

Student trip full of fun activities

By KIMIA BUNDGARD

After planning and raising money for many months, 108 vocal students and their sponsors headed to Denver for the weekend.

The trip consisted of going to a sports center, an impulse theater, the musical "West Side Story," shopping, a vocal clinic and performing at the Goodland High School on the way home.

The number one thing the students seemed to enjoy was the Impulse Theater where six actors improvise skits, such as a western date, a mystery date and a romantic date that involved an eye lash curler. They also performed a forward and reverse skit called "play time" that made everyone laugh. They did a radio station broadcast to end the show.

"Probably my favorite thing would have to be the Impulse Theater," said Andrea Marshall. "It was hilarious and very clever."

"I enjoyed going to the improv comedy show. It was something new I had never seen," said Ryan Ruf.

"I had a blast at the comedy club watching Impulse. We all really enjoyed throwing our ideas out at them, and we had some pretty crazy ones," said Katelyn Unger.

"My favorite part of the trip was the impulse theater," said Matt Coleman. "I was expecting it to be very boring, but it turned out to be a pleasant surprise."

"I enjoyed the Impulse Theater and



spending time with my friends. It was nice to get a way and do something fun," said Theresa Smith.

"My favorite part was the fast forward, reverse skit 'Play time.' I laughed so hard my stomach hurt," said Angie Fortin.

"The impulse theater was awesome; the actors had so much talent, and it was a nice treat to watch them perform," said Joy Eldridge.

"The Impulse Theater was great, I would suggest seeing it again the next trip," said Chase Juemann.

Then there were other fun activities.

"I loved going shopping at the mall," said Kym Richards.

Jennie Swart also enjoyed the mall. Sabrina Cooper enjoyed the mall the most because she had never seen such a big one.

Every other year when the vocal students take a trip, they try to attend a musical. This year they were able to see "West Side Story."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the musical. It was great to experience a musical

up-close and personal with some great performers," said Ramsey Meitl.

Other students enjoyed other things about the three-day trip.

"The best part of the vocal trip was working with the clinician at Cherry Creek High School," said Kelsey Jackson. "He taught us new ways of achieving an open rich tone when singing."

"I liked the vocal clinic because I got to sit back and listen to what the choir was really doing," vocal director Susan Nelson. "I was proud of the choir. They were tired, but still worked hard."

Other students liked the sports center the most.

Kamy Diederich said she liked ice skating for the first time, and she only fell once.

"I like ice skating and playing laser tag for the first time," said Kelsey Dorshorst.

"It was fun watching everyone ice skate for the first time," said Megan Tally. "I loved seeing everyone fall."

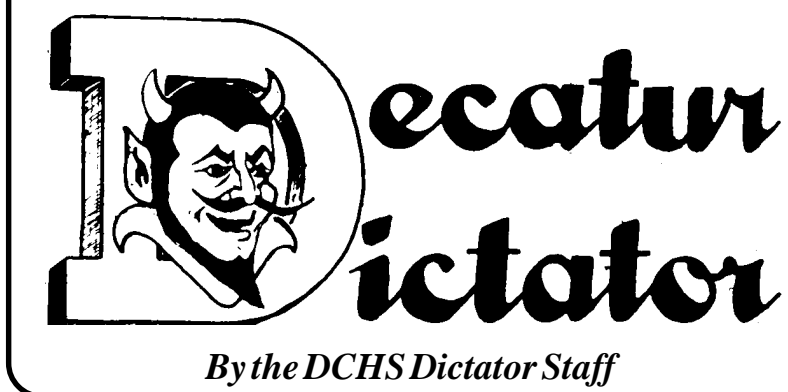
David Orr liked the time he had with his friends and playing laser tag.

On the way home the choir performed for the Goodland Singers and vice versa.

During the performance the Goodland girls sang a song to Tyson Nicholson and the guys sang for Sarah Ruf.

The sponsors and bus drivers were Quintin Breese, Mrs. Nelson, Karen and Larry Smith, Mary and Greg Lohofener, Judy Cochran, Judy Marietta, Monte and Kelly Moore, Eric Scott, Mick Barth, and Brad Larson.

"I was pleased with the students behavior and love giving the opportunity to experience new cultural activities," said Mrs. Nelson.



Speakers qualify for state

Nine more Oberlin speech events qualified for the state championship tournament by placing either first or second at the Northwest Kansas Classic Speech tournament held here on April 17.

Individual events competed but no team points were given. This was the last chance for speech students to qualify for the state speech tournament, which will be held in May.

Placing first were Brianna May in oration, Andrea Marshall in serious solo, Bayley Bryan in humorous solo and Andrea Bailey and Jenny Kramer in improvised duet acting. Placing second and also qualifying for state were

Allie Moore in poetry, Dane Anderson in extemporaneous speaking, Laci Leichter in informative speaking, Kelsey and Dani Dorshorst in duet acting, and Joy Eldridge and Ben Bryan in improvised duet acting.

Qualifying for state festival were Jessi Stanley, third, and Sarah Olson, fourth in prose; Leslie Marcuson, third in poetry; Zach Scott, third in extemp.; and Kelsey Dorshorst, third in humorous solo.

Coach Leigh Davis said the team has 16 events for both the state tournament and the festival. This is the highest number ever going to state, she said.

Student council elects officers

By TARA VOTAPKA

Rusty Grafel was elected next year's student body president on April 5.

"I think it's a great honor to be elected president," he said.

Jennifer Thomas ran against Rusty on the Federalist ticket.

Skyler Tacchini was elected vice president; Courtney Scott, secretary; and Amber Reynolds, treasurer.

"I'm glad to have been elected, and I'll work hard in my position," said Vice President Skyler.

Running against them were Katelyn Unger for vice president, Kayla Sauvage for secretary and Haley Vollertsen for treasurer.

The Federalists' platform included a sound system in the gym, the senior room being open all year long and a permanent senior photograph display.

The Nationalists platform included mustard bottles and a microwave for the cafeteria, stall doors in the boys' restrooms, and extending the senior room for nine weeks.

"I'm very excited about being secretary next year," Courtney said. "I really love being involved in what happens in our school."

Treasurer Amber said, "I think it's a great privilege and honor to have won the election."

KU honor students named

By ERIN ANDERSON

Three seniors were selected as University of Kansas honor students this year.

Grant Reynolds, Mallory Sullivan and Byron McFee meet the criteria of being in the top 10 percent of the

class.

Each received a certificate and an American Heritage college dictionary during a banquet in Goodland.

"I thought it was a great experience and was honored to be chosen," said Mallory.

Choir and band attend music contest in Colby

By KIMIA BUNDGARD

The Decatur Community High School choir and band performed at the large music contest last Thursday.

The choir, directed by Susan Nelson, performed songs, "Cantate Domino" and "Agnus Dei" and brought home a I rating and a plaque.

"We're really proud of the progress this choir has made this year and the icing on the cake was their fine performance in Colby," said Mrs. Nelson.

The band performed "Balidair" and

"Light Eternal" and got a II rating.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the band at Colby," said director Quintin Breese. "I thought they played extremely well."

I was not pleased with our ratings; however, I guess that is the risk we have to take when we take students to a music contest where ratings are subjective and based so heavily on opinion.

I myself, could not ask for a better, harder working group of students and am very proud of the entire DCHS Band."

School Menus

April 30-May 4
OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice.

Lunch: Chicken patty, fries, peas.

Tuesday—Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice. Lunch: Potato bar, chicken nuggets, roll, corn.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Hamburgers, fries, peas. Thursday—Breakfast: Hot pockets, juice.

Lunch: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, corn. Friday—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice.

Lunch: Beef ravioli, roll, green beans.

All lunches are served with milk, salad bar, relishes and fruit.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday—Breakfast: Bread sticks, pizza sauce, peach halves. Lunch: Chicken and noodles.

Tuesday—Breakfast: Pancakes, fruit. Lunch: Corny island dogs.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Biscuit, egg patty, fruit. Lunch: Chicken strips, roll.

Thursday—Breakfast: Soft pretzel with cheese, fruit. Lunch: Sloppy joes.

Friday—Breakfast: Hot pockets, banana. Lunch: Stuffed crust cheese pizza. All

lunches served with milk and choice bar.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday—Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, rolls, peaches.

Tuesday—Super nachos, corn, fruit, salad bar.

Wednesday—Spaghetti, bread, green beans, salad bar, pears.

Thursday—Burritos, spanish rice, salad bar, oranges.

Friday—Cavatini, peas, salad bar, bread, peaches. All meals are served with milk and salad bar.

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Monday—Chicken patty, spuds, salad, fruit, cake.

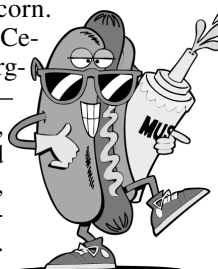
Tuesday—Pigs in blanket, fries, green beans, fruit, cookie.

Wednesday—Biscuits/gravy, grape juice, fruit, cookie.

Thursday—Pizzawiches, corn, salad, cherry crisp.

Friday—Macaroni and cheese, tuna sandwich, salad, orange juice, cookie.

All meals served with milk.



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