

WINNER, WINNER chicken dinner

*Cheer and Band Support Raising Cane's New Opening
Spread by Harper Pardue*

Waking up at 2:30 a.m. for the grand opening of Cane's, Genevieve Casas¹¹ found herself in line, surrounded by five people ahead of her. The anticipation was palpable as they all had one thing in common: the hope of winning the coveted giveaway of free Cane's for an entire year. To her surprise, these eager early risers had arrived as early as 3 a.m., setting the stage for what would soon become a memorable experience. Among her group were her brother and his friend, who had joined her in the early morning hours to witness the opening of the popular fast-food chain. "Me and my brother wanted to go because we heard about how Cane's is known for giving out free stuff, we didn't think it was gonna be a raffle though," Casas shared, revealing the mix of excitement and uncertainty that filled the air.

While many others had also arrived hours before the official opening, the reality of the event seemed to be far from what Casas had initially expected. By 7:30 a.m., the line had grown substantially, with people from all ages joining in the excitement. "A lot of people showed up. I even saw the Bowie cheerleaders and band members, that performed for the grand opening," Casas said.

Casas' parents made sure to remind her that the giveaway was, in fact, a raffle and that not everyone would be so fortunate as to walk away with a prize. "We weren't guaranteed

anything, but we decided to stay anyway," Casas said. As the hours passed, Casas kept herself occupied by completing her homework, while her brother and his friend engaged in a game of football to pass the time. Then the moment of truth arrived—the raffle was about to begin. Casas placed her name in the drawing but was hardly expected to be chosen. The anticipation built as the names were slowly drawn one by one, with Casas' brother and father both hearing their names called. Resigned to the thought that she would not win, Casas had already accepted her fate, only for the final twist to surprise her. As the employees announced that there would be one last winner, her name was called.

"I didn't think I was going to get it since I was the last to be picked. They stopped drawing names and the employees said, 'Okay, we're going to draw one more,' and I got picked," Casas said. This would become an unforgettable moment for her. "I was in shock and I was very excited that I won free Cane's for a year."

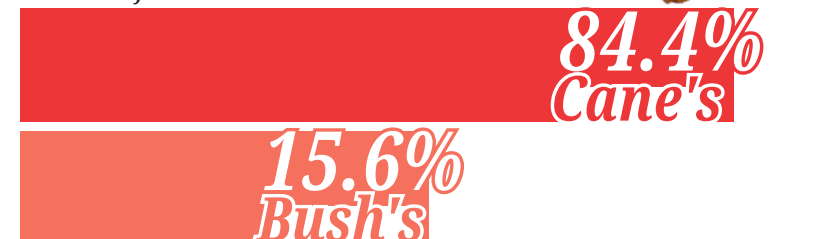
Check in hand, Devyn Sisk¹² smiles at the grand opening of the new Cane's restaurant, showing appreciation for one of their sponsors. Both cheer and band showed up to support and received a check as a token of gratitude. "It's important to have sponsors because it helps fund things like our competitions and makes our season a little bit easier financially," Sisk said. *Photo by Ryleigh Carrasco*



Cheering loud, Bailey Stehling¹³ holds her arms up for the tunnel at the grand opening of the new Cane's restaurant. Stehling is one of the seniors on the Leadership Team. "I really enjoyed supporting the Cane's opening with the leadership team," Stehling said. "It was a great way to show support and spirit for one of our sponsors." *Photo by Ryleigh Carrasco*



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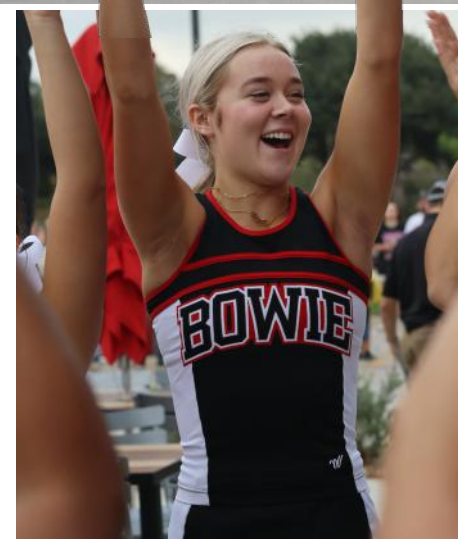
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Throwing her hands in the air, Baylie Wright¹¹ shows spirit at the Cane's opening. Wright helped come up with cheers specifically for the Cane's opening. "It was important because it showed our community around celebrating the Cane's opening. I thought it was fun to see how excited everyone was," Wright said. *Photo by Ryan Cruz*



Sticks held high, Mateo McCain¹² plays with the drum line to keep the energy up and show support for one of their sponsors. Rasing Cane's was one of the band sponsors for this school year. "Our whole support system starts with not only the parents, but also our sponsors," McCain said. *Photo by Ryan Cruz*

Drum major, Amelia Morvant¹² hypes up the drum line, helping bring energy to the performance. "It's important to show support to our sponsors because we owe a lot to them," Morvant said. "Band costs a lot of money to make the production that we run, so it is really helpful to have our community support us and we love to give back to those groups." *Photo by Ryan Cruz*

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