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KSPA 2010 State Contest Winners

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The Kansas Scholastic Press Association held its 39th annual State Contest on May 1, 2010 where a total of 1.150 entries were received from 109 schools throughout the state.

Of those entries. students receiving first place awards earned the honor of having their work published in this 17th issue of SIMPLY BETTER.

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The contest offered 21 categories in journalism and judges' comments are published with each entry.



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n attempt to eradicate freedom of expression. "freaking" from Ad Astra School High has been thwarted. Administrators asked students to sign a "Clean Dancing Pledge" before the winter Formal, resulting in cancellation of the dance due to lack of interest.

October's Homecoming Dance caused complaints from faculty and parents.

"After this year's homecoming dance became a display of wantan off at the next dance," Sophomore Bill sexual energy and inappropriate Monroe said. "It doesn't matter what 'grinding', I had to do something," Principal Emmylou Harris said. want."

"Several parents approached me about instituting a pledge that the students could take. and I thought it was a great idea."

After approval from the PTA and Student Government, Harris began working with the junior and senior class officers to develop the pledge. Harris develop the pledge. Harris thinks the pledge was a fair compromise between the parent-created plan banning all dancing with touching, and the student' wishes to dance however they want.

Harris will attempt to pass a resolution at the May 31 school board meeting. The Prom, scheduled May 8, would be the first dance affected by the resolution. Students speak out about their

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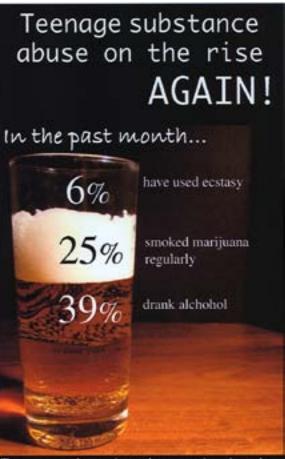
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"What the principal's doing sponsored now is too much," said Van Morriosn, junior class president. "We'd like a chance to help sell the students on the idea of a pledge before next year's homecoming."

Ad Astra's dancing conundrum is reminiscent of this year's May 8 Sexually explicit dancing at musical "Footloose". Teenagers begin uprising against a town's adults, who banned all dancing.

> "I'm going to freak my face the rules are, I'm going to do what I



feenagers are also starting to do more serious drugs than they used to. 1 in every 7 students reported abusing escription drugs in the past year. Luckily though, sterio usage has stayed at a low 5%.

Judge's

Comments

News Writing

You have a nice handle on the important pieces of information.

Infographics

Cool graphic.

I like how the information is displayed in different parts of the glass.

Some font choices are a little odd—the title font and "in the past month."



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High School.

Faculty and parents have complained about a sexually explicit dance called "freaking" that dances I've attended," Joan Armatrading, senior. students performed at the Homecoming Dance last

October. A "Clean Dancing Pledge" was promoted as a way to solve the problem but failed due to a lack of interest by the student body. "Finally,

3A/4A Smoky Valley after this year's homecoming dance became a display of wanton sexually SH inappropriate and "grinding," I had to do something," said Emmylou high the principal.

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"Several

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me about instituting

a pledge that the

students could take,

The pledge was formed between Harris and Harris. the Student Government.

"Principal Harris worked closely with students, that still won't us on drafting the pledge, and we appreciate her stop them. thoughtfulness in doing that. We think it was a good pledge, but we didn't do a good job of selling it to my face off at the next the rest of the student body," said Van Morrison, the dance. It doesn't matter junior class president.

However, the students clearly disagreed.

"In the end, only eight student bought tickets to the Winter Formal, so we shut it down in order to save money on baying a band, getting soft drinks, stuff like that," said Morrison.

Students claim that they didn't attend because know."

omething "freaky" is going on at Ad Astra they didn't want to limit their ability to dance in a way they felt appropriate.

> "I've been appalled at student dancing at most "While I don't support the principal's attempt to

> > dictate behavior, I do want to stand up for student rights, especially when it comes to free expression."

> > Not only would student dancing be in danger but also the school's production of "Footloose" based on the 1984 movie of the same name.

Harris's solution of banning all sexually explicit dancing from all school sponsored dances will be presented at the next Ad Astra Board meeting on may 31st. The students plan to plead their case for freedom of expression at the meeting as well.

"I think if the school board can finally pass a resolution outlawing "freaking" and other inappropriate behavior at dances, then we can get this problem behind us and move on

Judge's Comments

News Writing

Good lead with basic facts. Good end quote and set-ub.

Infographics

Really creative. I like how you call attention to the fact it's a reversed trend.

t the May 31 School Board meeting, most of the dances I've Principal Emmylou Harris will propose to attended," Armatrading the board a resolution banning all sexually said. "While I don't explicit dancing- also known as "freaking"- at support the principal's school-sponsored dances. The ban would be in effect attempt to dictate for Prom, scheduled for May 8, and is expected to behavior, I do want to be met with controversy from students, who plan stand up for students to plead their case for freedom of expression at the rights, especially when it meeting. comes to free expression."

"I think if the school board can finally pass a resolution outlawing 'freaking' and other decision will settle a longinappropriate behavior at dances," Harris said. "Then we can get this problem behind us and move believes is associated on to more important issues."

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The proposed ban follows attempts by Harris instilling in their students to work with students to generate a solution after faculty and parents complained about "freaking" at the Homecoming Dance in October.

became a display of wanton sexual energy and inappropriate 'grinding', I had to do something," Harris said.

Γ Harris worked with junior and senior student government officers to draft a "Celan Dancing SH Pledge," which students were asked to sign before the Winter Formal. However, the Winter Formal was cancelled because of a lack of interest, and many students attributed their lack of interest to the limits the administration wanted to impose upon their dancing. Many students, including junior class president Van Morrison, supported the idea of a pledge, but believe Harris is now taking the wrong kind of action to combat the issue.

"Freaking got out of hand last year, no doubt," Morrison said. "And I think it's the students' duty to stop each other from doing stupid stuff. I don't think it's the principal's right to tell us how to dance."

The "freaking" issue has ignited controversy between students and the administration, which is likely to culminate at the board meeting later this month. Senior Joan Armatrading doesn't support "freaking" at dances, but also feels the need to stand up for her and fellow students' rights.

"I've been appalled at student dancing at

to more important issues," said

But for some

"I'm gonna freak what the rules are, I'm gonna do what I want," said Bill Monroe, a sophomore. "I mean, it's just dancing, right? We have our clothes on, you



News Writing & Infographics

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The board's standing rift which Harris with the school's laxity of proper standards of decency.

Judge's

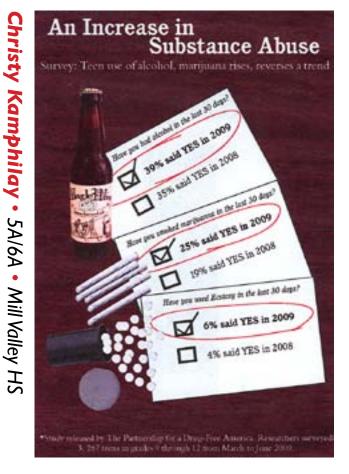
Comments

News Writing Really, really good job!

Infographics

I like the red circles around information. Need to explain percents and what they represent. Good, cohesive graphic.

"The school board supports education the whole person and not just the brain," said school "Finally, after this year's homecoming dance board president Martin Medeski-Wood. "That's all I can say at this point in time."



Feature Writing & Academics Photography

s it ironic that Ad Astra High School chose to girlfriend...we've been do the spring musical "Footloose"? It seems that way to many at the school because of since January, so it's going recent controversy over the dance moves at school sponsored dances. A style called "freaking" has caused some issues and even resulted in a "Clean Dancing Pledge".

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Bonnie Raitt, Ad Astra's dance teacher and codirector of the musical says, "It's just a coincidence that we decided to perform Footloose."

In the movie, the main character, who is they have homework played by Kevin Bacon, leads and uprising in his small town due to a ban on all kinds of dancing. A situation similar to Ad Astra High's, where instead of but the show must go on." an uprising, students showed a lack of interest in the Winter Formal.

But no matter what anyone thinks about the Friday, May 7 at 7:30. irony of this situation, the show must go on, and it is sure to be an entertaining performance.

colorful dance numbers. We wanted to keep it to the 1980s time frame, when the original movie was released, but we're bringing it to the present. We have 70 students on stage at one point or another and 30 more working behind the scenes," said Raitt.

Lots of work has gone into this play according to Christina Aguilera, a student director for the musical.

"Practices take up between 12 and 15 hours per week for everybody involved. Most of that is taken up learning the choreography, which is really cool."

Maybe the interest of the students in this play is due to the common situation of the characters.

Senior Donald Fagen says, "I get to play Kevin Bacon's character, Ren McCormack. "The musical is an ironic choice; I get it. But that's a good thing too because people are talking about our play and the controversy. We're OK with that. We have put so much work into this production, and we're anxious to show it off to as many people as possible."

It's not just Donald who feels passionately about the success of this show either. Junior Bebel Gilberto says, "I'm Ariel Moore, the rebel's

rehearsing pieces of this to be an awesome show. We give up 12 hours on Saturdays alone these days just to make it look perfect. There are times when people want to walk out because they're tired, to do, their boyfriend's getting pissed at them... The musical

"Footloose" will open Just one day before Principal Emmylou Harris

"Our production is very high-energy with will attempt to have a resolution passed by the school board that bans sexually explicit dancing from school-sponsored dances.



Senior Caliegh Johnson carefully adds the precise amount of a chemical to her beaker in order to proceed with her experiment in her chemistry class.

Judge's Comments

Feature Writing Nice lead, watch the

question though. Organized and concise. Be careful about editorializing.

Academics Photo

Outstanding effort with excellent composition. Use of visual framing is well-considered and effective. Depth of field is just right.

Feature Writing & Academics Photography

hey've been banned from But that's a good thing, too, because "dirty dancing," but that won't stop Ad Astra high school students from "getting their groove on" in this year's spring Christina Aguilera, student director of musical, "Footloose".

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"[Footloose] incorporates two send an important message. contemporary dances that are clean enough for school dances, but they morals some people had back then also show the striking contrasts in compare to the loose morals some dancing style from the 1980s to now," co-director Bonnie Raitt said.

the 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon, between the two kinds of styles of aims at bringing the 1980s to 2010.

"We wanted to keep the 1980s them." time frame, when the original movie was released, but we're bringing it to 7:30 p.m. at the Aspera Center for the present," Raitt said.

Bringing it "to the present" May 11. SH may have a larger impact on Ad Astra

students in light of ake the "freak dancing" controversy that started this D 0 year. Faculty and parents complained ĪS about sexually 0 explicit dancing Homecoming at ω A/4Aand asked for the Winter Formal to be "clean." The nal was led due interest. senior Fagen, og Winter Formal was later cancelled due to a lack of interest. For senior Donald SH the however. controversy is a positive thing. "The musical is an ironic choice; I get it.



people are talking about our play and the controversy," Fagen said.

Beyond the controversy, the musical, believes the musical will

"I think it shows how the loose people have now in dancing," Aguilera said. "Getting that contrast in there The musical, which is based on really helps show the differences dancing and the types of people using

> Footloose opens May 7 at the Performing Arts and runs through

Fetal pig dissection spirals out the intestines in Anatomy.



Comments

Feature Writing Nice complete circle with the story. The summarization of the controversy is excellent, but maybe needed a little higher in the story. Overall, very strong story. Nice lead—to the point and attention capturing!

Academics Photo

Great moment. student has facial expression which captures reader's interest.

The pig intestine is in good focus and student focus is still clear enough to see reaction. One thing to think about: reflection of student at bottom of frame can kind of be distracting. AWESOME WORK!



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magine 100 high school students sacrificing 12- musical all stress the merit 15 hours each week, including Saturdays, all to of the musical in and of perfect a performance that has been a part of itself. much controversy in the past few weeks.

In the wake of numerous complaints about rehearsing pieces of this students' inappropriate dancing, the production of since January, so it's going "Footloose" the musical has become the center of to be an awesome show," attention.

"It's just a coincidence that we decided to who plays Ariel Moore. perform 'Footloose' this year," said dance teacher and co-director Bonnie Raitt. "It incorporates two contemporary dances that are clean enough for school dances, but they also show the striking contrasts in perfect." dancing styles from the 1980s to now."

Student director Christina Aguilera Fagen, who commented on the value of having the different types of dancing.

"Getting that contrast in there really helps show the differences between the two kinds of styles so much work into this of dancing and the types of people using them," she said. "It's important."

The musical opens May 7, the day before many people as possible," Prom. Even though Principal Emmylou Harris has begun efforts to ban certain forms of dancing beginning with Prom, students with roles in the has been in every musical

Matt Mckeman • 5A/6A • Bishop Carroll HS



A sudden eruption during a dry-ice lab caused this chemistry student to be startled by the reaction's explosion.

"We've been said junior Bebel Gilberto, "We give up 12 hours on Saturdays alone these days just to make it look

Senior Donald claimed the lead role as Ren McCormack, agreed.

"We have put production, and we're anxious to show it off to as he said.

As an actress who

during her time at Ad Astra, Liz senior

Barnez said this show is by far her favorite and likes the statement it makes. She said that "'Footloose' is about a kid who comes to town and wants to dance, and that's what we as students want to do as well."

After all the hard work of the students and their dedication to the show, Raitt just wants them to be able to perform and be "portrayed in a wholesome light."

"Our production is very high-energy, with colorful dance numbers," she said. "We have 70 students on stage at one point or another and 30 more working behind the scenes. They do marketing, props, sound, sets, everything. It's really going well."



Feature Writing

Good organization. Nice use of quotes. Concise writing! Gets right to the conflict of the story! Provides excellent background and context for the reader

A pleasure to read.

Academics Photo

Great capture! Focus is on the subject, viewer can still see student's reaction. Perspective is good and at eye level of subjects in photo. Color, tonal quality is

great and as true to colors and lighting as you can get.

p e r a Jenna S Presbyterian High School's days of being a 4A school could be coming to an end next year as Ad Astra High School proposes a plan to 1A/2A KSHSAA that would move private schools classification one higher than their Lincoln enrollment could dictate Ad Astra and SH one of its main rivals, Presbyterian to 5A. Ad Astra coaches and administrators believe is change needed because it would make it fair when it comes to the number of state championships

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> Sliding into home, Sierra Lenard scores a run for the Lady Cats. The cats won against opponents Burlington by one run.

coaching, supportive parents, community Mann quotes, "Some people want to expectations and strong youth programs."

make this into a thing that's only about Ad Astra and Presbyterian. It isn't. We have the support of all the schools in the created in 2007 that showed private Eisenhower League, and other public school leagues are going to be providing in volleyball, 11 percent in football, their support of our plan."

In class 5A, the four private schools, Aquinas, Carroll, Kapaun, and Miege make up 12.5 percent of the nationally, this dialogue has ratched up, classification. However, in the sports that conduct bracket or pool-play state terms of communication and exposure. (baseball, basketball, tournaments football, soccer, softball, and vollevall), those four school combined for 24 of limelight." Private schools make up the potential 64 postseason berths. Tony Sharpe, Aspera Presbyterian principal state "I've spent time in private and KSHSAA until September 2010 at the public schools, and the same factors go into successful programs, good

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Due to this controversy over public and private schools, a study was schools won 21 percent of the state titles 14 percent in girls basketball and 19 percent in boys basketball. Brent Parsons, KSHSAA director told reporters "I think, not just in Kansas. It's a small world in High school sports gets more attention than they used to and its' more in the 26 school of the KSHSAA 360-school membership. No action will be taken by earliest.

Judge's Comments **Sports Writing** No comments available.

Sports Photo

Great job cropping this! Great moment, good use of your technical skills.

> Sharp focus and excellent crop make this image stand out. Very solid image.



Newspaper Sports Writing & Sports Photography

success and winning a state viewpoint. title is what every high school athlete plays for.

However, many feel this dream is supportive becoming increasingly unattainable for expectations, and strong youth athletes at public high schools. Private programs," said principal Tony Sharpe. schools continue to rack up post-season success at an unproportional rate.

Recently, Ad Astra High School with is the fact that private schools can submitted a proposal to the Kansas State pick and choose only the best athletes. High School Activities Association to help remedy this issue. Their proposal on the issue certainly has become a calls for all private schools to be placed one classification higher than their enrollment would dictate.

playing field, and we need to discuss the issue and make the necessary changes," said Ad Astra principal Christine Williams.

findings by a panel studying the issue, 2010.

which found private that schools have won approximately 16 percents of the state titles in four major sports despite only making up 7 percent of the KSHSAA membership. The response to

the proposal from local rival private school Aspera

he dream of having playoff Presbyterian portrays a slightly different

"The same factors go into successful programs-good coaching, parents, community The main argument Ad Astra athletic director Aimee Mann counters

No matter which side your prominent one state and nation wide.

"Everyone has an opinion on the issue and this has certainly heated "We feel there is an inequitable up the dialogue across the nation," said KSHSAA assistant director Brent Parsons.

KSHSAA will continue considering the proposal and will not Their proposal follows recent take any action until at least September



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Sports Writing

Lead is a little dramatic, reporter is a little biased, it took too long to get into proposal.

Good story setup. Does the proposal follow the study or is it because Ad Astra is getting dominated? You need to address this issue.

Sports Photo

Great eye. This composition is unique and solid. Great timing and the composition really adds visual interest and makes it compelling. Good job keeping the ball in the shot. It seems well thought out, nice job.

State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA), Ad Astra has called for the reclassification of private schools, raising them one level higher than their enrollment would dictate.

This effort to make competition equal comes from recent stats showing private school dominance across the 6 state. In a 2007 survey, it was found private schools took 21 percent of state volleyball titles and 19 percent of \sim namu boys' basketball titles; they only make

up 7 percent of the KSHSAA Ad Astra principal Christine Williams believed Ad Astra should take a stand.

"At some point, we had to discuss same elements of success; "good coaching, supportive this issue," Williams said. "There's an inequitable parents, community expectations and strong youth playing field, and we need to change it." programs." Dominant public programs like Highland Ad Astra athletic director Aimme Mann insists Parks, Wyandotte in basketball, SM Northwest in the proposal has nothing to do with the school's cross country, and Emporia in wrestling also show rivalry with Aspera Presbyterian High. Presbyterian, the line may not be clean cut, according to KSHAA, who has beaten Ad Astera in 9 out of the 10 last assistant director Bren Parsons, Sharpe thinks a lack of understanding may light a fire under the issue.

Missio football games, would be push Presbyterian to compete in 5A. "It's hard to say we're on a normal curve,"

Stadium.

"Some people want to make this into a thing Sharpe said, "but when you take every Presbyterian kid about Ad Astra and Presbyterian," Mann said. "it isn't. in town, you're really on a We have the support of all the schools in the Eisenhower normal curve." League, and other schools are going to be providing **KSHSAA** their support for our plan."

will not take action until at Coaches and administrators both believe this least September 2010. proposal would go to equalize private school's ability For Principal Parsons, the to "pick" athletes and win a disproportional number ultimate goal would be to of state championships. The four 5A private schoolsprovide a fair, competitive Aquinas, Carroll, Kapaun and Miege- combined to fieldnot necessarily hold 37.5 percent of the post season berths despite only to try and make a state being 12.5 percent of 5A schools. Mann says this ability championship easier. to "pick and choose" as a disadvantage to public school "For me, it's about students. the journey and the chance

"We are a public school, and our athletic to maybe win a sub-state," programs exist to give everybody a chance to compete, Parsons said. "In some areas, not just the ultra-talented." there are more roadblocks Still, others see the advantage as marginal. with private schools, and Aspera Presbyterian principal Tony Sharpe has spent these kids just get tired of years in both public and private schools and sees the getting beaten down."

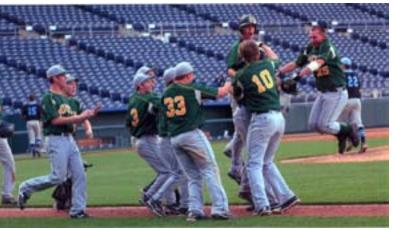


Junior Matt Wooley pitches in a league game against Basehor-Linwood April 27. The Pirates went on to win 7-5.

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n a new proposal to the Kansas Slade Burns • 5A/6A • Shawnee Mission South HS



After hitting the game-winning run, senior Chris Gilkerson is greeted warmly by his teammates. The Raiders defeated their rival school, 11-10 in extra innings. The game was played as a part of the Frank White High School Baseball Classic at Kauffman

Judge's

Comments **Sports Writing** No comments available.

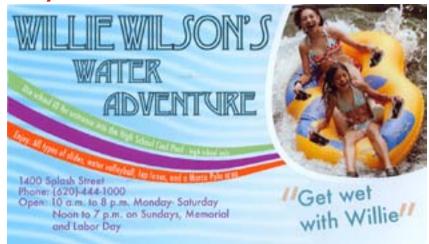
Sports Photo

Couldn't be any better at telling the story. It's a great moment. Great timing, and the facial expression of the guy in the air really makes it stand out. Good cropping off the top; pulls the viewer in.



Advertising & Headline Writing

Cheyanna Colborn • IA/2A • Humboldt HS



Drowning out anti-gay message with respect Ad Astra students, faculty unite to show their support for diversity with big numbers

Competing for Pepsi grant, former Ad Astra teacher strives to'refresh' teaching skills with technology at high school level

Judge's Comments

Advertising

Kate Linman

3A/4A • Piper HS

Great focus! Great use of a dominant photo, nice picture choice. Your design does a good job of leading my eye through the ad. The background is a little busy for newspaper. Be careful with reverse type (white on color). The background colors are a little light to read white type.

Headline Writing

Great graphic! Head is somewhat hard to read. Head two: He is a former teacher. Ad Astra not necessary in any head.

Former teacher vies for votes to win grant that will support Box Turtle Web, an educational tool for Ad Astra teachers

WICKED AT SEWING

Amanda Roberts and other sewing students save money and worry by sewing own prom dresses while making a statement

Courtney Bailey • 3A/4A • Chanute HS





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Advertising & Headline Writing

Students, faculty take part in anti-protest

Hundreds unite to counteract the Westboro Baptist Church's message

Judge's

Comments

Headline Writing Great job at capturing the essence of the story.

Advertising

Good identification with target audience by using mascot. The photo, however, directs the eye out of the ad, not in.







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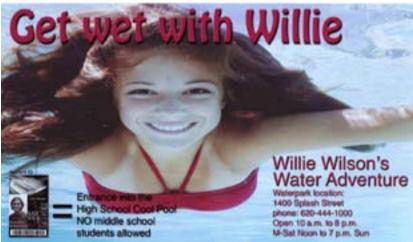
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5A/6A • Shawnee Mission North HS

Advertising & Headline Writing

Editorial Writing & Editorial Cartoon

Heather Borg • 5A/6A • Andover Central HS



Anti-gay church group pickets Ad Astra

Counter-protest event attracts hundreds despite school administration's reproval

Former Ad Astra English teacher in competition to receive Pepsi grant for online toolbox he developed for teachers

A fashion statement

Girls at Ad Astra save money, show off talent by sewing their own dresses for prom

Judge's Comments

Advertising

Good consistent color between headline & swimsuit. Good student ID. Be careful about distancing the picture. Copy should be larger and not lost in background.

Headline Writing

Great WBC head. Graphic and its deck are good. Deck conveys the aspects of story well. Head two is wordy—"in competition to receive" could be "competes for"

Allen Johns

his year's prom may become Van Morrison, junior class president, more formal than students think. even admits that they were careless in Principal Emmylou Harris is the way they presented the pledge. over-stepping her bounds and proposing to the board that "freaking" should be selling it to the rest of the student body," banned from all school dances starting Morrison said. with prom on May 6.

07 parents and faculty threw a fit about causing it to be cancelled. Now Harris 1A/2A the way students were dancing at the is asking the board to pass a resolution Homecoming Dance in October. Then prohibiting "freaking." Her fault in all Harris felt that it was her duty to resolve this is she didn't pay any mind to the • the situation by presenting the students opinions of the students. If the voices Uniontown with a ridiculous "Clean Dancing of parents and faculty are hear, then so Pledge."

The pledge was a joke. Students obviously want to "freak." If they didn't attempt to dictate behavior. I do want SH want to then they wouldn't do it at every to stand up for student rights, especially dance. Asking students to sign a pledge when it come to free expression," senior to not dance the way they want is the Joan Armatrading said. same as making a rule forbidding it. The pledge the senior and junior classes take would have been asking students offered the student body was nothing



Kaelle Kendall • IA/2A • Haviland SH

"We didn't do a good job of

In revolt toward the pledge, The controversy started when students boycotted Winter Formal, should students'.

"I don't support the principal's

The proper route for Harris to to create a compromise, ask the students more than an ersatz attempt at diplomacy. to submit suggestions. Then, use those

> suggestions to make a fair compromise. The situation concerns the student so let them help sort it out.

> "I think it's the students" duty to stop each other from doing stupid stuff," Morrison said. "I don't think it's the principal's right to tell us how to dance."

Hopefully, when Harris meets with the board they will see the error in her ways. The administration is being stubborn by not allowing students to express their thoughts.



Comments

Editorial Writing I'm not sure it's Harris vs. everyone...be careful not to assign her total fault.. Good job in offering suggestions. Be careful with expression of emotion.

Editorial Cartoon

Good job on editorializing the issue.



Editorial Writing & Editorial Cartoon

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Dh my gosh! I dorit want to See you two brush elbows thave some decorcy! , again, you hear me? Lindsay Ballard Drit dictak My median of expression 3A/4A Chanute SH

raditions like dances are meant to be a fun would also be able to ask and safe break for students. Though the questions that would help dancing may get out of control, the solution clarify the new guidelines. to "freaking" is not regulation and cancellation of the event but monitoring of the students at the dance. needs to be implemented at all school dances.

It has been recognized by a variety of of hand last year. Because of complaints, parents and the administration decided something needed find that a student is not following the guidelines, to be done, but the actions they have taken are only and easy to use.

First, a committee of parents, students, dancing guidelines. administrators and school board members need to meet to find a compromise that is favored by every committee member and outlines dancing that is appropriate and inappropriate. This committee school board members, parents, and students need to would be open to anyone wanting to help come to a work together. By educating the students about new decision.

held to show students what dancing the committee dance floor. decided is appropriate and inappropriate. Students

Finally, a program

Upon entrance, all students would receive a wrist people that "freaking" is a problem at Ad Astra band similar to those at concerts or amusement High School dances. Junior class president Van parks. Each dance would be monitored by faculty Morrison said he thought "freaking" had gotten out and parents that have a clear understanding of the guidelines set by the committee. If these monitors they would cut off their bracelet. If the same student pushing some students away. The plan to monitor has another offense, they would be forced to leave "freaking" needs to be more appealing to students the dance. Details of this program would also be explained to students during the assembly outlining

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Instead of eliminating the school-sponsored dances that offer a safe environment to students, all the parties involved including administrators, programs and guidelines, the "freaking" problem Next, an all school assembly needs to be can be solved and students can get back out on the

Judge's Comments

Editorial Cartoon

Great. Creative, well drawn. The point of how the innocent lose is good. Solid work and idea.

Editorial Writing

An excellent effort fair to all with good suggestions. Very direct, with strong suggestions—the essence of any good editorial. Great organization of

argument.

chool dances have long been the clear language, which would infringe on tradition of allowing students to the rights of the students. "live a little" inside the school doors—a social education that extends has the right to decide? Some parents beyond the classroom. It is a shame that have already advocated to "straight-up reputation of this tradition at Ad Astra ban all dancing," which is no way to has come under fire by the actions of students and adults alike.

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Ad Astra's Homecoming and Winter Formal dances have been failures. The sexually-explicit "freaking" style of dancing has upset a great many parents and teachers who think it is explicit. The Principal Harris to create a resolution. Star applauds Principal Harris, the PTA and Student Government for their efforts to create the Clean Dancing Pledge and Clean Dancing Pledge and their student ensure all Ad Astra students have an rights. enjoyable evening.

who "thought it was a fair compromise The Star has confidence the Ad Astra between the parents and students."

However, the Star board has some reservations about Harris's plan to ban sexually-explicit dancing from important to recognize that students' school-sponsored dances, beginning actions reflect the school. It is imperative with the Prom on May 8.

There is a great need for students appropriate behavior in order to promote to engage in appropriate behavior the general wellness of every student, at school-sponsored events, but that responsibility should be the burden of Clean Dancing Pledge is a step in the the individual student. Any resolution passed by the school board must have

Donnie Pepoon • 5A/6A • Wichita East HS*

*Unfortunately, the KSPA does not have a copy of the winning 5A/6A Editorial Cartoon.

And without clear language, who enhance the education and experiences of Ad Astra students.

The Star emphasizes it is the responsibility of the student to behave appropriately. The Student Government did the proper thing by cooperating with Now the Student Government must get the student body to stand behind the

These rights should not and The Star agrees with Harris, cannot be taken away by the school board. student body can take responsibility for itself, with one caveat.

> As Ad Astra students, it is that Ad Astra students engage in the school, and the community. The right direction.

Judge's

Comments **Editorial Writing**

Could use more news about upcoming meetings. Good plan. Balanced approach.

Editorial Cartoon

This is what an editorial cartoon is. Perfect.



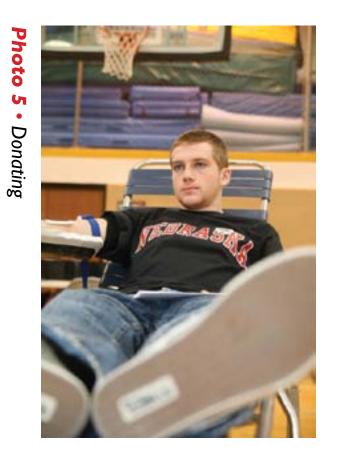
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At Ad Astra's rival John Brown Gymnasium, Junior Varsity basketball coach Will Belf shouts out against a referee's call. Guard Henry Xavier is given a foul for charging. Despite the controversial call, the Junior Varsity team won 75-68 in overtime. "We had some trouble at the beginning, sure, but the boys really pulled through for a satisfying win. They gave 110 percent," proclaimed Belf.

Flip:

Jessica Kay, junior, flips off the lifeguard stand at the end of her shift at Aspera Community Pool. "I've been working on my flips all summer. Some of the guards have been having a contest, actually, so I've been working on my technique," said Kay. The pool was one of the more popular summer jobs for Ad Astra Students. 10-15 students usually work there each summer.

1A/2A Musical:

In the theater of Ad Astra High School on April 29 was the opening night of Life on the Frontier. Senior Lewis Staples played Bill Pilgrim. Staples belts out the first song about starting a new life in Kansas, titled "This Prairie". Ad Astra student, Billy Hays wrote the play for a Advanced Theater class project. "It was a feel good kind of play. I mean, it was kind of cheesy sometimes, but overall it was a lot of fun. I love doing stuff like this," described Staples.

Trust:

SH After a week of bickering about the Spring Fling dance theme, student body president Al Remblerore decided to take matters into his own hands. Students in Student Council took a day to work on team building and trust exercises. During sixth period in the field behind Ad Astra High sophomore class representatives Jenny Weesley and Harriet Potter and freshmen class representatives Isabell Kwan and Jacey Black participate in a partner trust exercise. "It reminded me again why I wanted to do StuCo in the first place. I just love the people," exclaimed Potter.

Donating:

On April 16 in the gymnasium of Ad Astra High, Senior Keith Day awaits a nurse to draw blood. This was Day's sixth or seventh time donating. 55 students donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Drive. Day was not nervous, but more excited. "The nurses were all really nice. I mean, they always are. It was really chill. They even brought me some Oreos right after I was done," said Day.



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Judge's Comments

Cutline Writing

Overall, they are very strong. Good use of information with clean, declarative sentences. I would suggest consistently leading with the action, so the reader's first question,

"What am I looking at?" is answered.



Coach:

Junior Varsity boys basketball coach, Will Belf makes his feelings known about a call during the team's rivalry game at John Brown High School. Henry Xavier had been given the foul for charging and Belf disagreed. In the end the Box Turtles pulled out a win 75-68. Afterwards Belf explained, "We had some trouble at the beginning, sure, but the boys really pulled through for a satisfying win."

Flip:

During the warm months of the year a popular job for students is to lifeguard at Aspera Community Pool. Junior, Jessica Kay is doing just that and enjoys taking flips off the diving board at the end of her shifts. "I've been working on my flips all summer," explained Kay. Her practice is all in anticipation of an upcoming flip competition with her co-workers.

Musical:

Senior, Lewis Staples sings along with the chorus in the Ad Astra High presentation of "Life on the Frontier". The musical was written by Billy Hays, a current Ad Astra student. The show opened April 29 with Staples singing "This Prairie". He said, "overall it was a lot of fun. I love doing stuff like this!"

Trust:

Sophomore class representatives, Jenny Weesley and Harriet Potter (front), accompanied by freshmen class representatives, Isabella Kwan and Jacey Black, participate in a trust exercise as a part of the Leadership Practicum class. "We did leaning back exercises and then did trust falls," explained student body president Al Rumbledore.

Donating:

Senior, Keith Day donates blood during the Ad Astra blood drive for the Red Cross on April 16. Overall, fifty-five students donated. Day explains, "this was like the sixth or seventh time I've given blood so I wasn't really nervous, more excited really. I love feeling like I'm helping out."

Judge's

Comments **Cutline Writing**

Nice job summarizing facts and conveying them in clear, clean sentences. For print, put attribution in the middle or at end of quotes.

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Yelling in frustration, junior varsity basketball coach Will Belf contests a charging foul called on guard Henry Xavier at John Brown High School April 16. Despite what Belf considered a terrible call, the team was able to win the

game 75-68, boosting its record to 5-3.

Flip:

5A/6A Junior Jessica Kay combines work and play by performing a flip off of a lifeguard stand after work at Aspera Community Pool May 20. "I've been working on my flips all summer," said Kay. "Some of the guards have been having a contest, actually, so I've been working on my technique." Kay worked Kapaun at the pool as a lifeguard with several other Ad Astra students.

Musical:

As he sings the first notes of "This Prairie" April 29, senior Lewis Staples brings the play, Life on the Frontier, to life. This play, written by Ad Astra student Billy Hays, was performed in the Ad Astra theatre and tells a story of starting a new life in the Kansas prairie. "For a first play, it really had a lot of merit," said director and Advanced Theater teacher Sally Johnson. "The characters were well-developed and the songs were superb."

Trust:

Catholic In an attempt to create a closer team bond, sophomore class representatives

SH Jenny Weesly and Harriet Potter (front) and freshman class representatives Isabella Kwan and Jacey Black (back) participate in a trust-building activity in the filed behind Ad Astra Jan. 10. Student body president Al Rumblerore decided that, after a week of disagreement about the theme of the Spring Fling dance, the Leadership Practicum class needed to work on building trust. "It reminded me again why I wanted to do [Student Council] in the first place," said Potter. "I just love the people."

Donating:

With feet up, face stolid and arm out, senior Keith Day donates blood in the Ad Astra Gymnasium April 16. "This as like the sixth or seventh time I've given blood, so I wasn't nervous," said Day. "More excited really. I love feeling like I'm helping out." Fifty-five students helped the American Red Cross by donating blood.

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Judge's

Comments

Cutline Writing Good job overall. Nice use of information and effort to write engagingly. A few trouble spots were evident-primarily for redundancy/ ambiguous wording.



Yearbook Copy Writing & Student Life Photography

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While attending a leadership camp, seniors Jesse Cole and Jim Lauer construct a floating device that they would use in a boat race. Cole and Lauer were only allowed to use a limited amount of supplies including cardboard, scotch tape, scissors and one trash bag.

s everyday life can be so busy, a lot of us pick up after their dogs. may not have time to walk our dogs. That's where "CSK Dog Services" comes in. The service walks dogs on the weekdays for \$40 a week do not want to deal with picking up after them.

"I work as an investment banker for the First Bank of Aspera, so I have long days where I can't always get home to walk my dog, Bela," said CSK customer, Ry Cooder.

The business started as senior Michael Stipe and juniors Ali Campbell and Mark Knopfler walked through Aspera City Park last summer. The students noticed dog feces laying around all over the park. As a solution was sought out, the students spoke regarding poop. I think they've also sparked people with park manager, Benny Green, for an answer. A conclusion was made with fingers pointing to the dog owners that didn't think it was their responsibility to

"We've been LARPing (live-action roleplaying) at City Park for the past three years, and we've never seen so much poop," said junior cofor people who do not have time to walk their dogs or founder, Ali Campbell. "The park manager was nice when we complained, and he explained to us that most dog owners don't carry plastic with them and don't bother picking up after their dogs."

> The idea of the business came about between the three students and customers started rolling in. The business started in September 2009 with three customers. Since then, the business has grown to 20 customers and 25 dogs.

> "The parks have never been cleaner, especially to clean up after their picnics and stuff like that too," said Green.

Judge's Comments

Student Life Photo Good angle. Good use of depth of field. Interesting subject. Guy using tape is a bit blurry. Overall excellent!

YB Copy Writing

Would have been good to include money the student made. Overall great job. You took a refreshing, new angle that others did not.

t was a stinky situation that led Ad Astra juniors Ali Campbell and mark Knopfler and senior Michael Stipe to a down and dirty solution, and their own business—CSK Dog Services. "I love coming up with inventive

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solutions for what might seem like major Ry Cooder agrees with Green that the problems," Stipe said. 3A/4A

The inventive solutions began different reason. when the students noticed and increased

amount of dog feces at the Aspera Southeast City Park. They decided to talk to park manager Benny Green about the they come to see her, and I don't have to problem."

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> first "Our Ottawa customers were our parents," Campbell said. SH

by Now, walking 25 dogs the daily. three make about \$1,000 a week. In addition, according to Green, the students are making a positive impact.



Yearbook Copy Writing & <u>Student Life Photography</u>

"I have to tell you, the parks have never been cleaner, especially regarding poop. But I think they've also sparked people to clean up after their picnics and stuff like that too," Green said.

CSK Dog Services customer business is effective, but for a little

"When I first saw the kids' flier at the park one day, I knew they could help me out. Bela loves them when stick my hand into [feces]," Cooder said. "That's a win-win situation as far as I'm we concerned."

Judge's

Comments **YB** Copy Writing Overall good story Nice organization

Student Life Photo

Good job capturing this from a unique angle that allows the viewer to see her face and what she is doing. Exposure could use a little work, but the fluorescent lights make that harder. Need to focus a little better.

With pure concentration, senior Maggie Thyr puts her work ethic to the test as she makes the perfect swirl to top off the cone on April 19. Thyr is currently working at Dairy Oueen and has been for the past three years.



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Student Life Photo

Great show of expression.

Very interesting.

Nice action.

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ith a roar, junior Ali about to drive his lance through the beast when the unthinkable happened: poop.

Michael Stipe and junior Mark up after their picnics and stuff like Knopfler, spent many days at the city park, role-playing. Unfortunately, business that can take of this for me and scattered throughout the park were encourage others to keep the parks a piles of dog feces, left there due to a nice place."

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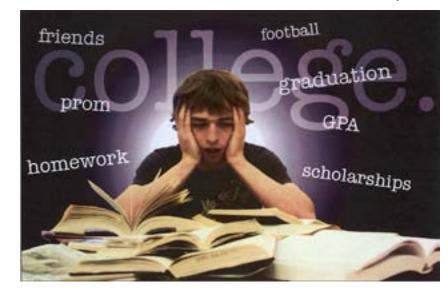
nes thought we could come with а A/6A up constructive solution instead of just Andover complaining," C a m b e l l "That's said. SH CSK how Dog Services We started. we figured could offer walks with the added bonus of scooping poop wherever it happened to land."

The pet-walking service, founded Cambell charged at the by Cambell, Stipe and Knopfler, grew Hooded Gorgon. Racing from three customers to 20 throughout through the grass, Cambell was just the year, pulling in about \$1000 per week for the group of students.

"The parks have never been his foot landed in a giant pile of dog cleaner," assistant to the regional park manager Benny Green said. "...I think Cambell, along with senior they've also sparked people to clean that, too...It's nice that there's private



the ball uggling junior banger John Phitsanoukanh prepares toss the ball to another player during a Saturday rugby match Despite the fact that rugby is not a schoolsanctioned sport Phitsanoukanh keeps up his skills by playing the game on a club team every weekend



was a new addition to the sidelines at Ad Astra High School's sporting events and Dave Gregory joined this year: three boys on the Ad Astra cheerleading squad. Peter Beckett, Colin Moulding, and Dave Gregory all lent their voices and enthusiasm at games and competed at to support AAHS athletics this year.

When Peter Beckett moved to Kansas, he where they won several was disappointed to learn that the Kansas State awards for their spirit and High School Activities Association had stopped sponsoring boys gymnastics as a varsity sport after the 1988 season.

"I moved to Aspera form suburban Chicago before my junior year. I was at Ditka High in Winnetka. I competed on the varsity gymnastics team my first two years, and was number 1 on the rings and the team's third-best all-arounder," said Becket.

Opportunities to practice gymnastics were scarce in Aspera, and Beckett saw his dream of getting a gymnastics scholarship "flying out the window real fast", so he asked cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester if he could join the cheerleading squad his senior year.

"In my 15 years as a sponsor, I have never Though this was the inaugural year for had a boy on the squad," said Sylvester, "but I knew boys cheerleading at Ad Astra, Peter Beckett, Colin about Beckett's history in gymnastics and when I Moulding, and Dave Gregory certainly made their asked him to join, he was super excited." mark.

Yearbook Sports Writing & Photo Illustration

Ben Neitzel • IA/2A • St. Francis Community HS

Colin Moulding Beckett on the cheerleading squad. The trio cheered camps and competitions, athleticism.

Judge's

Comments

Photo Illustration Great job on creating a strong center of interest.

The placement of text really helps in the strength of the concept. Keep it up!

YB Sports Writing

Important info was all in the lead, Nice! Nice flow. Way to get the fact about gymnastics early in the story. First quote could have been more flavorful, the one you used is kind of bland.

"My cheers are known for athleticism and spirited routines that require a great deal of strength and balance," said Sylvester. "Peter is clearly the best of the three boys. He helps out Colin and Dave quite a bit. He's a pretty strong dude for someone who's just 17 years old."

Sylvester wasn't the only one who thought Beckett was a great addition to the squad.

"I think it's great that we finally found some boys to be cheerleaders," said junior cheerleader Bessie Smith. "Their deeper voices really help us cheer louder and Peter is super strong. He lifts me like I've never been lifted before. Sometimes I think he's going to throw me through the roof."



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here were a few unexpected additions to it's nearly impossible to the Ad Astra High School cheerleading find gymnastic apparatus squad this year. Senior boys Peter Beckett, for boys my age," he said. Colin Moulding, and Dave Gregory practiced and performed with the team earning them several Sylvester, cheerleading awards for their spirit and athleticism.

The boys decided to go out for the team after into the picture. Beckett, a former member of the varsity gymnastics team at Ditka High School in Winnetka, Illinois, discovered that Kansas did not sponsor boys' gymnastics as a sport.

"I moved to Aspera from suburban Chicago history in gymnastics," before my junior year," Beckett said. "I competed on Sylvester said. "When I the varsity gymnastics team my first two years, and was number one on the rings and the team's thirdbest all-arounder."

During his junior year, Beckett drovet a gym in Liberal three times a week to practice Colin Moulding and Dave gymnastics. The 180 mile round-trip became Gregory. Throughout the difficult for Beckett.

"That go pretty old really fast, but in Aspera, squad really took a liking

Kyra Fulton • 3A/4A • Norton Community HS



This was when Sue coach for Ad Astra came

"In my 15 years as sponsor, I have never had a boy on the squad, but I knew about Beckett's asked him to join he was and your transitions are super excited."

Beckett also o brought along with him season, the girls on the to their male

counterparts. "I think

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junior cheerleader Bessy Smith said. "Their deeper voices really help us cheer louder, and Peter is super strong.

Over the course of the season, the boys grew to enjoy both the sport and their coach.

"Ms. Sylvester has been an awesome coach. I mean it's not the same as real gymnastics, but I can practice a lot of tumbling moves and lifting the girls is never a bad thing," Beckett said. "I have to say, I could lift the girls all day."



YB Sports Writing

Your lead is very creative, but it was weakened with the second sentence. Are the awards the real news here? Paragraphs are concise

and well structured strong.

You have a good understanding of a story's form and flow. Rework the lead and use a stronger quote earlier on. Well written.

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Photo Illustration

Very original idea. Good use of text. Simple and effective. Well done!

Dan Stewart • 5A/6A • Shawnee Mission East HS



ith knees bent and eyes focused, senior in gymnastics," Sylvester Peter Beckett grasped his hands firmly underneath junior Bessie Smith's sneakers. With one flawless motion, Beckett hurled Smith up toward the blinding gym lights.

"Sometimes I think he's going to throw me Dave Gregory, were the first through the roof," Smith said.

male cheerleaders in Ad Astra's history. Beckett, the Smith's spiraling body fell into Beckett's most skillful of the three, often offered advice to the strong arms. The entire gymnasium roared with other boys. 5A/6A applause. Ad Astra was not used to spirited "He helps out Colin and Dave quite a bit. performances like these. He's a pretty strong dude for someone who's just When Beckett moved to Kan. From Chicago, 17 years old," Sylvester said.

he was disappointed to learn that the state did not The boys not only cheered at games, but also sponsor boys' gymnastics as a school sport. At his competed at camp competitions where they won former school, Ditka High, he was a varsity gymnast several awards for their spirit and athleticism. and the team's third-best all-arounder as only a "It's not the same as real gymnastics, but I sophomore. can practice a lot of tumbling moves and lifting the Mision "I really had planned on getting a gymnastics girls is never a bad thing. I could lift the girls all scholarship for college, but that was flying out the day," Beckett said.

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Despite the fact that Beckett lost one of his North Realizing he would not be able to compete biggest passions, he was able to channel his love for in gymnastics, Becket looked for other ways to gymnastics into something completely differentassert his skills. That's when he began talking to something he was able to cherish throughout his cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester. senior year.

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Yearbook Sports Writing & Photo Illustration

said. "When I asked him to join, he was super excited."

Becket, along with seniors Colin Moulding and Comments Photo Illustration

Judge's

I really like this photo because I think it clearly shows a student being overwhelmed with activities.

would however, correct the color of his face in photoshop.

YB Sports Writing

Lead is more interesting than most entries. Creative approach. End of the story is a little cheesy, but well done.



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Johnathan Spencer 0 Assistant Editor

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Relay for life takes new twist on traditional fundraising activities

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NP Design

The money is a good draw into the story. Try not to break a column of text with a pull quote. Instead put pull quote between columns and let the text flow around it. Nice use of block captioning and stacked photos to tell the story. Good sidebar at the bottom, however if the colors were less vibrant, it might get lost.



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Athletes go the extra mile for sports

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Judge's

Comments NP Design

Good sense of a dominant element with both usage of color and images. You need to proofread these—there are typos and misspellings. Overall, good job but

next time put your pull quote in between columns so you don't break up your text.

Newspaper Design

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Stephanie Spicer

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5A/6A • Shawnee Mission Northwest HS



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Judge's

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NP Design

Good packaging. Be careful with pull quotes. Don't break columns because that makes it difficult on the reader. Clustered photos look good, but it creates

big clumps of text that look daunting. Nice side bar. Don't be afraid to tighten it up some. That will give space for other elements or more information. Good job.

Brandi Malloy • IA/2A • Humboldt HS



Yearbook Layout

Judge's

Comments

YB Layout Great layout. Body text has too much space between lines. Caption for horizontal photo a little wide. I like the headline and blue graphic elements. Graphic has nice design.



Judge's Comments

YB Layout

Dominant photo could be larger. This is the winner in this category based on overall design quality. You add some graphic touches that enhance the overall design. Main headline on the spread could be a bit more dominant.

Emily Kulaga • 5A/6A • Shawnee Mission East HS



Ad Astra's Student Council hosts a successful talent show by encouraging all students to step up and show off their skills on the stage.

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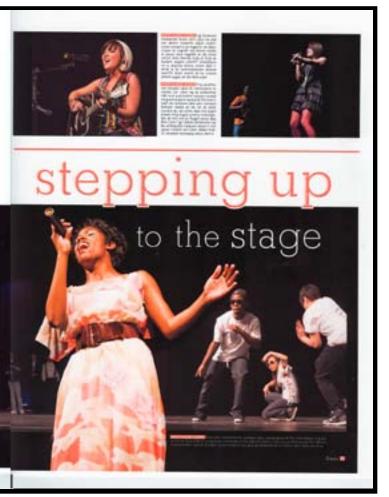






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Judge's Comments

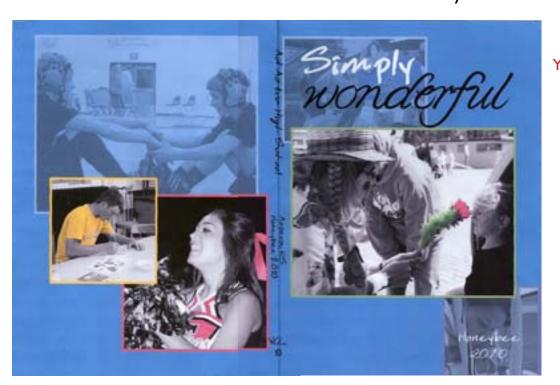
YB Layout

Nice clean design, everything works well together. Captions on top right a little too much text. I like the graphic on left. Good use of space.



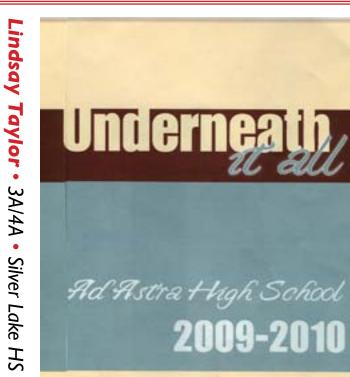
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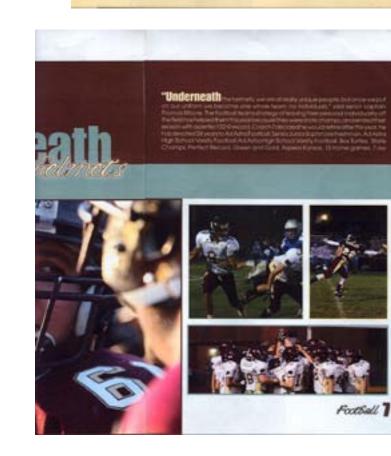
Dani Bower & Nichole Yette • IA/2A • Chase County HS





Nice use of colorwell done. Love the title pagesimply wonderful! Cover is a little bit busy. Front of the cover works well with the color in the black and white photo. Back cover-the two color pictures vie for attention.

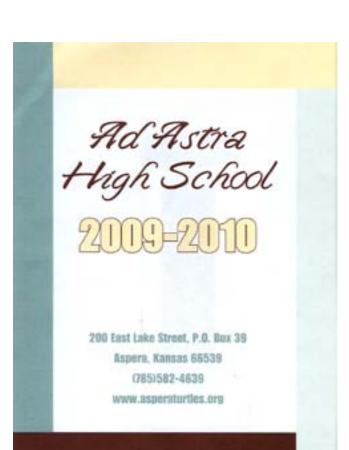








Yearbook Theme & Graphics



Judge's

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YB Theme & Graphics

Cover and title page are very simple, yet attractive—nice layering effect with type. Nice dominant photo. Interesting color choices.



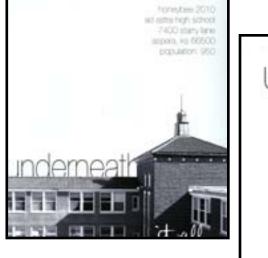
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Judge's Comments

YB Theme & Graphics

Overall, this is a very good entry. Be very exact when using cutouts—take your time. Consider a very subtle drop shadow when using a cutout on a white background. Use a higher-quality photo when printing so large as on the theme spread. Always consider real handwriting in place of handwriting fonts.





Winners in Editing

Alexis Hosack

• I A/2A • Humboldt HS

Maggie Hylton

• 3A/4A • Independent HS

Labrina Kelley

• 5A/6A • Manhattan HS

Winners in Video News Package*

Jordan Hatcher, Kelly Hannigan & Manny Bennett

• IA/2A • Chase County HS

Audri Monteith

• 3A/4A • Silver Lake HS

Brooke Hofer, Brandon Duran & Sarah Broddle

• 5A/6A • Olathe Northwest HS

*No comments available for Video News Package.

Editing & Video News Package

Judge's

Comments IA/2A Editing

A phenomenal job on a difficult story. You show an excellent grasp of the fine points of editing but also an excellent understanding of the need to think through the story. I'm impressed with your work.

3A/4A Editing

Very strong entry great work here. Your edits were solid. Good comments on the pieces of the story that were opinionated and libelous. Be sure to check your AP Stylebook for entries on times, dates and addresses. Good job overall.

5A/6A Editing

An excellent job of editing a difficult story. You caught the big issues and truly worked at editing without trying to reconstruct the story. You missed some small things, but your paper stood out for its levelheaded, logical approach.



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3rd Place Shawnee Mission Northwest



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