

Scholars take first at league

By KRISTA FOWLER

Who took over running for senator when Paul Wellstone died in a plane crash? Grant Reichert was the brainiac who answered this question correctly (Walter Mondale) at the league scholar bowl competition in Oakley. The correct answer gave Oberlin the win over Colby and the Northwest Kansas League Championship.

"I read it in a newspaper," said Grant when asked how he knew the answer.

Students competing for Oberlin were Greta Wendelin, Jake Robinson, Sarah Olson, Grant, Dane Anderson, Allie Moore and Bayley Bryan.

In the first round, Oberlin suffered its only loss 50-40 to Oakley

In the second round, the team defeated Colby 60-50.

For round 3, Oberlin faced Atwood, and after the regular 16 questions, the score was tied at 60.

"We thought the round with Atwood would never end," said Sarah. "It was close the whole way, and we had to go through four extra questions to break the tie."

Greta answered the fourth question correctly to win the round.

The Oberlin team then defeated Goodland, 100-10, and Quinter, 80-40.

With only one loss, Oberlin's team went up against Atwood in the semi-finals, winning 40-30. In the



READY TO ANSWER Grant Reichert prepared to ring in at the league scholar bowl match last week. — Dictator photo

finals Oberlin beat Colby 45-30. This is the second straight league title for the Oberlin team, which is

coached by Marlene Moxter. "They are just fun to coach and fun to watch," said Miss Moxter.

Students win trip to capitol

By KORTNEY STAPP

Six Oberlin students will get a trip to Washington and tour the Capitol March 21-27.

Abby Ream, Rena Unger, Ryan Ruf, Lindsay Fortin, Sarah Olson and Quinton Cundiff were chosen by administrators and faculty for the trip.

They each had to write a paper explaining why they should be chosen and what they would learn on the trip.

While in the Washington area, they will stay with Heidi (Martinson) Lesinki, a 1983 graduate.

In December, Mrs. Lesinki asked then Principal Gordon Matson about providing a different kind of award to Oberlin students.

Instead of giving a scholarship, she wanted to provide students with an opportunity to visit Washington. Mrs. Lesinki and her husband, John, a real estate agent and retired marine, would provide lodging and meals and serve as tour guides and chauffeurs.

While in Washington, the students will see the Capitol building, the Pentagon and several memorials.

They will also meet with Colonel Delbert Townsend, another Decatur Community High School graduate, who lives in Fort Washington, Md.

They are also hoping to visit with our state's senators and representatives.

"It was an honor to be chosen, and I am very excited about this opportunity," said Abby.

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Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

He takes dim view of his canine crew

The story of the dog is a good one.

Ever since some dimwitted wolf decided that eating Neanderthal man's leftovers was better than feasting on mammoth steaks, man has had a best friend, beast of burden and tasty Oriental dish all in one.

The domestication of the wolf (probably through some Clockwork Orange-esque brainwashing) has brought us all the way from lean, muscled tundra wolves to corpulent wiener dogs. (This is much the same evolutionary path modern man has traveled).

My family has three dogs. Squirt, a dog so inbred that she's probably her own mother, is a fine example of de-evolution.

Unlike her forebears, she has all the survival instinct of a manic-depressive lemming. Once, she ran into the side of my pickup when I was pulling into the driveway.

Her only hobbies are eating, throwing up, and, yes, eating it again.

Lather, rinse, repeat.

The second canine is a hunting dog, and although a family favorite, is my enemy.

Once, he was sprayed by a skunk (an event that seems to happen with a startling frequency) and decided that the best place to be was my bed.

Needless to say, I was not happy

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

(slightly homicidal, actually). But when I tried to put him outside, the family was upset.

Instead they fed him filet mignon and sent me to obedience school (where I would be the top in my class — except everyone else is teacher's pet).

And to fill out the bunch, we have the quintessential chubby wiener dog.

Monkeys aside, no pet beats this hyperactive little urine factory when it comes to sheer hilarity. If you don't have any, I recommend buying one (specifically from me).

She may go off like an automatic fire sprinkler whenever she gets excited, but at least she has learned to hide where she does it.

I really don't hate dogs. This article was originally about my dislike of cats, but when the cat lady from *The Herald* caught wind of that, she sent some goons, who made me eat kitty litter.

School Menus

January 27-31 OBERLIN HIGH

Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: taco, rice, applesauce. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: chicken/noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Toasted Sticks. Lunch: turkey sand., hash browns, spinach. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: bierock, chips, fruit, green beans. **Friday** — Breakfast: casserole. Lunch: baked potato, chicken

nuggets, mixed veggies, apple ring.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday — Breakfast: burrito. Lunch: meatballs. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast. Lunch: taco boats. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: English muffin, egg, fruit. Lunch: ham/beans, cornbread. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: sub. **Friday** — Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, applesauce. Lunch: potato bar, Little Smokies.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday — Breakfast: Danish. Lunch: sausage, potatoes/gravy, peas, biscuits, applesauce. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: sausage patties, biscuits/gravy. Lunch: bierocks, potatoes, green beans, pears. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: long johns. Lunch: pizza, corn, bread sticks, pineapple. **Thursday** — Breakfast: sausage pancake bites. Lunch: potato or tomato soup, grilled cheese, fruit. **Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: ham patty sand.,

chips, strawberry shortcake.

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Breakfast daily: cereal, toast, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — bierocks, cottage cheese, Tator Tots, fruit, cookie. **Tuesday** — pizzawiches, green beans, salad, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — chicken enchiladas, tossed salad, corn, cherry crisp. **Thursday** — chili, cinnamon balls. **Friday** — BBQ beef, coleslaw, oven fried potatoes, fruit, cookie.

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