

# Students teach class for a week

By COURTNEY SCOTT

Some Oberlin teachers stood by as their class was taken over by a student. March 26, was the annual National Honor Society Teaching Day.

The seniors members were able to serve as an acting administrator, secretary, or teacher all day, while the juniors were allowed to teach two hours and the sophomores one hour. Serving as the student body's principal was Corey Fortin, in accordance with the tradition that the president of NHS is the principal for a day.

"It was interesting to learn all the things Mr. Matson does," said Corey. "It was a lot of fun."

Mallory Sullivan was Marianne Larue and Krista Simonsson was Colleen Rittmann.

"It was fun and a good learning experience," said Krista Simonsson. Acting as computer teacher Candy DeJmal was Byron McFee. Rodney Solko was Sharon Addleman, computer teacher, and Grant Reynolds was Mark Bricker, chemistry and physics instructor.

"It's helped me realize how interested I am about going into science as a career," said Grant Reynolds.

The seniors were also given a pizza party over lunch.

Teaching two hours for band teacher Quintin Breesee was Ben Bryan. Bridget Corcoran was history teacher Tige Stone, Dani Dorshorst was counselor Nita Lavielle, Brianna May was biology teacher Amanda Jones, Dana Sattler was English teacher Susan May



KRICKIT STEINMETZ take a turn at being the teacher.

and Jessi Stanley and Krickit Steinmetz were physical education teacher Nealee Johnston.

For the sophomores, Lindsay Fortin was Mrs. Johnston also. Wendy

Fossum was English teacher Leigh Davis and Sarah Olson and Courtney Scott were Brenda Breth, English teacher.

# Attitude not so different from past generation

By TARA VOTAPKA

"You know, back in my day, teens would have never done what you kids do."

I'm sure at one time or another, we all have heard this. Sure we've heard it, but have you ever wondered if things have really changed? Have attitudes of teenagers changed?

"I really don't think attitudes have changed much," said Carol Witt. "We acted just as rebellious. I think all in all we have a pretty good generation of kids today."

"I think kids are more open and free," says Lois Steiner. "We were held down and made to obey and do what we were told." Ms. Steiner graduated from DCHS in 1929.

Most of the changes mentioned by former students of Oberlin are about respect. In the past, respect was considered to be of high importance to all

authorities. Teenagers didn't back talk to parents, teachers, or any authority figures. I also learned that discipline was harder, and parents were stricter. Parents seem to tolerate a lot more now than most would have back then.

Graduate of Oberlin in 1940, Mildred Cochran says, "The teens aren't much for studying. They seem to spend much more of their time having fun. Respect for people around them just isn't as important any more."

Janice Smith said, "I think students are much smarter these days. When I was in school, teachers had to inspire us to stay in school."

"It's hard for me to compare a change in attitudes among younger people," said Terri Woolsey, "because when I was in school, the Vietnam War was going on, and so the fear of our friends and brothers getting drafted caused a lot more dedication for school

and respect towards others."

As for me, I don't think attitudes have really changed quite as much as they have advanced.

Teens of today aren't generally afraid to be opinionated or open about things. Most teens of today have much more freedom and many more choices

and options.

"I think the attitudes of kids today are pretty similar, but if anything they are more conscious of the opportunities they have," says Principal Matson. "This makes them more aware how hard they have to work. All in all I think their attitudes are just as good."

# Girls get new look in Mexico

By SERINA HEIKES

At a quick look, it may have seemed that the six new girls were in our school. With sun-burned faces and beaded hair, these girls did look different from when we last saw them before spring break. The girls who came back from Mexico had little braids carefully woven into their hair which were bound with bands and beads. Braiding your hair while in Mexico is part of a foreign country experience that you can take back with you.

Tara said, "It was fun while it lasted because I didn't have to do my hair in the morning."

Katelyn Unger, Rena Unger, Dana Sattler, Kari Stanley, Tara Dowling and Kendra Anderson traveled to Mexico over spring break, and each had her hair braided by one of the locals in Mexico.

In spite of the many braids, the girls were able to wash their hair with regu-

lar shampoo.

Kendra's hair took the longest to braid (two and a half hours) and was the most expensive (thirty-five dollars) because her hair reaches the middle of her back. Dana's hair took the shortest amount of time (thirty minutes) and was the least expensive (fifteen dollars) since her hair just reaches her shoulders.

Kendra said, "When you go to Mexico and have your hair braided, it's something brand new that you can experience."

Rena said, "The tempting smell of food coming from the fiesta made it hard to sit while she braided my hair."

Kari said, "It was a big time-consuming hassle to take out." It took her one and a half hours to take out all of the tight little braids, and when she finished it was a big poof ball of hair.

The majority of the girls admitted that they would definitely not do it again.



Kari Stanley

# Four powerlifters place high at meet in Phillipsburg

By SERINA HEIKES

Four athletes from Oberlin participated in the powerlifting meet in Phillipsburg on April 24. Lifters participated in bench, squat, clean, and how they lifted overall in their weight class. Eric Groneweg finished with two first places and one second place. He placed first in his weight class.

"It was a really good warm-up for state, and also a good learning experience," said Eric.

Jon Counter finished with three first places and placed first in his weight

class.

The girls placed second as a team. Keisha Malleck had two second places and one third place. She placed third in her weight class.

"I had fun, and I felt stronger afterward," said Keisha.

Leah Marietta won all three categories and placed first in her weight class. She was also named the most outstanding female lifter.

"It was a lot of fun," said Leah, "and it was a nice surprise to do so well."

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# School prepares for regionals

By MEGAN RUSS

"It's going to be big," said Chris Barth.

What's he talking about? Regional track which will be held here in Oberlin on May 18. In order to host the big meet, two new shot rings and discus rings will need to be added.

"It's going to be awesome," said Kimia Bungard. She also said that she hopes she'll qualify for the regional team and is glad she won't have to travel to get there.

Freshman Kerrie Olson said, "Hopefully it will help me stay relaxed to run a big race on the same track that I'll be practicing on all season."

Forty-nine students are out for track this year, 27 girls and 22 boys. The majority are freshmen and sophomores with just ten juniors and three seniors.

Coaching track are Joe Dreher and assistants Tige Stone, Mark Bricker and Nealee Johnston.

# Speech team takes third at Colby

By KIMIA BUNDGARD

The Oberlin Speech team placed third at the Colby speech tournament last Saturday, March 24. Coach Leigh Davis said this was the last invitation before the league meet.

Jess Elwood was the team's high scorer with 51 points.

Greta Wendelin and Jess took first place in improvised duet acting, and Jess and Theresa Smith placed second in duet acting. Also placing was

Wendy Fossum in serious solo acting, taking fourth. These events had already qualified for the State Tournament in earlier tournaments.

Placing fifth at the tournament were Brent Smith in humorous solo, Ben Bryan and Joy Eldridge in improvised duet acting, and Allie Moore in prose interpretation.

"I am very pleased with how well the team has done this year," said Coach Leigh Davis.

# School Menus

April 9-13  
OBERLIN HIGH

**Monday**—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: BBQ beef, fries, corn. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Hot pockets. Lunch: Beef/sausage gravy, biscuit, peas. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: chicken, potatoes, corn. **Thursday**—French toast. Lunch: Ham/turkey, fries, green beans. **Friday**—No School.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

**Monday**—Breakfast: English muffin, egg patty. Lunch: Crispietoes. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal. Lunch: Little smokie sausages. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit. Lunch: BBQ beef.

**Thursday**—Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Beef nuggets, potato. **Friday**—No School.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

**Monday**—Beef nuggets, broccoli/cauliflower, strawberries. **Tuesday**—Vegetable beef soup, oranges, cinnamon rolls. **Wednesday**—Club subs, chips, apples, cookies. **Thursday**—Nachos, corn, fruit. **Friday**—No School.

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**Monday**—Sloppy joes, fries, jello, cookie. **Tuesday**—Hamburger Stroganoff, green beans, peach pie. **Wednesday**—Holiday Dinner. **Thursday**—No School. **Friday**—No School. All meals served with milk.

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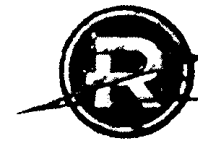
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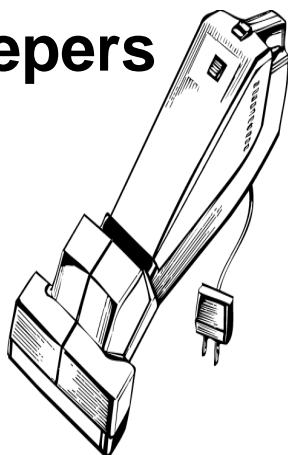
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