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The number of students riding on longboards across campus has increased over the past year. It’s means of convenient travel from point A to point B, a fun recreational activity and something that both young men and women can enjoy.

These types of boards are different from conventional skateboarding. But, the fun is the same.

Preston Foote, a sophomore, said, “I have been skateboarding since I was about 7 or 8, and I have only been longboarding for the past three or year. It’s a completely different style from riding a regular skateboard. The terrain and the flavor of tricks to skaters they catch in the air.

With these longboards, however, dog-riding is not an issue since the wheels never leave the pavement. Although there are, in fact, many types of bikes around school grounds as well, many people seem to pick the longboard over the plain board and even to the BMX bike.

Another plus to these types of boards is that they are not meant to leave the ground. No flips or tricks are allowed by campus police, and they stress the dangers of tricks to skaters they catch in the air.

Despite the agreement that bikes can go much faster, you can still go from Cypress to Oxendine in five minutes rather than the 15 minute walk.

Another reason long-boards are the new favorite is the convenience of being able to pick it up and easily carry it into class.

Also it’s much cheaper than a bike to begin with. Longboards can range from a variety of shapes and sizes, and everyone has their own style. Almost as if riding on a piece of art, the bottoms pictures on these boards can range anywhere from a surfer to abstract art to plain board and even to the Pabst Blue Ribbon logo.

“Anywhere there are smooth roads and no rocks, these skaters can be found gliding along to their destin- nations. They are having fun and feeling the wind on their faces as they do so.