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Feature teacher: Mrs. Bates

feature by: axel costello

Q: What was your favorite thing to do when you were in school?

A: I loved to play basketball; it was my passion.

Q: Who was the most influential person in your life?

A: Hands down, my parents influenced me the most. After that the most influential person in high school was Mr. Balerio, my basketball and track coach.

Q: What was your drive to become a teacher?

A: Initially I wanted to coach and teaching came with coaching. However once I began to teach, I found a

profession itself that's fun, challenging and I get a kick out of seeing the "light bulb turn on" when a student understands the material.

Q: What was the most memorable moment in high school?

A: There are many memorable moments in high school: hitting the last-second shot to win a game; going to state basketball; running at the state meet and listening to my name on the speaker system, attending football games with friends; walking across the stage at graduation realizing that I was beginning my life outside the security of parents which

was both exciting and scary.
Q: What is your degree in and do you plan on getting another?

A: I have a BA in English and MA in counseling and I never plan on getting another degree!



Mystery student

feature by: robin carmichael



...squeezes water bottles because they think that the air inside takes up too much space

...loves taking pictures of everything
...wears slippers almost everyday; sometimes even to school

This issue's mystery student...

...has an older brother and a younger sister

...favorite drink is an Orange Julius

...favorite movie is Spiderman

...works at Village Inn

...middle name is Cherith

...loves ranch dressing

...loves taking pictures of everything

...wears slippers almost everyday; sometimes even to school

on the cover: Brice and Kyle
Walsten at the Art Exhibit

If you think you know this person, submit your guess to Ms. Ebersole in Room 513 by the end of the day Thursday. All correct answers will go in a drawing for a prize.

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Who knows best?

See who really knows Corey Aldershof; his brother, a girl friend, or a guy friend.

feature by: katie holladay

	Question	Corey	Cody		Heather		Keifer	
1.	Who is your idol?	My dad	Our dad	1	Dane Cook	0	I don't think he has one.	0
2.	What is your favorite sports team?	Denver Broncos	Denver Broncos	1	Broncos	1	Denver Broncos	1
3.	What is your favorite class in school?	Jazz Band	Jazz Band	1	Woods	0	Math with Strano haha	0
4.	What is your middle name?	Devin	Devin	1	Devin	1	Devon	1
5.	What was your first pet? Its name?	Corn snake named Striker	Snake, Striker	1	Knowing Corey he probably had a pet rock named Michael Jackson. 😊	0	Dog, Tess	0
6.	Who is your favorite band/singer?	Johnny Cash	Johnny Cash	1	Simple Plan	0	He doesn't really have one. He listens to everything.	0
7.	What is your favorite food?	Lasagna	Lasagna	1	Steak	0	Subway	0
8.	Which sports team do you most dislike?	New England Patriots	New England	1	Colts	0	Colts	1
9.	What is your favorite color?	Orange	Orange	1	Blue	0	Purple	0
10.	What career do you want to go into?	Pilot or masseuse	Air Force pilot, if he can't make it be a masseuse	1	Pilot	1	He said something about going into the Air Force or Navy.	.5
Total				10			3	3.5



1. ceramic project by Kyle Doty;
 2. table by Mitch Landis;
 3. blueprint by Zach Moberg;
 4. respect paper structure by Tiera Foster;
 5. pencil drawing by Angela Korbe;
 6. dresser by Nick Arroyo;
 7. metal cross by Mick Belden;
 8. lighted box by Jack Diffenbaugh.



District Art Exhibit and Technology Fair

story by: robin carmichael photos by: laken campbell

The District Art and Technology Fair was held on March 6, 2008 from 6 to 8 p.m. here at Mulvane High School. The art that was included was from all art classes K-12, Robotics, Computer, Woods and Metals, Drafting, and pieces from journalism classes. The show was a great turnout. Several students brought their parents to strut their artistic talents, and art lovers from all over town attended.



1. Justin Braungardt checks out the ceramics projects in the commons;
2. Aerica Van Dorn's display of drawings;
3. Logan Hladik helps set up the array of aprons from Fashions 1;
4. ceramic horse by Nikki Pyeatt;
5. painting by Brooke Adams;
6. ceramics project by Kayla Morton;
7. table by Aaron Elston.

Heather's Handbag

editorial by: heather branson

As I rummage through my oversized, cheetah print Genna de Rossi handbag in search of my Mp3 player, I am bothered by the annoying chatter around



me. The talk of undesirable wardrobe choices, make up malfunctions, or horrible hairstyles is like pigs being sent to slaughter.

On a normal day I would just fill my tympanic membrane with the calming, relatable all-around wisely-worded lyrics of The Beatles, but this is not a routine day.

Still frantically searching through my purse, I find nothing. Consequently, my head is being filled with the trash that's being passed around the room. Who is this girl, I wonder as I begin to get frustrated. Is it really necessary to talk about her physical characteristics?

Instead of finding my Mp3 player, I find a big hole in the front pocket of the purse I hold so dear.

The conversation of the poor girl is over and now it has become more

tolerable--talk of the Three Days Grace concert--but I still can't get over the fact that every trait that these people considered so ugly about this girl was superficial and even more upsetting it's not exactly true.

I am a strong believer in expressing your opinions, but not about how bad someone appears to you.

I am in no way, shape, or form perfect and have been guilty about talking behind someone's back. I think we all have, but why are we so obsessed with what everyone else looks like? Instead of focusing on the appearance one possesses, why not worry about something changeable, like personality faults? Better yet, why not tell the person exactly how you feel. Is it really that difficult to say exactly what you mean, and do exactly

what you say?

I have to say that I have grown up a lot through the years, and have learned to admire people for what they wear, and unlike the majority of the population, I am no longer letting you hide behind stereotypes of how high school students are supposed to be.

Yes, we are not all adults legally, but I think every one of us wants to be treated like one. This does not mean that you have to tear people down with your opinions. Some things really should just be kept to yourself; but when something is seriously bothering you then let them know in the nicest way possible.

Learn to communicate instead of simply gossiping; it's not a difficult concept to grasp.

I'm sick of it!

editorial by: chance carmichael

Sickness is ravaging our school like bees on honey. I have fallen just as ill as everyone else and it really puts things in perspective. For instance, this sinus infection has become a slight ear infection and that makes me want to drill a screw into my cheekbone while simultaneously piercing my eyeballs.

But, nooooo, dying isn't an option because I have to write a research pa-

per comparing the classical piece *The Canterbury Tales* to *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. The sad part is that I'm not kidding.

I have still been in school - which is probably why this stupid ear crap won't go away.

Seriously, ear infections are the worst pain in the world. I'd rather be catapulted into a burning classroom infested with sharks that just made Mrs. Lawless angry. I think that

as a school we should try as a whole to fight the sickness.

Perhaps, to fight the sickness, people should stop sharing food and things they often smear their germ-ridden palms all over. Can't you just imagine the family of four germs that are living on your cell phone?

"Well, Germys just took a double shift at the Giving-People-Tuberculosis-Factory, so, I think we can afford a bigger house

inside that human freshman."

They feed on the young, because they are weak. So, avoid freshmen at all costs, because they are likely carrying all forms of Hepatitis and probably some Polio.

In the end, this article really teaches you nothing about keeping healthy in times of sickness, so, I guess I'll add "don't drink water." It's totally bad for you.

Nathan's Monthly Music Manifesto

feature by: nathan strack

If you've got parents like mine, they want your music to be socially acceptable. You know, the sort of music they'll be proud to hear you listening to. The light-hearted happy-go-lucky tunes you'd hear playing in an ice cream parlor or polka bar.

Well, if you're like me, or just about anyone in high school, the music you listen to is a lot different from the hits of the sixties and seventies. Don't get me wrong, you can't forget the classics, but James Dio's "Rainbow in the Dark" just doesn't cut it for me.

If you want some bands that sound a lot like some of the popular artists today, without some of the offensive content that would cause your parents to confiscate and burn your CDs, then you should definitely read on.

So, you like Marilyn

Manson. Well, doesn't everyone? Everyone but your parents, which is fine. If you want an album that sounds similar, but won't make your parents go into cardiac arrest when they read



the lyrics, (or see the cover art...) you should check out "SETI" by The Kovenant.

The illustrious Von Blomberg can be heard pounding away at the drums, while Lex Icon supplies you with some mildly harsh vocals that will be sure to keep you satisfied as your parents shake their heads with disapproval.

What about Cradle of Filth? The closest screech I could find to compare to Dani Filth's is that of Azahel, of Frost Like Ashes. Frost Like Ashes' "Tophet" lacks the symphonic elements that Cradle of Filth has, but they have a mildly



similar sound.

Although their recording quality is kind of bad, seeing as they only have one album out that was released on a no-name label, they still sound pretty decent. Your parents probably won't approve of the sound, but they shouldn't mind the lyrics.

A good band that incorporates some nice keyboards to add a symphonic effect without the piercing screams of Dani Filth is Graveworm.

Their vocalist switches between a bit of a screech



to a mildly low growl. Depending on the album you select, the lyrics aren't exactly pro-social, but they don't have much offensive language, if any. (Not enough to receive a parental advisory, that is.)

The drums and guitar

don't stand out much, except for the occasional blast beat, but the keyboards bring the overall sound together rather well.

What if you've gained a taste for symphonic metal, but your parents just cannot bear that delicious growl that whisks you off to a metal wonderland? If that's the case, take a look at any of Kamelot's albums, which take a theatrical approach to symphonic metal,



replacing the parent-stomach churning vocals with an epic opera voice that your parents should enjoy.

In conclusion...your parents' parents didn't like their music, and your parents aren't going to like your music, no matter what you do...but its better to stay on their good side.





What are you doing for spring break?



March 21



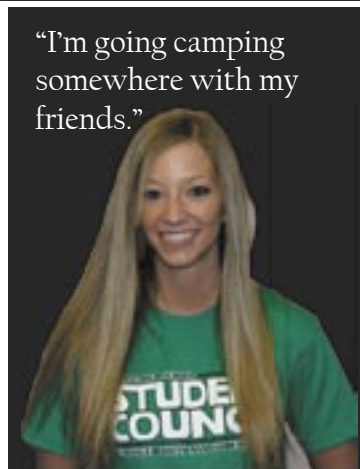
March 18 and 19



March 14, 16, 19, and 22



Devin Morton
"I'm going to South Padre Island to party with my friends."

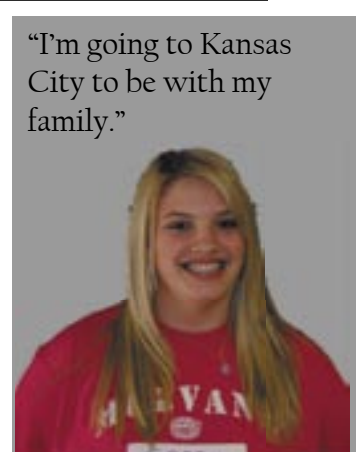


"I'm going camping somewhere with my friends."

Kelsey Seymore



Kyle Epperson
"I'm going to Waynoka to ride four-wheelers."



"I'm going to Kansas City to be with my family."

Jolee Gosch

Senior Events

March

N/A – Most applications are due at colleges and universities

14 – 23 – Spring Break

26 – Delivery of graduation supplies

April

19 – Senior Prom/After Prom

May

3 – Make sure to take work off for the big day!

9 – Senior Edition of *Cat Tracks*

13 & 14 – Senior Finals

14 – LAST DAY

15 – 8:00 AM Graduation Practice

16 – Class of 2008 Senior Awards

– Spend the night at the football field

17 – 10:00 AM Class of 2008 Graduation!

93 Days 'til graduation
55 School days 'til finals

Restaurant Review

feature by: chance carmichael

Cheddar's

11711 E 13th St North

Wichita, KS 67206

www.cheddars.com

Affordability: Cheap, cheap, cheap!

Food Quality: The drinks were actually free, I think, so that was definitely a plus.

I ordered the bacon cheeseburger, and I think the best part about this place was the fries. They were scrumptiously delectable. The burger was not under or overdone and supplied an awesome amount of bacon and cheese for a burger of its price.

The mozzarella sticks were rather small and a tad bland, but the cookie monster dessert was an amazing eat. The cookie was baked fresh and full of chocolate chips. I sampled some of Wade's chicken and it was nothing special, a little bland as well, but the mashed potatoes and gravy were a definite plus.

Atmosphere: It feels like you're eating in a jungle! There are real plants everywhere and high walls separating your booth from everyone else for more focus on your friends and family experience. There's also this huge windmill thing in the ceiling that is amazetastic!

Junk of the Month

feature by: jamie thomas

Owner: Ty Pyeatt

Type of car: Oldsmobile Cutlass

Year: 1979

Approximate mileage: 138,000

Paint Color: Navy Blue

Price: \$650

Things broken or missing: Door handle broken on the inside and out.

"To open my car I use a clothes hanger."

Favorite thing about your car: It bounces like you're on water.

It has a metal bumper, not a plastic one

Least favorite thing about your car:

It only has one door to get in and out of.

Best memory associated with your car:

"The first day I drove to school my car stalled at the stop light."



Basketball fans' favorite time of year

feature by: dylan donaldson and tyler springer

NCAA Tournament History Quiz

1. What team has the most Final Four appearances?
How many games?

2. Which player has the most points in a single-tournament game?
How many points?

3. What team has the most points in a single Final Four game?
How many points?

4. What team has the most wins in the Tournament?
How many wins?

5. When was the first Tournament game (year and opponent)?

What is the Rating Percentage Index (RPI)?

The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) was created in 1981 to provide supplemental data for the Division I Men's Basketball Committee in its evaluation of teams for at-large selection and seeding of the championship bracket.

source: NCAA

March Madness is one of the most widely watched sporting events in the United States. Sixty-five of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)'s best teams will compete for college basketball's most

prominent title.

If you are one of the many sports fans that follow the NCAA Tournament, you will more than likely be entering a bracket pool to earn a little extra cash, and/or bragging rights. Here is our expert

opinion on who will be going to the Final Four.

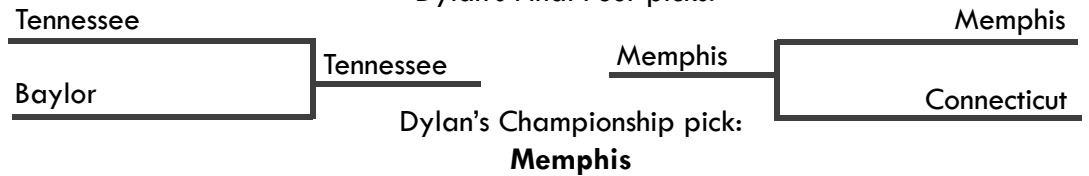
If you're not one of those sports fans, then see what the hype is all about with our crash course about the tournament.

Check the next issue to see if we were right!

Tyler's Final Four picks:



Dylan's Final Four picks:



Get your own copy of the official bracket at www.ncaa.com or espn.com

WHO?

The 65 best teams in college basketball are narrowed down through the First and Second Rounds of play. The 34 teams that are left proceed to the regional brackets where they continue to play until it is down to only four teams.

Teams will be decided and brackets set this Sunday after the conference championship tournaments have been played.

So, start watching the games today, and stay tuned for a month of great basketball.

WHEN and WHERE?

Opening Round: Tues, March 18
Dayton, Ohio

First and Second Rounds: Thurs & Sat, March 20 & 22
Anaheim, California; Denver, Colorado;
Omaha, Nebraska; Washington, D.C.

First and Second Rounds: Fri & Sun, March 21 & 23
Birmingham, Alabama; Little Rock, Arkansas;
Raleigh, North Carolina; Tampa, Florida

Regionals: Thurs & Sat, March 27 & 29
East Regional Charlotte, North Carolina
West Regional Phoenix, Arizona

Regionals: Fri & Sun, March 28 & 30
Midwest Regional Detroit, Michigan
South Regional Houston, Texas

Final Four: Sun & Mon, April 5 & 7,
Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

Girl's Soccer Upcoming Games

March 25 Buhler
 March 28 Wichita West
 April 1 @ Circle

Returning Seniors: Stephanie Boal, Tiera Foster, Amber Hall, Melinda McKee, Lauren Miller, Tamara Vasko, Katie Ybarra

Track & Field Upcoming Meets

March 25 @ Winfield
 March 27 @ Andale
 April 1 @ Valley Center

Returning Seniors: Courtney Becker, Roman Belden, Josh Carroll, Matt Clark, Brent Cline, Jarid NeSmith, Nathan Sooby, Logan Young

Baseball Upcoming Games

March 27 Eldorado
 March 31 Clearwater
 April 3 @ Rose Hill

Returning Seniors: David Kraft (All-League Honorable Mention), Devin Morton, Paul Myers, Matt Parsons, Bret Richardson, Quinton Smith (All-League Honorable Mention)

Boy's Golf Upcoming Meets

March 27 @ Chaparral
 March 31 @ Andover
 April 1 @ Chaparral

No Returning Seniors

Softball Upcoming Games

March 27 Eldorado
 March 31 Clearwater
 April 3 @ Rose Hill

Returning Senior: Lexi Linnebur (All-League First Team)

*Come out and
 support the
 Wildcats this
 season!*

jamie's randomness

A polar bear's skin is black.
Its fur is not white, but actually clear.

Stewardesses is the longest word typed with
only the left hand.

Shakespeare invented the words "assassination" and
"bump."

If you keep a goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually
turn white.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

The names of the continents all end with the same letter
with which they start.

A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will
bounce up and down continuously from the
bottom of the glass to the top.

A duck's quack doesn't echo.
No one knows why.

joke of the month

I Need a New Car

A blonde was trying to sell her old car, but was
having trouble because the car had almost 230,000
miles on it.

One day, she told her problem to a brunette she
worked with at a salon. The brunette told her, "There
is a possibility to make the car easier to sell, but it's not
legal. Here is the address of a friend of mine. He owns
a car repair shop. Tell him I sent you and he will 'fix it.'
Then you shouldn't have a problem anymore trying to
sell your car."

The following weekend, the blonde made the
trip to the mechanic. About one month after that, the
brunette asked the blonde, "Did you ever sell your car?"

"No," replied the blonde, "Why should I? Now it
only has 50,000 miles on it!"

Congratulations to the
2008-2009 Klassy Kats:
Jackie Schwemmer
Shelby Sorensen
Briana Korbe
Heather Branson
Megan Bryant
Stormi Potucek
Grace Schwemmer
Katie Wall
Chelsy Hardin
Madison Cox
Kelci Bouray
Whitney Middendorf

Congratulations to the
2008-2009 cheerleaders:
Kaitlin Lanzrath
Brook Kendall
Kelsey Seymore
Susan McDaniel
Brittany Kendall
Hannah Hughes
Helen Hughes
Jessica Smith
Amanda Ryan
Jessica Kerr
Katie Yohe
Kylie Voss
Maria Kempf
Shy Shrubshall
Taite Pulliam
Jessica McDowell
Kayla Woolsey
Kelsey Herring
Meridith Dale
Taylor Hanna
Autumn Cardwell
Blake Weaver
Bayley Middendorf
Brett Bogner
Laine Harvey
Makenzie Pohl
Sierra Muse
Taylor Belden
Tess Donahue



*Have a
great
Spring
Break!
from,
the
Cat Tracks
Staff*

NCAA Tournament Answers

1. UCLA; 17
2. 61, Austin Carr; Notre Dame vs. Ohio State 1970
3. 58, Bill Bradley; Princeton vs. Wichita State 1965
4. Kentucky; 97
5. 1939; Oregon 46 vs. Ohio State 33; Evanston, Illinois