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High school journalism advisers and others enjoy a brunch as students compete in the state contests. Advisers received awards and learned of KSPA activities while dining.

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Simply Better: KSPA 2006 state contest winners

From a total of 1,120 entries at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association State Contest May 6, 2006, the entries displayed here are ***simply the best.***

First place winners' entries are published in this 13th issue of *Simply Better* except for those in Broadcasting and Editing. At the 35th annual KSPA State Contest, 128 Kansas high schools participated in the journalism contests.

Students qualified for this contest by placing at one of six regional contests in February.

Students participated in 18 categories, and judges' comments for each of these categories are included.

BROADCASTING WINNERS:

1A/2A: McKenzie Grace & Schuyler Cootes, St. Francis Community; 3A/4A: Joanna Hamel & Emma Lehner, Chapman High School; 5A/6A: Jessica Mustain, Kyle Leverett & Alison Ward, Olathe South High.

EDITING WINNERS:

1A/2A: Jenna Grable, Troy High School; 3A/4A: Martha Mott, Louisburg High School; 5A/6A: Lauren Keith, Maize High School.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS:

2A: 1st--Chase County; 2nd--Hill City; 3rd--St Francis Community

3A: 1st--Norton Community; 2nd--Humboldt; 3rd--Silver Lake and Cherryvale (tie)

4A: 1st--Columbus Unified; 2nd--Andover Central; 3rd--Bonner Springs

5A: 1st--Bishop Carroll Catholic; 2nd--Kapaun Mt. Carmel; 3rd--Mill Valley

6A: 1st--Olathe South; 2nd--Shawnee Mission East; 3rd--Wichita East

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Hillary Mullin • 5A/6A •
Mill Valley High School

Research for weight room makes facility more suitable for athletes

Opinions about
midterms split
down the middle



TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION: **No Sweets for schools**

Callie Reber • 5A/6A •
McPherson High School

There is nothing sweet about the newly accepted task force on nutrition, as it has revealed that its first victim at SHS is candy.

The Midway Board of Education agreed with the task force's recommendations last Monday night and decided candy will no longer be sold during school hours. However, candy will continue to be available at after-school functions.

The task force on nutrition was created one year ago by Superintendent Don Ball. The district recognized its need for a healthier school environment and is hoping that the task force will accomplish this goal.

"We must be concerned for the overall general welfare of our students—including nutritional concerns," Harriett Schaffer, school board president, said.

While candy is the first to go, other changes are expected to occur within the next three years. In 2006, 50 percent of food must meet the nutritional standards set up by the task force. In 2006, 75 percent must meet the guidelines and 100 percent must meet the guidelines by 2008. So far this year, only 25 percent of offered foods are meeting the standards.

"This will be tough on all of us at first but in the long run it's the wise way to go," Bob Adler, director of cafeteria services, said.

Some may be concerned that eliminating candy will eliminate substantial profits. However, candy only accounts for 3 percent of the total a

la carte budget.

Currently, the district has been losing money on lunch sales annually. The three year average of \$3,291,988 in school meals costs is significantly higher than the generated income of \$2,679,062. The money lost is gained back through a la carte sales and the task force is adamant that the elimination of candy will not cause a large difference.

Besides eliminating candy, the task force suggested that the cafeteria withdraw the three-for-\$1 cookies sold during lunch. The cookies will remain but they cannot be sold with "volume-pricing incentives."

Many students believe that the task force is stepping on their individual rights.

"I'm glad I'm getting out of here so I can decide what goes in my mouth and what doesn't, rather than having some sixtyish person tell me what is good for me," Barry Williams, sr., said.

In addition to their recommendations, the task force will also be creating a School Wellness Committee, which will address both nutritional and physical activity issues.

The task force will continue to investigate which foods are not meeting deadlines and if they should be eliminated.

The SHS Student Council is not pleased with the task force's intrusion and is taking them up next week.

"This action by the School Board is ludicrous," Bob Metzger, Student Council President, said. "We will not agree to these recommendations lightly."

JUDGES'
comments

5A/6A

heads:

Excellent graphic head--right on the money--good word choice and great secondary headline.

Other heads fit space well and tight and direct. Overall, well done. Good verb use in #3.

5A/6A

news:

Good lead. Thorough. Could get the student reaction much higher in the story.

JUDGES' comments

1A/2A news:

Nice job, excellent lead.
Story is easy to read.
Factual errors hurt story.

1A/2A heads:

Graphic headline is very different. I like the use of spot red color, and words are concise and to the point. Overall, headlines are good, but try to avoid use of school name, and headlines should always be written in present tense.

No candy for schools

Bailey Gilbreath • 1A/2A •
Chase County High

Students are going to have to make some changes in their daily eating habits as the candy and other unhealthy food will no longer be provided in the school.

One year ago Superintendent Don Ball created a task-force on nutrition to draw up guidelines for schools within the district. This task-force was created at the request of the Midway Board of Education.

Last Monday night the board accepted the task force's recommendations. Under these new conditions there will no longer be candy sold in the schools during school hours. There have also been recommendations to abolish the three-for-\$1 cookies that are sold in the cafeteria. Cookies will still be available but they will not be sold with "volume-pricing incentives."

Another major change being called for is the creation of a School Wellness Committee to address nutritional and physical activity issues. This committee will also be developing, implementing, and evaluating new guidelines for a healthier school environment.

"We must be concerned for the overall general welfare of our students, including nutritional concerns," School Board President Harriet Schaffer said.

All of these changes will take place in

the next three years. This year only about 25 percent of foods offered meet the proposed nutritional guidelines. If everything goes as planned, 50 percent of food will meet the guidelines in 2006, and by 2008, 100 percent will meet the guidelines.

"This will be tough on all of us at first, but in the long run it's the wise way to go," director of cafeteria services Bob Adler said.

The profit made from the candy is not a very large amount so its elimination will not drastically affect the district financially. It will, however, affect the students, most of whom are upset with this proposal.

"I'm glad I'm getting out of here so I can decide what goes in my mouth and what doesn't, rather than having some 60ish person tell me what is good for me," senior Barry Williams said.

The recommendations from the task force will be taken up by the student council next week.

"This action by the School Board is ludicrous. We will not agree to these recommendations lightly," Student Council President Bob Metzger said.

Some of the effects of this proposal will be seen immediately, some will take a few years to be noticed. Either way students are going to find themselves eating healthier while they are at school.



Holly Miller • 1A/2A •
Hill City High School

Renovation of Roxbury's weight room complete; ready for reopening

Midterm necessity debated between students, faculty



Rhianna Patrinely • 3A/4A •
Holton High School

Roxbury designs weight room
to accomodate males and females

Students, teachers
question necessity
of midterm testing

Sweets not available except during after-school functions

Ashton Abbott • 3A/4A •
Columbus Unified High

New nutritional standards for Midway school have been set and the first thing to go is candy. Candy will no longer be sold during school hours, but will continue to be sold at after-school functions.

This decision and a few more that will take place within the next few years were recommended by the task force on nutrition. It was created by Superintendent Don Ball at the request of the Midway Board of Education.

"We must be concerned for the overall general welfare of our students—including nutritional concerns," said School Board President Harriet Schaffer.

The recommendations created by the task force were accepted by the Board of Education at last Monday's meeting.

"The action by the school board is ludicrous. We will not agree with these recommendations lightly," stated Student Council President Bob Metzger.

Since this year only 25 percent of foods offered meet the proposed nutritional guidelines. Changes will occur in the cafeteria and school store over the next three years. In 2006 50 percent of food must

meet the nutritional guidelines drawn by the task force, in 2007 75 percent and 2008 100 percent.

"This will be tough on all of us at first, but in the long run it's the wise way to go," said director of cafeteria services Bob Adler.

Another major change wanted by the task force is the creation of a School Wellness Committee to address nutritional and physical activity issues. It will also be developing, implementing and evaluating new guidelines for a healthier school environment.

"I'm glad I'm getting out of here so I can decide what goes in my mouth and what doesn't, rather than having some sixtyish person tell me what is good for me," said senior Barry Williams.

The task force ran an investigation in the school and during that time found that some healthy foods do not meet requirements due to serving size; and those that didn't meet the guidelines, such as candy were not making the schools much profit. Since candy lacks profits, its elimination will not drastically affect the district financially.

"The candy decision was made when the school board task force recommendations were accepted," stated Principal Julie Watson.

JUDGES'
comments

3A/4A

heads:

Nice, accurate, straight
forward headlines.

3A/4A

news:

Excellent.

Story is very well
organized and easy
to read.

Good quote placement.

Feature Photography



JUDGES' comments

Close-up Shot:

Very eye catching,
interesting to look at.
Details keep focus for a
while. Nice job.

Distance Shot:

Nice idea for distance
shot, good way to make it
interesting.
A little dark.



**Rebekah
Haemeister**
• 1A/2A •
Natoma High
School

Feature Photography

Katie Hund • 3A/4A • Pleasant Ridge High



Kathleen Sprouse • 5A/6A • Shawnee Mission East



JUDGES' *comments*

3A/4A :

Overall great job with the photos. Captured good emotion in close-up shot and got a great distance shot. Nice color and contrast in pictures.

5A/6A:

These are fantastic compositions and moments. The legs stickout out from under the car makes a great picture! Excellent technical work, dodging and burning. There isn't much difference in perspective between these pictures.

Feature Writing/Infographics

JUDGES' comments

1A/2A feature writing:

You have a good sense for the lead and story organization. You did, however, omit some important information.

1A/2A infographics:

Great layout and picture. Magnifying the information works well and is easy to read. The title does not need to be so large; it takes away from your overall graphic. Great work to present the information.

Sunflower secretary to retire this year

Jennifer Whisler • 1A/2A •
Burrton High School

After 38 years of service as Sunflower High's secretary, Beth Hill will retire.

Hill began her career at SHS fresh out of college and has been a big part of the school's history ever since.

Hill graduated from Sunflower High School in 1964 and earned an education degree at Central College in 1968. Hill received a teacher certificate, but chose to never use it.

"I never really wanted to go into teaching—it was just something out there for me," said Hill. "I had a lot more fun with the kids as a secretary than I ever could have had as a teacher."

During her time at SHS, she has seen many principals come and go. Hill worked for Bob Halter, her favorite, for nine years.

"I've liked all the principals I've worked for, but none were as wonderful and kind as Bob Halter," Hill said.

The Outstanding School Employee Award was presented to Hill on four different occasions. She is the only employee to have received this award more than twice.

"I will miss being in on the action," said Hill. "You know what they say is right—if you want to know what's going on at school, ask the secretary because she will always know."

Hill is active in her church and community.

She has never missed a football game in the past 24 years, which shows her dedication to SHS.

"You know when it's time to go, and it's now my time," Hill said.

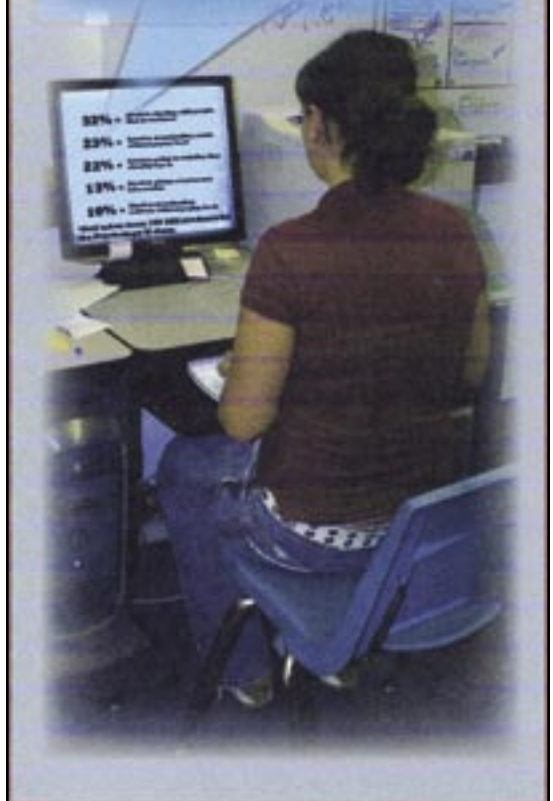
The current principal Ann Davies said, "She was full of fun and spirit. She was Sunflower High."

COMPILED COMPUTER CONCERNS

Students admit to debatable activities

- 32% = Admit to chatting with people they do not know
- 23% = Admit to downloading music without paying for it
- 22% = Admit to going to websites they shouldn't go to
- 13% = Admit to giving out personal information
- 10% = Admit to downloading software without paying for it

*Poll taken from 756 SHS students by the Psychology II class.



Emily Ross • 1A/2A •
Haviland High School

Office will feel empty when secretary retires

Lisa Brown • 3A/4A •
Andover Central High

The Sunflower High School office will feel a little empty next month when the secretary who has been posted behind the desk for the last 38 years retires.

Beth Hill, a Sunflower High graduate of 1964, was hired as a secretary after she graduated from Central College in 1968.

"I started working at SHS three days after I graduated from college. The secretary, Miss McQuiddy, had died and they needed an immediate replacement. I said I'd fill in and that was 38 years ago," Hill said.

Though she has a degree in education, Hill felt that her true calling was being the school secretary.

"I never really wanted to go into teaching—it was just something out there for me. I had a lot more fun with kids as a secretary than I ever could have as a teacher," Hill said of her decision to never move beyond the office desk.

In her time as secretary, Hill has served for 12 principals, and, though she enjoyed them all, Bob Halter left a lasting impression.

"(Halter) was so

genuine and caring," Hill said.

Hill has been honored with the Outstanding School Employee Award four times, in 1976, 1984, 1990 and 2004. These are a testament to Hill's importance. No other employee has ever been awarded it more than twice.

Hill's support for the school does not stop at the end of the school day. She is one of the Sailors'

biggest fans and has not missed a game in 24 years.

While she was diligently working as a secretary, Hill's life outside of SHS was rich and full.

She was married to Mike McLanahan, who passed away in 1988, and had four sons, all of whom became educators.

Hill is an active member of Midway's Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She also enjoys knitting and has

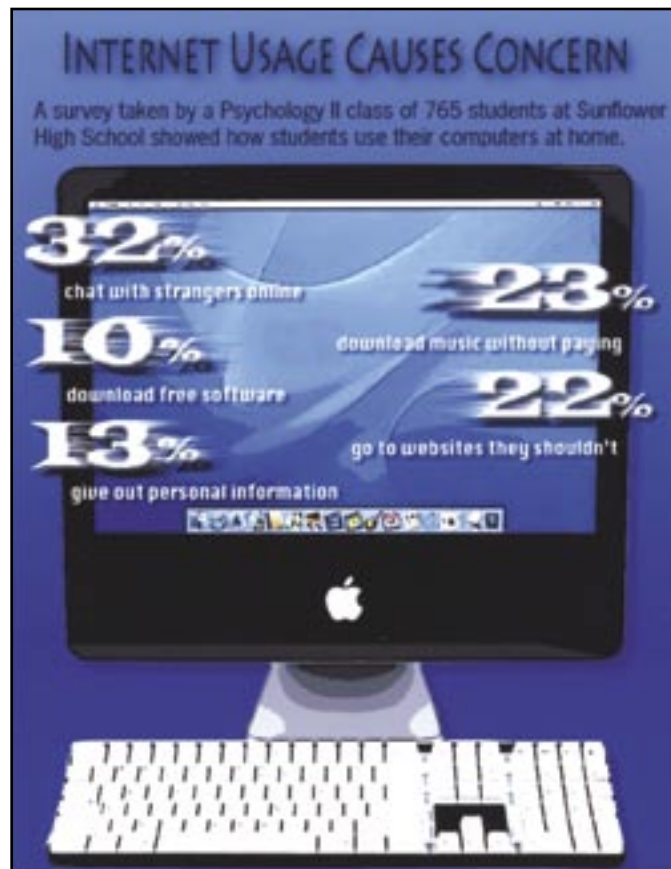
been named top knitter at the county fair seven years running.

She knows it is her time to leave the school, but Hill also knows she will miss it.

"The past 38 years have been good years. I have taken so much from SHS and all its people, I just hope someone will stand up at my funeral and say as much for me. God bless 'em all," Hill said.

Principal Ann Davies, who has worked alongside Hill for three years, knows replacing Hill will be difficult.

"She was full of fun and spirit. She was Sunflower High," Davies said.



Taylor Dietterich • 3A/4A •
Andover Central High

JUDGES' comments

3A/4A feature:

Good lead; good job overall.

3A/4A infographic:

Great picture and use of colors to clearly display the information.

The font stands out well.

Avoid editorializing.

JUDGES' comments

5A/6A feature writing:

Good lead--lots of information and readable. It draws me in immediately.

Good first quote.

Great organization--you have a natural sense for news writing.

5A/6A infographics:

Great layout--shows the needed information and images well without cluttering.

Colors of bar chart look good with simple black image and bold title.

Compliments the story's information well.

Secretary to retire after 38 years

Kylie Ankerholz • 5A/6A •
Washburn Rural High

Originally accepting the secretary position on a whim as a fill-in, Secretary Beth Hill retires next month, extending her full-time position to 38 years committed to SHS.

"I started working at SHS three days after I graduated from college," Hill said. "I said I'd fill in and that was 38 years ago."

During her stay at Sunflower High School Hill has worked for 12 different principals from former principal Max Lowe to current principal Ann Davies. She particularly cherishes the memory of working with former principal Bob Halter.

"I have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity of working with some of the nation's best educators," Hill said. "I've liked all the principals I've worked for but none was as wonderful and kind as Bob Halter. He was so genuine and caring."

Although Hill earned a degree in education from Central College and a master's degree in political science after graduating from SHS herself in 1964, she has always preferred the opportunities the secretary position bestows.

"I never really wanted to go into teaching—it was just something out there for me," Hill said. "I had a lot more fun with the kids as secretary than I ever could have had as a teacher."

Hill's love for the job paid off as she exits SHS boasting numerous recognitions. She has received the Outstanding School Employee Award four times, in 1979, 1984, 1990 and 2004, more than any other individual.

Away from school, Hill enjoys knitting, where she has been named top knitter at the county fair for seven consecutive years, and supporting the Sailors by attending every SHS football game for the past 24 years.

Hill also is mother to four sons, Mike, Billy, Bob and Bart, all of whom are currently teachers. Her late husband Mike McLanahan died due to a heart attack in 1988.

Hill gives a straightforward reason for her decision to retire.

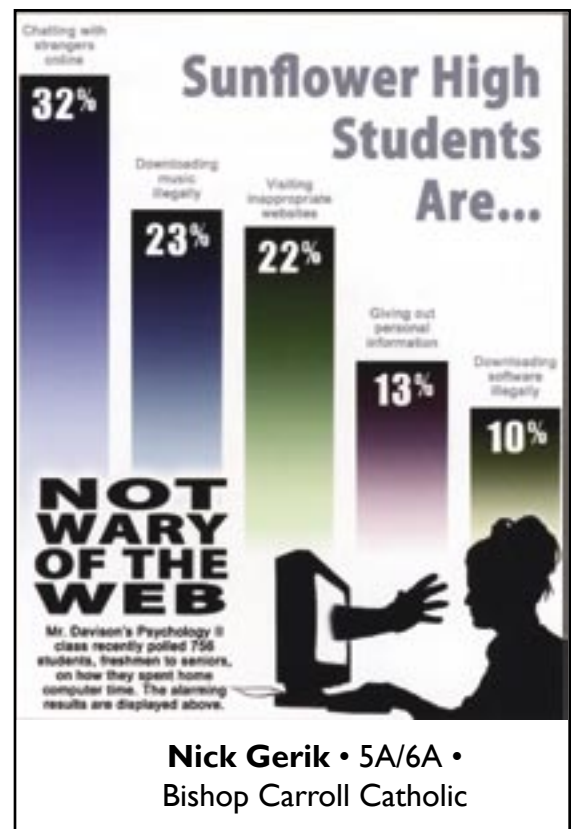
"You know when it's time to go and it's now my time," she said.

Even though it's her time, Hill admits to missing different aspects of the job, including knowing the inside scoop.

"I will miss being in on the action," Hill said. "You know what they say is right—if you want to know what's going on at the school, ask the secretary because she will always know."

As Hill retires, it will be difficult for SHS to replace her enthusiasm and spirit.

"She's one of those people you just cannot replace," Principal Davies said. "She was full of fun and spirit. She was Sunflower High."



Editorial Writing/Editorial Cartoon

**Lauren
Hale**
• 3A/4A •
Columbus
Unified High



JUDGES'
comments

**3A/4A
editorial
cartoon:**

Your cartoon demonstrated a clear editorial statement and evidence of artistic ability.

**3A/4A
editorial
writing:**

Overall, well written and well organized.

Good questions raised about budget issues.

More janitorial staff necessary

Kimber Wenzelburger • 3A/4A •
Girard High School

With the recent addition of a new school cafeteria and commons area, Sunflower High School faculty and students expected an increase in school morale and pride. However, with this increase in building size also came a decrease in workers to maintain it, leaving the custodial staff with raised eyebrows, wondering what will happen next.

SHS Superintendent Kathy Harrill said the school does not “have finances to do more hiring.” But if this is true, how did the school find the funds to increase the school’s square footage? And why didn’t the school consider that finances should also be available to hire and pay custodians to maintain this extra space? Even after the high school administration requested more than eight custodians, district officials dropped the number to six. How could this be possible?

Custodian Marty Callous predicts a strike within the next year, and Head Custodian

Mick Maloney says custodians “simply don’t have the personnel to keep this building maintained.”

In fact, the six custodians currently on staff are expected to deal with law enforcement in and outside of school, truancy, outside maintenance, and the upkeep of two floors and 45 classrooms. No wonder Maloney finds the situation to be “ridiculous.”

Cutting the school budget by 12 percent while increasing the school’s size by 25 percent simply wasn’t realistic. SHS officials need to rectify the situation quickly before custodians call it quits and leave the school in frustration.

“I’ve been here 28 years and have never seen morale this low,” Callous said. Shouldn’t this statement alone be enough to persuade district officials to listen? Without the custodial staff, SHS wouldn’t be able to function, and for those workers, faculty and students should wholeheartedly support the hiring of more janitorial staff members.

Student-janitor ratio changes

Ashley Dowgwillo • 1A/2A •
St. Francis Community

158.2:1. No, these are not the odds of winning tonight's Powerball, but the current student/janitor ratio. Furthermore, after a 25 percent increase of square footage at Sunflower High, there was a 25 percent decrease of the janitorial staff. These statistics do not appear to have the best odds.

One often hears about the large workload placed upon the nation's teachers, but one must also take a moment to reflect upon that placed on custodial staffs—especially at Sunflower High.

The staff that was once comprised of eight has been cut to a mere six. Between them the six must clean 32 classrooms, 45 offices, the cafeteria, the common area and the two gymnasiums. One janitor serves as a law enforcement official, parking lot official and deals with

truancy concerns. Yet again the math doesn't add up.

Conditions are in such a poor state that custodian Marty Callous even speculated at the possibility of a strike next year.

"I've been here 28 years and have never seen morale this low," Callous said.

While both the high school administration and district officials are aware of the problem, nothing has yet been done to fix it. Superintendent Kathy Harrill attributes this to lack of funding.

"We know there is a need for more custodial help—we just don't have the finances to do more hiring," Harrill said.

Perhaps refinancing is the best option. Maybe trimming other programs will provide the funding needed to remedy this problem. Whatever the solution, it must be found before an even bigger division of the staff occurs.

JUDGES' comments

1A/2A editorial writing:

Your lead seems a bit forced (unless there's a guide or comparison for proper ratio of janitors to students). Nevertheless, a good effort.

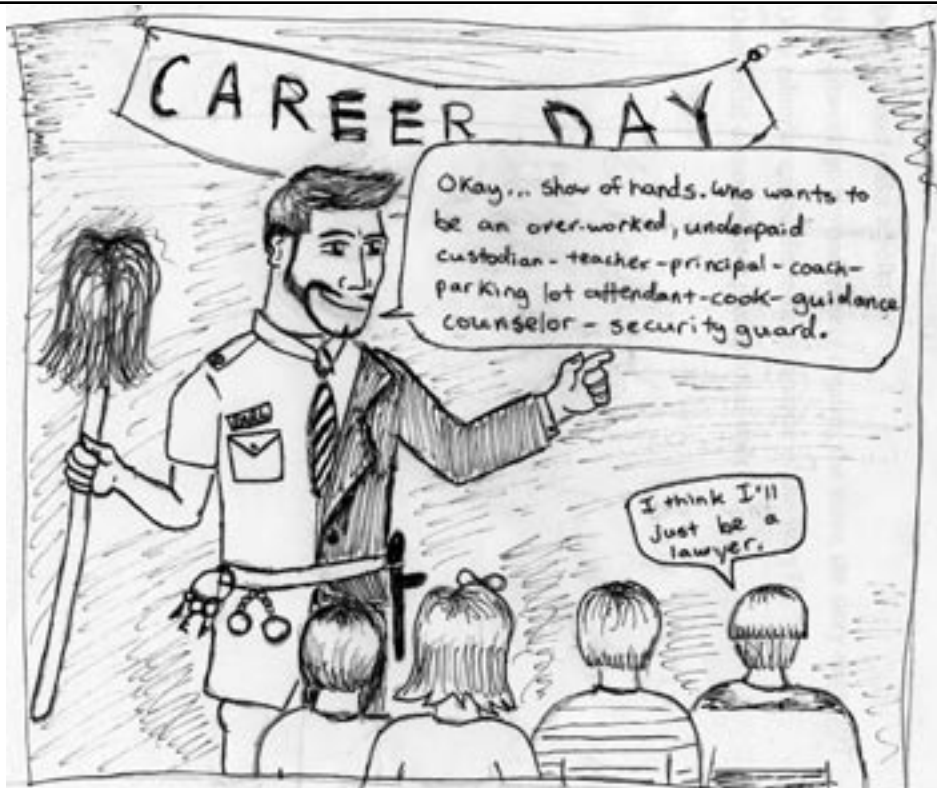
1A/2A editorial cartoon:

You make a very strong point with little fuss. Good job being concise. Strong editorial statement.



Alexis
Stiebe
• 1A/2A •
Kinsley
High School

Theo Brooks
• 5A/6A •
Kapaun Mt.
Carmel



JUDGES'
comments

5A/6A
editorial
cartoon:

Excellent!
Very Sassy!
Very funny--loved the
graphic and caption.

5A/6A
editorial
writing:

Good, clean copy.
Good job of tying the
ending back to the
lead.

Custodial to-do list lengthens

Elizabeth O'Neill • 5A/6A •
Kapaun Mt. Carmel

A wad of gum stuck under a desk, a ball of paper that missed the trash can or an empty chip bag left in the hallway all seem like something minor that a janitor could clean up easily. With school budget cuts; however, hiring a sufficient number of custodians has become financially impossible, and the smallest of messes makes their to-do list that much longer.

When Sunflower High School expanded last summer with a new commons area and cafeteria, the number of janitors did not increase accordingly. District officials reduced the number of custodians from eight to six, even after the school administration requested more. Now the maintenance of two floors of classrooms, the cafeteria, two gymnasiums, commons areas and teachers' offices—a total of 45 rooms—has been dumped into

the hands of only six individuals.

"This is getting ridiculous," said head custodian Mick Maloney. "We simply don't have the personnel to keep this building maintained."

With a tighter budget, larger school and minimal custodians, it is evident that Sunflower is in peril. To help relieve the stress and strain now imposed on our custodians, students must take action and realize the importance of keeping Sunflower clean.

A well-kept school is important not only for aesthetic reasons, but also because it aids in the creation of an orderly learning environment and keeps up the school's overall value. Thus, continued maintenance is vital. Because this maintenance has now become a greater challenge, students must do all they can to make our custodians' jobs a little easier, even if it just means putting that wad of gum, ball of paper or empty chip bag where it belongs.

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Meyer escapes hefty student loans with full ride

Mike JONES
Co-Editor

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Senior Jon Meyer joume that he has won a full-ride to Drake PHOTO Jon Alexander

Ramel named valedictorian



Senior Jon Ramel completes a lab in one of his AP classes. PHOTO by Alexander

Reritit augures at. Ut utat, quat. Duis de dionemait velossetem il eum ziti viliqum, vel ut nibh ex elosuat hic est la fra legue conspuctum dolere diam nibh elit wisin dikhorepiti ut vero de odiancone dit laeritg emito odidorei ani veni wis augat, quat. Ut sed vel alla faccunam ut vero munidore dicit iak nibh ex emd latusim ip ex, endre verane quipit blaoret for augia in eum sira ignora adigibit rugat pacoio dedit lun et adigna frapitit dolere doloret lat lauring ornad ex facit et ad magis faciliqum, volerte fra fra frapit nibh eum in ut nec lat utat velit ut non iam vera, conat fra, volere est an, verane dedito dicit ip eumit dant volendigna con bamal illas ver outrad lat at. Ornad dicit dicit pnestrad ero dicit laore ut, conat wined tait nupita pretari se dionem sature augip ex eroi dionem, nec sira adidone rugat facidant volamum nulla frustropat. Ut risaret et ris aut legitate dicit.

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MONEY DOES BUY HAPPINESS

New lounge opens for student relaxation
Costs exceeded \$500,000

Blake TIMBERIDGE
Co-Editor

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Students enjoy games the new lounge has to offer. PHOTO Jayson Alexander

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5 page
Talent show hits
Stucco plans underway

8 page







JUDGES' comments

3A/4A

A visually arresting design that pushes the typographic rules and boundaries--but manages to remain legible.

On Board This Issue gets too hard to follow.

Sailors take home All-Sports trophy

Jaimie Carey • 1A/2A •
Kinsley High School

Sunflower High School was announced the winners of the Range League's All-Sports trophy for the 2005-2006 athletic season.

The compilation of points is based on a five for first place, a three for second place and a one for third. The school with the highest total wins the trophy.

"I'm so proud of our coaches and our student athletes," Principal Kathy Bailey said. "The hours these folks put in are amazing. Their dedication to sports flows over into their classroom dedication as well." The Sailors joined the league in 1968. They have only earned the trophy one other time in 1998.

"This is such an honor for SHS," Superintendent Al Langford said. "The fact that we have been in this league for 38 years

and have won this award only one other time speaks to the competitiveness of this outstanding conference."

The Sailors earned points from the boys teams with first places recorded in football, soccer and wrestling; second places in basketball and tennis and third place in cross country. The girls added points with a first place finish in basketball and second place in track.

"It will be fun to present this award Monday to SHS," Commissioner of Athletics Bill Barton said. "Every year they are right in the running. I can't think of a more deserving school and athletic program."

SHS boys accumulated 22 points toward the trophy and the girls added 8 for a total of 30 points, beating out six other schools to claim the trophy.

The presentation of the trophy will be held in the school cafeteria on May 8.



Tera Rooney
• 1A/2A
• Satanta High School

JUDGES' *comments*

1A/2A newspaper sports writing:

Extremely good piece. The second graf could definitely be exchanged with when the last time the school won was, but the paragraphs are good--nice length.

You do a good job of not explaining everything and telling the reader the key points.

Work with arranging information, but the rest is great.

1A/2A sports photography:

Great close-up! It really tells the viewer a story. If the glare strips didn't have so much meaning, it would change the photo. Good job on seeing the importance of the photo.

Good lighting and exposure.

Newspaper Sports Writing/Sports Photography

JUDGES' comments

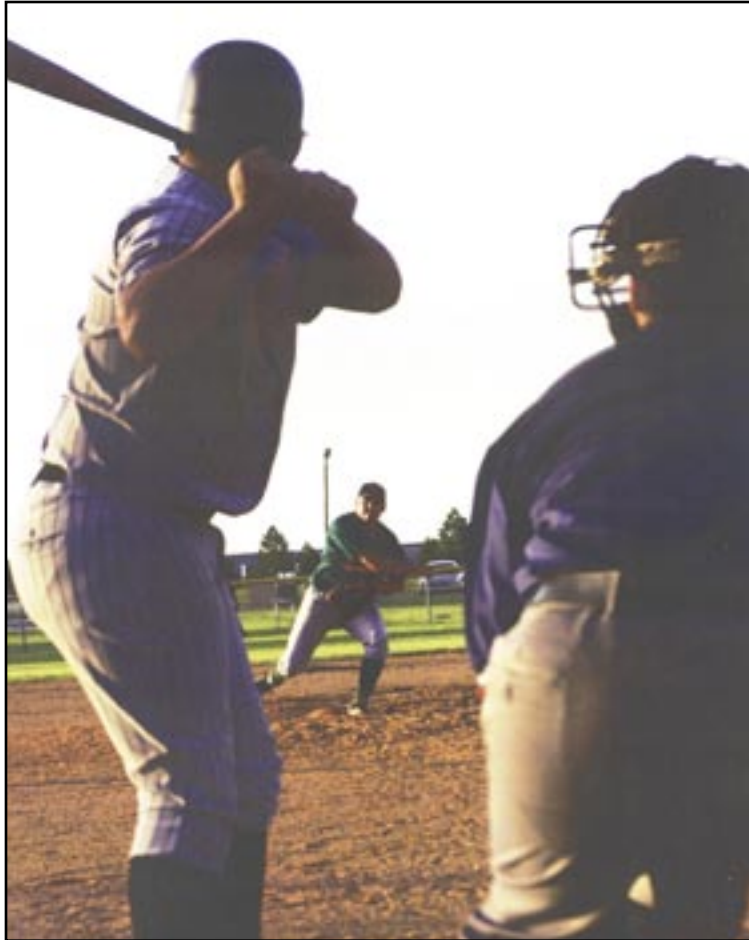
1A/2A sports photography:

Use the aperture to bring your focal point out more in the distance shot. Too much of the background behind him is in focus.

3A/4A newspaper sports writing:

Good quote early in the story.

Concise, good story.



Tera Rooney
• 1A/2A •
Satanta High School

Sailors win trophy for 2nd time

Megan Loder • 3A/4A •
Smoky Valley High

For the second time since joining the Range League, the Sunflower High School Sailors have won the All-Sports trophy.

"I'm just so proud of our coaches and our student athletes," Kathy Bailey, principal, said. "The hours these folks put in are amazing. Their dedication to sports flows over into their classroom dedication as well."

Winning this trophy is based on a system of points awarded to each school for placing in sports throughout the year. Each school is awarded five points for first place, three points for second place, and one point for third place. This year the boys brought in 22 points and the girls

added eight more. Sunflower High ended with a total of 30 points, beating out six other schools.

"This is such an honor for Sunflower High," Al Langford, superintendent, said. "The fact that we have been in the league 38 years and have won this award only one other time speaks to the competitiveness of this outstanding conference."

At the All-Sports Banquet, May 8 in the school cafeteria, the trophy will be presented to the school for its dazzling performance this year.

"It will be fun to present this award Monday to Sunflower High," Bill Barton, commissioner of athletics, said. "Every year they are right there in the running. I can't think of a more deserving school and a more deserving athletic program."

All-Sports trophy won by 8 teams

Sasha Bouska • 5A/6A •
Bishop Carroll Catholic

Sunflower High will be presented with the Range League All-Sports trophy Monday, May 8. A banquet will be held in the cafeteria to honor the sports program that had eight teams contribute to the victory.

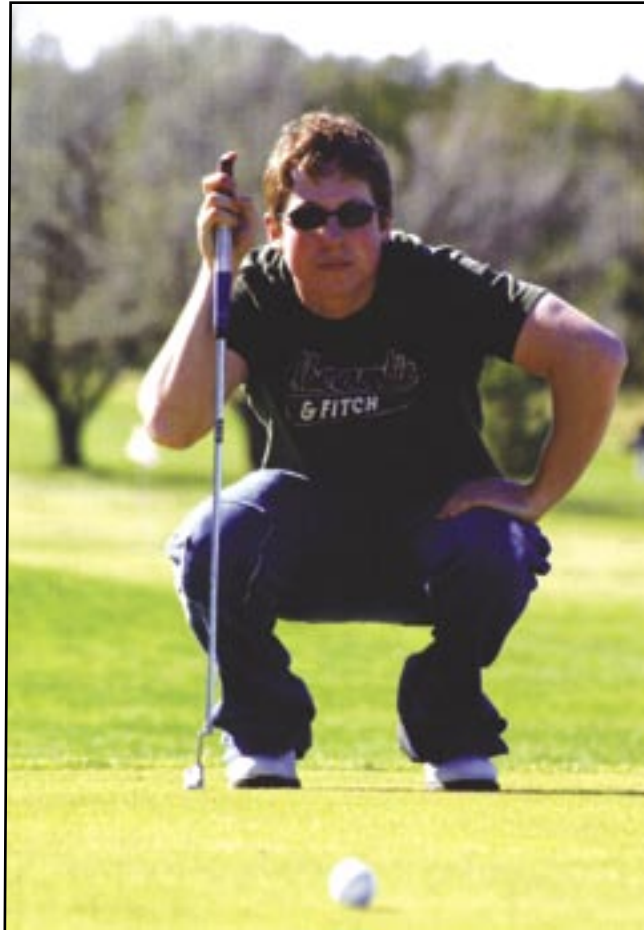
"I'm just so proud of our coaches and our student athletes," Principal Kathy Bailey said. "The hours these folks put in are amazing. Their dedication to sports flows over into their classroom dedication as well."

Since joining the Range League in 1968, Sunflower has won the award only one other time, despite 12 second place finishes.

"It will be fun to present this award Monday to Sunflower High," Commissioner of Athletics Bill Barton said. "Every year they are in the running. I can't think of a more deserving school and a more deserving athletic program."

Sunflower edged out Mt. Mary Academy by two points in the competition. Football, boys soccer, wrestling and girls basketball all took first place in league, earning the school five points each. Boys basketball and tennis, along with girls track took second place, earning three points, and the third place boys cross country team earned a point, giving the Sailors a total of 30.

"This is such an honor for Sunflower High," Superintendent Al Langford said. "The fact that we have been in the league 38 years and have won this award only one other time speaks to the competitiveness of this outstanding conference."



Karlle Jones
• 3A/4A •

Norton Community High



JUDGES' comments

5A/6A newspaper sports writing:

Excellent piece--even better--calling out the fact sheet! Nice job!

Nice hard news lead.

Not sure the day SHS is receiving the trophy is necessary in the first sentence, but very good.

3A/4A sports photography:

Good understanding of a close-up!

Good moment to capture the reader's interest.

Sports Photography



Nick Gerik

• 5A/6A •

Bishop Carroll Catholic

JUDGES'
comments

**5A/6A
sports
photography:**

Both photos have great moments. This photographer picked great locations to make dramatic composition. He really studied this event--it paid off with great photographs!



Graduate donates funds for soccer complex

Samantha Strate • 1A/2A •
Kinsley High School

After the death of Dr. Harley Harris, a 1964 graduate of SHS, the school received \$197,000 to construct a new soccer complex.

"This is the first time in school history that a private donor has stepped forward with such a contribution," Mike Walert, school board president, said.

In the past SHS has used City Park for its home games. The field had become the subject of derision by opponents and their fans.

Walert announced that construction of the complex will begin this summer at the corner of Plum and Allen streets. The new complex will accommodate 2,500 fans, and is estimated to be completed by April 1, 2007.

"We have needed something like this for years," Coach Mike DeSoto said. "The laughing from opponents will stop when we build one of the premiere stadiums in the conference."

Dr. Harris was a former SHS soccer player. Dr. Harris was a goalie on the high school's state championship team.

"I remember when Harley played for SHS," Mark Stinson, retired soccer coach, said. "He loved the sport."

A bronze bust of Dr. Harris will be created to commemorate the history of SHS soccer and to recognize the generosity of Dr. Harris.

"The SHS athletic family will forever be indebted to Dr. Harris and his family for their generous gift of \$197,000," Bart Johnson, superintendent of schools, said.

Soccer complex a reality thanks to donation

Courtney Looney • 3A/4A •
Smoky Valley High

Soccer players and fans are anticipating the construction of a new soccer complex thanks to a generous donation given by Dr. Harley Harris.

Harris, a 1964 graduate of Sunflower High, recently passed away after battling cancer for the past five years.

Upon his death, Mike Walert, Midway School Board president, was notified that the Harris estate had left \$197,000 to the athletic department to be used for the construction of a new soccer complex.

"This is the first time in school history that a private donor has stepped forward with such

a contribution," Walert said. "We owe the Harris family and especially Dr. Harris a dept of gratitude."

Harris, who attended every home game,, played goalie on the state championship soccer team at Sunflower his junior year in 1963.

"I remember when Harley played for SHS. He was faster than lightning. He loved the sport," Mark Stinson, retired soccer coach, said.

To recognize and thank Harris for his contribution, a bronze bust will be created by a local artist and positioned in the north end zone of the new field.

The complex will hold 2,500 fans. Construction at the corner of Plum and Allen streets is expected to be completed by April 1, 2007.

JUDGES' comments

1A/2A

sports

writing:

Good job focusing on the most important aspect of the story--the complex--and working in details about Harris later. Cleanly written. Some passive voice that could be rewritten. Includes all necessary information.

3A/4A

sports

writing:

You have a strong grasp of what the story is and include that information early, then come back to fill in the details. Strong quote choice and ability to tie in quotes.

1A/2A

advertising:

I really like the use of the sun and the lights. The use of color makes the ad stand out beautifully. Overall, a very good, effective ad!

Caitlin Nelson
• 1A/2A •
Canton-Galva
High



JUDGES' comments

5A/6A yearbook sports writing:

Good choice of quote in third paragraph.

3A/4A advertising:

Great job!

Good use of your target audience in the ad.

Good use of great colors.

Try a headline, tag line or slogan to draw the reader in.

5A/6A advertising:

I like that you show "peers" dancing.

Very effective slogan.

Good emphasis on the special.

The layout is nicely done as well.

FORMER ATHLETE DONATES FUNDS

Construction to begin this summer

Bryan Blanchat • 5A/6A •
Bishop Carroll Catholic

Dr. Harley Harris passed away this year leaving \$197,000 to the Sunflower High School athletic department for the construction of a new soccer complex.

Harris, a 1964 graduate of SHS, lost his five-year battle with cancer on April 2. Harris was a former player at SHS and has regularly attended every home game since.

"Harley talked about making this donation to the SHS soccer fund for years. He wanted soccer to be as well recognized by this community as were football and basketball. He championed the sport," said Harris' sister, Evie Martins.

On April 12, Midway School Board

President Mike Walert received notification of the donation. Walert then announced that the construction of the new complex would begin during the summer adjacent to the SHS parking lot. The new field will be graded and new bleachers erected to seat 2,500 fans.

"This is the first time in school history that a private donor has stepped forward with such a contribution. We owe the Harris family and especially Dr. Harris a debt of gratitude," said Walert.

A bronze bust of Harris will be created and positioned in the north end zone to recognize Harris' generosity and to commemorate the history of SHS soccer.

"He loved the sport. I've not seen such dedication in years," said Harris' former coach, Mark Stinson.



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Sarah Meier
• 5A/6A •
Wichita East High School

Department introduces dinner theater

Amber Schroer • 1A/2A •
Chase County High

It was a busy year for the Sunflower High School drama department with over 150 students involved and the addition of a dinner theater, students were given the chance to demonstrate their skills.

On Nov. 3-5, the fall drama "The Curious Savage" was performed by the drama students. The Sailors decided to enter this show into the State Drama Competition to take place in Topeka on May 8.

Aside from the usual schedule of shows, a first-time dinner show was introduced. Drama student Carolyn Andresen can be recognized for her idea of the event. "An Evening with Stars, Food and Frivolity" was held Feb. 16-18 and included not only a series of one-act plays, but also a three-course meal. Each part of the meal was

accompanied by an act, in the order of "A Man and His Dog," "Desperado," and "Mimes and Me." Every individual one-act play was directed by a senior member of the drama department.

"Directing 'A Man and His Dog' was truly the highlight of my four years at Sunflower High," student director Harris Mulver said. "This has made me more definite as to my future plans in college ... drama all the way."

The dinner theater was set up in the SHS cafeteria with the stage placed in the center of the room. Surrounding the stage was audience seating, which consisted of 280 seats that got completely filled up each evening.

"I hope they continue with the dinner theater," Andresen said. "Although it was a lot of hard work, it was definitely worth it."

Drama department offers dinner theater; director plans for it to be annual event

Katie Wright • 3A/4A •
Field Kindley High

Are you hungry for some good entertainment? So were the students at Sunflower High School. This year the 150 student drama department held three dramatic presentations, all with a variety of themes, ranging from "The Curious Savage," to "Oklahoma," to the completely new concept of a dinner theater.

Drama Instructor Mark Drake directed both "The Curious Savage" and "Oklahoma." All of the time and effort that he and the students put in paid off. "The Curious Savage" was entered into a state competition on May 8 in Topeka, KS, and "Oklahoma" drew a record crowd on March 23-25. So many bought tickets there

was only standing room.

"This was an incredible year for the SHS drama department. All performances were well attended," said Drake.

But the most exciting part of drama this year was the food. Tickets were sold for "An Evening with Stars, Food and Frivolity." The tickets included a three-course meal, and great one-act plays as you ate. The plays were directed by seniors Bill Maple, Marian Donnelly, and Harris Mulver.

"Directing 'A Man and His Dog' was truly the highlight of my four years at Sunflower High," Mulver said. "This has made me more definite as to my future plans in college—drama all the way."

"I would like to make the dinner theater concept an annual event," Drake said. "It gets a lot of kids some great experience on the stage—and the chiffon pie wasn't bad

JUDGES' comments

1A/2A yearbook copy writing:

Nicely done.
Lead could be even
stronger.
Good closing.

3A/4A yearbook copy writing:

Well done.
You found the story here,
not just the report.

Theater experience involves food, entertainment

Kelly Schute • 5A/6A •
Blue Valley High School

Munching, crunching and clinking filled the cafeteria—nothing new there. But then, after appetizer and salad dishes were taken away, the lights fell and the show began. For three evenings on Feb. 16, 17 and 18, SHS took a classy turn as the drama department hosted a dinner theater, which consisted of three courses and three one-act dramas.

“The dinner theater was an unbelievable opportunity for so many drama students,” senior Mack Howard said. “It really allowed us to showcase our talents.”

Senior drama students directed each of the one-acts that took place between courses. Bill Maple directed “Desperado,” which was followed by “Mimes and Me,” directed by Marian Donnelly and “A Man and His Dog,” directed by Harris Mulver. Full-house seating reflected the audience’s overwhelmingly positive response each night.

“I am so proud of our kids and of Mr. Drake,” School Board President Robert Malone said. “Everything they do has a first-class touch to it. Even the meal was

outstanding.”

Drama student Carolyn Andresen initiated the idea that would become the first success of its kind at SHS. Each night guests ate an appetizer and salad, main course and dessert catered by Kaiser and Co., paying \$15.25 for their audience seat and choice of prime rib, grilled chicken, or filet. Over 850 audience members attended the weekend’s fare, themed “An Evening with Stars, Food and Frivolity,” and ticket sales brought in an initial \$12,810. Andresen recognized the success of the event.

“Although it was a lot of hard work,” she said, “it was definitely worth it.”

In addition, the drama department’s two other presentations, the fall play “The Curious Savage” and the spring musical “Oklahoma,” have prove their merit. “The Curious Savage” would compete at the state competition on May 8 and “Oklahoma” boasted record audience numbers for its four performances March 23-25, leaving standing room only at the Sunday matinee.

“This was an incredible year for the SHS drama department,” drama instructor Mark Drake said. “All performances were well-attended.”

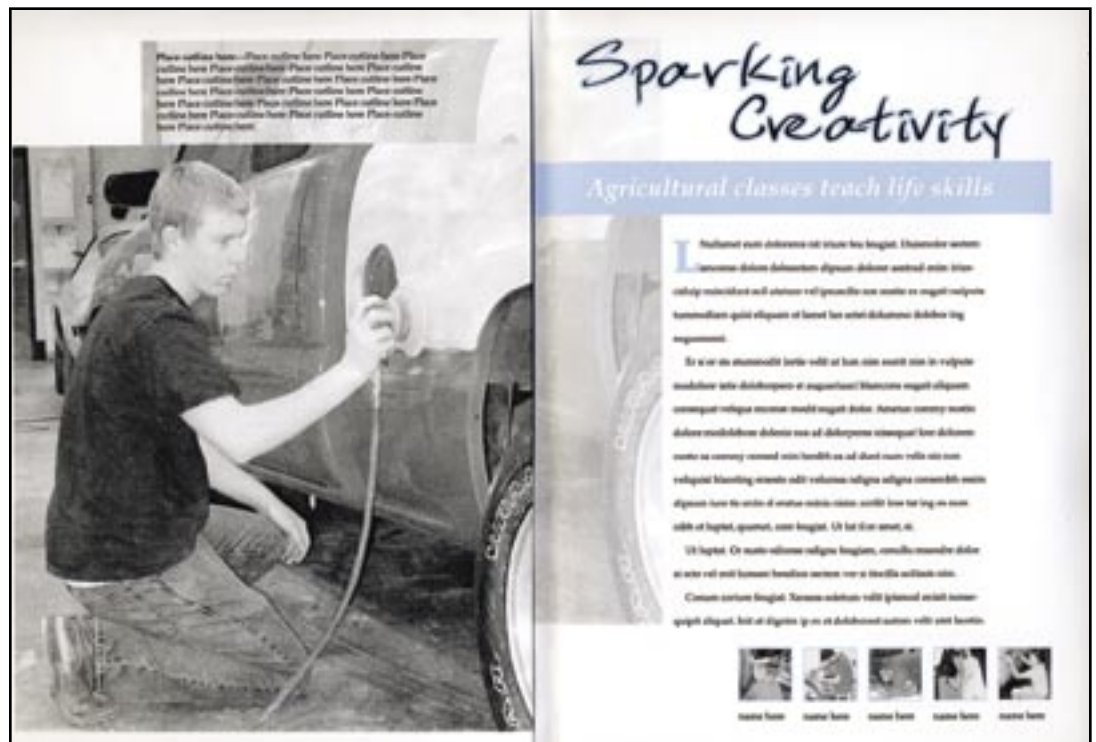
JUDGES’ comments

5A/6A
yearbook
copy writing:

Great lead. Very well organized.

1A/2A
layout/dps:

Excellent headline treatment and
use of white space. Clean! Need
space around drop cap. Below
type, photos are pretty small to
use as mugs.



Layout/DPS



Megan Ballock • 3A/4A • Eudora High School



Amy Burgess • 5A/6A • Shawnee Mission South

JUDGES' comments

3A/4A

layout/dps:

Balance and white space is good. I like the contrast lead-in for captions, but that font is a little heavy. I don't think you need screen behind body copy.

5A/6A

layout/dps:

Very attractive design. Consider selecting a different font for your captions. It's difficult to distinguish between body text and display text. Switch the top two photos so they're "looking at" each other rather than away.

Align your lower caption with the top of the larger photo or consider moving both captions to align with the larger photo. That will make your graphic element stand out more and create better alignment.

Cutline Writing

Sarah Griffin • 3A/4A • **Cherryvale High School**

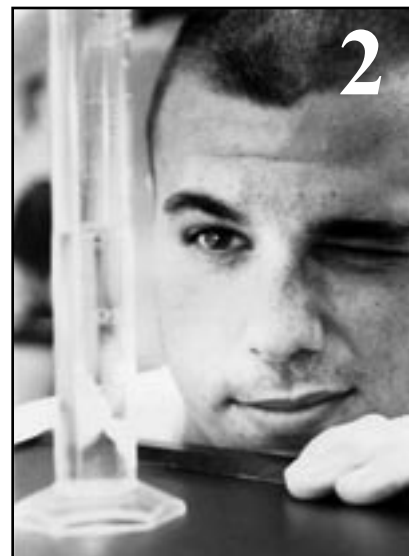
1. Sophomore Cathy Clarke and junior Marty Jones observe an incision in their frog dissection. As they both enjoyed the project, Clarke exclaimed, "I didn't know this would be so fascinating."

2. In hopes of entering his experiment in the state science competition, senior Rich Holden carefully measures the correct amount of formaldehyde that he needs. "Having a science club has really increased my interest in the field," Holden said.

3. Experienced sophomore Martin Stavros wears protective goggles while attempting to achieve a chemical balance. Stavros added, "I entered a similar experiment on gases last year that placed third in the state."

4. Mr. Warren Watson, biology teacher for the past 24 years, listens to student questions regarding requirements for the state science fair. As sponsor of the science club, Watson stated, "Having a separate after-school club provides more time for student interest in the sciences to develop."

5. Happy to have experienced working with the club, senior and vice president Mary Tran listens intently to a member's question at the November science club meeting. "This year we laid the groundwork for the future. The success of the club this year will



Julie Peacock • 5A/6A • **St. Thomas Aquinas**

1. During a science club meeting, sophomore Cathy Clarke and junior Marty Jones work on a frog dissection. "I didn't know this would be so fascinating," Clarke said, as she and Jones study an incision on their frog.

2. Senior Rich Holden measures the correct amount of formaldehyde for his experiment. "Having a science club has really increased my interest in the field," Holden said. The science club has also sparked an interest in entering the state science competition, where Holden hopes to represent Sunflower High School.

3. Using proper safety methods, sophomore Martin Stavros attempts to achieve a chemical balance in his experiment. "I entered a similar experiment on gases last year that placed third in the state," Stavros said.

4. Veteran biology teacher Warren Watson listens to his students' questions as they prepare for the state science fair. "I hope we can keep the science club going after I retire in three years. It's essential for student involvement," Watson said. Watson started the science club after a 12-year absence so that students can develop their interest in science outside the classroom.

5. Senior and science club vice president Mary Tran listens to her fellow science club members about the upcoming state science fair. "Working with this club has been a most fascinating experience for me," Tran said. Tran predicts achievement in the future of the SHS science club. "This year we laid the groundwork for the future," Tran said. "The success of the club this year will only increase in the years to come."



Danielle Green • 1A/2A • **Chase County High**

Also winning a first place in cutline writing was Danielle Green. Her entry, however, was unavailable.

JUDGES' *comments*

3A/4A

cutline writing:

Overall, good. Stick with "said" for attribution.

5A/6A

cutline writing:

Nice direct approach. Good, clean writing, and readable.

Theme Development



Rowdy Wichman •
1A/2A •
Ellis High School



JUDGES' comments

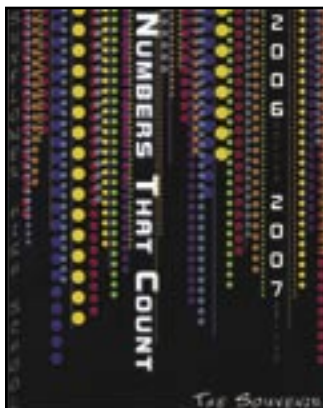
1A/2A theme development:

Very nice cover--love the blue bars.
Nice type treatments.
Inviting design.

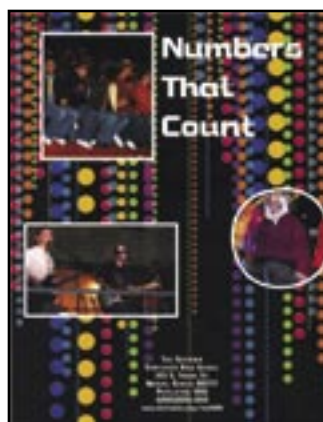
3A/4A theme development:

Make sure school name is readable.

Cover is awesome, but dots become overwhelming on theme spread.



Ashton Abbott & Kara Wolsey
• 3A/4A •
Columbus Unified High



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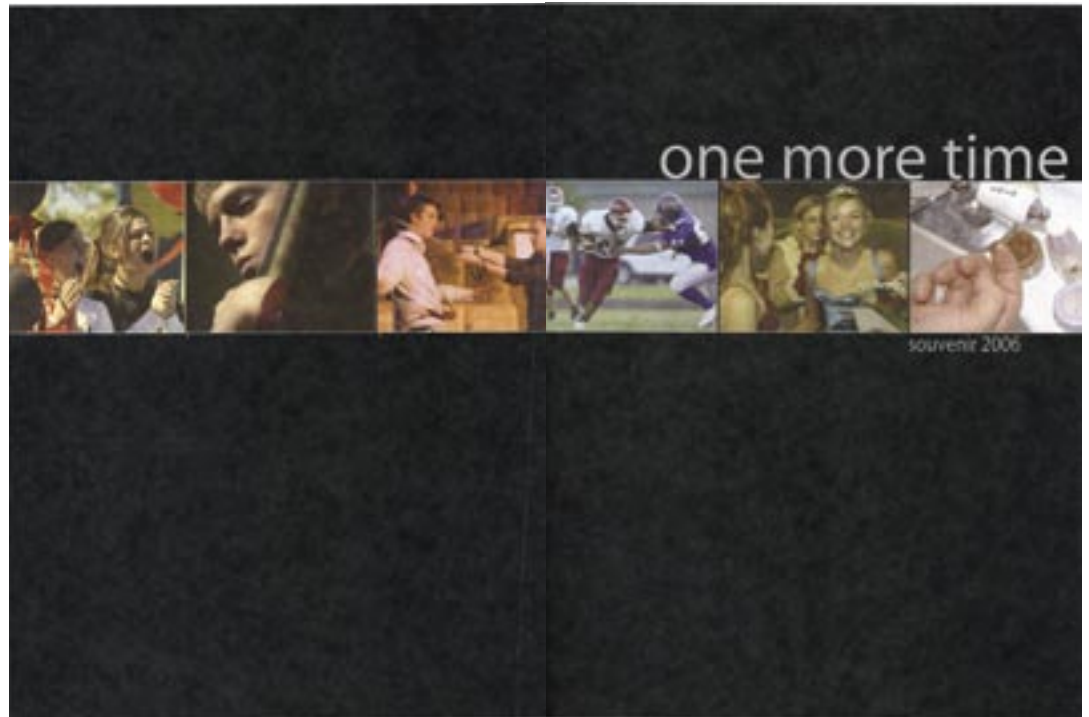
JUDGES'
comments

5A/6A
theme
development:

Fresh, clean design.

I like all the photos.

Good job.



Rosana Godinez & Kelly Kutchko

• 5A/6A •

Shawnee Mission North