION, page 3

**KISS THE PIG**  
Student government creates Thanksgiving baskets for Boone families  
⇒ NEWS, page 6



# highlights for students, by students

Volume 65 \* Issue 1 William R. Boone High School \* 1000 E. Kaley St. \* Orlando, FL 32806 Friday, November 3, 2017 \* boonepubs.com

## Houston shifts from Eagle to Brave

Teacher reflects on his experience at Edgewater High School

By KYLA MCCRARY

Since 1952, Boone High School has played a rivalry football game against Edgewater High School. Richard Houston played in the rivalry games in his junior and senior years.

At this time, the symbolic barrel did not exist.

However, the cross town rivalry still held importance. Houston, economics teacher, began attending Edgewater in his junior year, and graduated in 1975.

While in high school, he was on the football and tennis teams, and was a member of the National Honor Society. His father coached football and his mother coached tennis, which prompted his involvement.

He began playing football at a young age and joined the team as a way to have a better chance of playing in college.

"[My favorite part was] the time spent with teammates, the hard work together trying to win for our school," Houston said.

In Houston's junior year, Boone proved victorious winning the game, 29-0. However, during his senior year, Edgewater won the barrel back defeating Boone, 36-24.

"It was a fun rivalry

game and it was great to compete under that pressure," Houston said.

After teaching at Dr. Phillips for 20 years, Houston moved to Boone to teach.

Along with teaching, Houston coaches the football team. He started as a varsity coach working specifically with the linebackers. He now coaches the freshman football team.

"The head coach verbalizes the importance and we work special plays that are specific to help us win," Houston said.

While this game holds no impact over a team's ability to make the district playoffs, meaning the game holds no negative impact if one loses. Yet for both teams, this game holds importance.

"The game is so intense, it's special for us despite being a non-district game," Houston said.

Houston works with his team in hopes of getting a rivalry win.

Despite attending Edgewater and previously teaching at Dr. Phillips, Houston sees Boone as his home school.

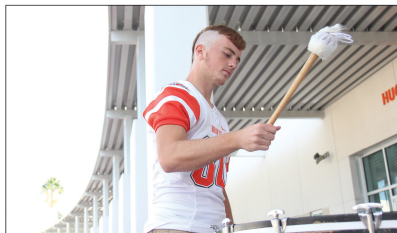
The tradition makes him proud, seeing students carry on what he once participated in.

"I am proud to have participated as a player and a coach. Some kids see me as an Eagle but I am a Boone Brave without a doubt," Houston said.



photo/LEXIE WATERS

PUT ME IN COACH. Richard Houston walks with the freshmen team after a win, 20-14, against Wekiva High School on Oct. 27.



photo/JACK RUMMLER

RHYTHMIC. Brent Sturno, class of 2017, hits the drum on the day of last year's rivalry game, a tradition among football seniors.

## Barrel rivalry ignites tradition

Festivities and traditions heighten with anticipation of the rivalry game

By JACK RUMMLER

As the rivalry game between Boone and Edgewater arrives, students

ignite their school spirit through traditions, which amplifies the heightening excitement for tonight's home game.

Likewise the student body, student organizations that are active during the football game have to prepare extensively for the

game. Preparation for the rivalry game also brings traditions.

"We usually give out small rubber chickens to all of the seniors as a keepsake for the game," band director Joshua Jackson said.

From band's rubber chicken to football

player's mohawks, several organizations practice their own rivalry rituals.

Turn to the special feature pages to read about Bravettes, student aids, band, cheer and football.

⇒ FEATURE, pages 4-5

### \*randomfact

When hippos are upset their sweat turns red.

### INDEX

life 2  
editorial 3  
special 4

news 6  
feature 7  
review 8

### GET INVOLVED

Check us out on facebook  
follow us on Twitter  
@boonepubs

### SEE AND HEAR MORE

go to boonepubs.com for photo galleries, soundslides featuring students and weekly sports' beats