



DREW MARTIN, sophomore, bows to his English teacher. At the beginning of each class, the National Honor Society inductees had to bow to their teachers and recite, "I am at your mercy." Also pictured left to right, Danica May, Destry Jackson, Karyn Jordan and Jeremy Tally (standing).

National Honor Society holds new member initiation

By KERRIE FOWLER
National Honor Society has initiated 13 new members. The inductees include junior Megan Barrett and sophomores Denton Bailey, Kellen Doeden, Destry Jackson, Karyn Jordan, Kegan Macfee, Lora Marietta, Drew Martin, Danica May, Brent Stallman, Jeremy Tally, Jason Thomas and Anne Wasson.

To be a member of National Honor Society, students must maintain a 3.4 grade point average. During school hours on Thursday, the new members were required to wear Halloween costumes and sing "Oh So Pretty" as they walked up and down the stairs. Some costumes included Captain Jack Sparrow from "Pirates of the Caribbean," football and baseball players, girls from the 50s complete with poodle skirts, a policeman in uniform, and several hunters. Inductees also had to bow to their teachers at the beginning of each class and say, "I am at your mercy." The reception was held in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. Members and guests were welcomed by Amber Reynolds, the National Honor Society president.

The inductees were asked challenging questions such as, "How many letters are in the alphabet?" The correct answer? Eleven ("the alphabet" has 11 letters). After the questions, Treasurer Allie Moore gave each inductee a humorous task to do. For example, Danica and Lora had to karaoke to "Rock Around the Clock."

Lynn Doeden, the chief executive officer of Decatur Health Systems, was guest speaker for the evening. She talked about what she looks for in an employee; the same four principles that are the basis of National Honor Society—scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Mrs. Doeden explained these qualities of good employees: to exhibit scholarship, a commitment to learning; service, willingness to work without monetary compensation; leadership, taking the initiative in school or one's job; and character, the force that distinguishes one person from others.

She told a story of character and doing what is right, for oneself and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the officers explained the four qualities of National Honor Society members and presented each new member with a certificate.

Officers of the organization are Amber Reynolds; Serina Heikes, vice president; Andrea Marshall, secretary; Allie Moore; and Dane Anderson, student council representative. Candy Dejmaj is the faculty adviser.

Current members of the club are Andy Anderson, Bayley Bryan, Matt Coleman, Molly Coleman, Kelsey Dorshorst, Krista Fowler, Logan Glaze, Rebekah Hasty, Brett Keck, Leah Marietta, Anthony Marshall, David Morris, Kelly Olson, Zane Pauls, Abby Ream, Gannon Reichert, Sarah Ruf, Brent Smith, Rena Unger and Keely Witt.



KARYN JORDAN, sophomore, dressed as a pirate as part of her initiation into National Honor Society. All inductees had to wear Halloween costumes to school.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Mad cow disease

By KENDRA ANDERSON
Living on a farm has been a very big part of my life. Observations around town made me aware of how happy cattlemen had been with the high cattle prices. The recent discovery of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy), or mad cow disease, in the United States has put a real damper on all of the cattlemen, to say the least.

Many cattlemen wait until the first of the year to sell the previous year's calf crop. Then on Dec. 23, reports of the slaughter of an infected cow surfaced. As all cattlemen know, a report like this will bring the market down, but they could do nothing about it. This discovery made it very hard on cattlemen. Farmers and ranchers have lost a lot of money, not just on the drought, but now also this. As many of you already know, many foreign countries have banned our cattle from being imported.

Two seniors chosen for state honor choir

Let music fill the air!
Two senior vocal students at Decatur Community High School have been chosen for the state honor choir of the Kansas Music Educators' Association. Andrea Marshall, an alto, and Brent Smith, a tenor, will travel to Wichita Feb. 26-28 to practice and perform with high school vocalists chosen from around the state.

To be selected, a student must first qualify for the district Kansas Music Educators' Association choir, chosen from audition tapes submitted. During district honor choir, vocalists are then chosen for state.

Andrea and Brent, along with the rest of the state choir, will practice Feb. 26 and 27, and then perform at 3 p.m. at Century II on Feb. 28. State jazz, state concert band, and state orchestra will also perform.

Alternates for the choir chosen from Oberlin were David Morris, bass, and Anthony Marshall, tenor.



SENIOR GOVERNMENT student Egan Grafel works on his portion of a mural, "Religious Tolerance", for government class.

Class paints mural

By REBEKAH HASTY
Paint a wall or write a paper? Which would you choose? This semester's U.S. Government classes chose to paint the wall along the south hall of the high school for their nine-weeks project. Dick Ahlberg teaches the semester class.

Mr. Ahlberg's first-hour class chose the theme "Religious Tolerance: The Cornerstone of America". Each of the ten students had to choose a religion and research symbols of that religion. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Puritanism are a few of the religions represented in this section of the mural.

The eleven students in the second-hour class chose the theme "Immigration Impacts America". At the center of this mural is the Statue of Liberty, because she is a symbol of freedom to immigrants. Each student had to research a group of immigrants and find a way to represent them on the wall.

The immigrants are grouped either by the countries they originated from, or by related topics such as sports or music.

Senior Serina Heikes, from the first-hour class, summed up the project by saying, "Painting the government wall was a new experience and will leave a lasting impression on our school."

The next time you are in the building, check out the new mural. It's located right outside Mr. Ahlberg's classroom, next to the trophy case.

School Menus

January 19-23 OBERLIN HIGH
Monday — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: pork fritter/bun, vegetable. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: fish, rolls, vegetable. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Toasted Sticks, juice. Lunch: chili soup, cinnamon roll, vegetable. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: Fettucini Alfredo, roll, vegetable. **Friday** — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: pizza, vegetable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — No School (Martin Luther King Day). **Tuesday** — chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes/gravy, hot rolls, apple salad, California blend vegetables, cookie. **Wednesday** — hot beef sandwich, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit slushes, cinnamon rolls. **Thursday** — bierocks, cottage cheese, tossed salad, Tater Tots, cookie. **Friday** — tacos, corn, Spanish rice, fruit, cookie. Milk served with all meals.

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