

# Excitement builds for speech teams

By REBEKAH HASTY

The high school speech team is getting very excited about the state tournaments. State speech is divided into two tournaments, champs and festival.

Champs is the more prestigious tournament. This tournament will have three preliminary rounds. The scores from these rounds are tallied to determine who gets into the semi-final round. The top twelve events go on to quarter-finals. The top six from quarter-finals go on to the final round.

In the final round, each event is rated by three judges and their combined rating decides the state champion. This year the state champs tournament will be held in Newton. State speech festival is comparable to music festival. Each person performs once for a single judge and gets a rating of a I, II, or III, etc. If a I rating is received, then that person gets a medal. This year's state festival tournament will be in Wichita.

A student qualifies for the state tournaments by placing at meets during the regular season. Usually first and second place qualify for state champs and third and fourth qualify for state festival. If a particular event has over 30 entries, then first through third places qualify for state champs, and fourth and fifth place for state festival.

The Oberlin speech team has had a very successful year and has qualified 33 events for the state tournaments. Twenty-one events are qualified for state champs and 12 for state festival. If an event is qualified for the champs tournament, it is also eligible for the festival tournament.

A full team for both tournaments is sixteen events so the coach, Miss Davis, will have to decide who gets to compete in each tournament.

The students that have qualified events for the state champs tournament are seniors Dane Anderson in serious solo, extemp, and poetry; Kelsey Dorshorst in poetry; Bayley Bryan in poetry; Andrea Marshall in informative and poetry; Rebekah Hasty in serious solo and prose; Brent Smith in humorous solo and duet acting; and Allie Moore in prose and poetry. Juniors include David Morris in duet and improvised duet acting; and Anthony Marshall in humorous solo and poetry. Sophomores that are qualified are Kellen Doeden in poetry; Jeremy Tally in improvised duet acting; Karyn Jordan in prose and serious solo; and Sarah Marcuson in prose. Freshmen Jenny Hirsch and Tricia Dorshorst are qualified in duet acting.

The students that are qualified for the state festival tournament are seniors Adam Overmiller in poetry; Matt Coleman in extemp; Kelsey Dorshorst in duet acting; and Scooter Matchett in improvised duet acting. Junior Kelly Olson is qualified in humorous solo and prose.

Sophomores include Jeremy Tally in duet; Hana Withington in prose; Destry Jackson in humorous solo and poetry; and Gabe Moore in improvised duet acting. Freshmen that are qualified are Aaron Helm in oration; Katrina Wentz and Marci Metcalf in duet; and Nolan May and Kurt Olson in improvised duet acting. Good luck to both teams at state!

# Annual variety show enjoyed by crowd

## Script written, directed by Oberlin Drama Club

By REBEKAH HASTY

The drama club put on their yearly variety show for the high school on Wednesday, April 28. The variety show was written and directed by a committee from the drama club. The song and dance performances were worked up by volunteers.

The writers and directors of the show were Brent Smith, David Morris, Jeremy Tally, and Kellen Doeden.

Some of the skits performed were an American Idol contest, Teacher Jeopardy, a doctor skit, Glum and the Precious, and The Detectives.

Teachers parodied in the show were Jim Anderson, Mark Bricker, Trevor Williams, Maria Sanden, Susan Nelson, Principal Charles Haag, and Superintendent Kelly Glodt. The show ended with "Bye Bye, Decatur High," a parody of the song "American Pie."

Performers were seniors Brent Smith, Bayley Bryan, Kelsey Dorshorst, Andrea Marshall, Dane Anderson, Rebekah Hasty, Allie Moore and Serina Heikes; juniors David Morris, Anthony Marshall, and Kelly Olson; sophomores Jeremy Tally, Kellen Doeden, Karyn Jordan, Destry Jackson, Sarah Marcuson, Gabe Moore, and Hana Withington; freshmen Nolan May, Katrina Wentz, Marci Metcalf, and Jenny Hirsch.

Guest performers were Mrs. Nelson as herself, and Jordan Tally as a hobbyist.

At the end of the show the Senior Thespian Award, for the senior which drama club votes as the best actor or actress, was presented to this year's recipient, Andrea Marshall.

# Senior Profiles

## Amber Reynolds

By SARAH RUF

Amber Reynolds in the daughter of Lyn and Marcia Reynolds. Amber has earned a 4.0 grade point average for four years, and has also had perfect attendance all four years.

She is very active in many organizations. She is the president of National Honor Society and the secretary of Kayettes (all four years).

She has also been involved in student council, drama club, TACT, Spanish club, science club, band, and vocal.

Amber is also a four-year member of the flag team, the math relays, and district honor band. She earned a I on her saxophone solo at the regional contest this year.

Her hobbies include playing the piano, singing, spending time with her family and friends, and reading. Amber says she loves to help people, and one day aspires to be a dentist.

## Adam Overmiller

By KERRIE OLSON

Adam is the son of Lynn Overmiller. Throughout high school, he has been involved in science club, art, speech, and the school play. He competed last week in the Regional Speech Tournament and earned a I on his poetry interpreta-

tion. He will compete at the State Speech Festival next week.

In his free time Adam enjoys target shooting. His plans for the future are undecided.

## Ryan Nichols

By KENDRA ANDERSON

Ryan Nichols is the son of Rick Nichols and Nancy Nichols. He is involved with D-Club and Spanish club. He earned a Spanish club-sponsored trip to Mexico in June 2002.

Ryan has also participated in football and wrestling. He enjoys playing pool and horseback riding.

He is undecided on what he is going to do next year.

## Chanelle Scott

By JAMIE ELWOOD

Chanelle Scott is the daughter of Lee Don and Melanie Scott. She has been involved in Kayettes all four years and participated in sports as well.

As a freshman she played volleyball and ran in track. As a sophomore she played volleyball and was a cheerleader.

Chanelle enjoys hanging out with friends and going shopping. She plans to go to Omaha and attend Xenon's International School of Hair Design.

# Music students score big at festival

By REBEKAH HASTY

Oberlin music students brought home 17 I ratings, 12 II ratings, and one III rating from the state music festival held in Concordia on Saturday, April 24.

Receiving I ratings for their vocal solos were Anthony Marshall and David Morris. Vocal soloists who received II ratings were Anne Wasson, Destry Jackson, Amber Reynolds, Karli Fredrickson, Andy Leitner, Matt Coleman, Jenny Hirsch, Jeremy Tally and Brent Smith.

Instrumental solos that received I ratings were Chris Jordan, drums; Lora Marietta and Destry Jackson, French horn; Anthony Marshall, trumpet; Marci Matchett, Marci Metcalf, Andrea Marshall and Kelsey Dorshorst, flutes; and Amber Reynolds, sax.

Receiving II ratings on their instrumental solos were Danica May, flute; Karyn Jordan, clarinet; and Leah Marietta, sax.

The mixed ensemble received a III rating.

The trumpet trio and the flute quartet both received I ratings. The trumpet players who make up the trio are Anthony Marshall, Allie Moore, and Brent Smith. The flutists are Kelsey Dorshorst, Andrea Marshall, Marci Matchett and Danica May.

The men's quartet, which includes Brett Keck, David Morris, Brent Smith and Anthony Marshall, the women's ensemble, Chanté and DCHS Singers all received I ratings.

The DCHS Singers are David Barth, Bayley Bryan, Matt and Molly Coleman, Kellen Doeden, Kelsey Dorshorst, Chase Juene-mann, Brett Keck, Nikki Lincoln, Leah Marietta, Andrea and Anthony Marshall, Allie Moore, David Morris, Jeremy Tally, Kelly Olson, Kerrie Olson, Jake Padgett, Jonathan Richards, Sarah Ruf, Brent Smith and Kaitlyn Stapp.

The members of Chanté are Destry Jackson, Justine Miller, Sarah Fringer, Tricia Dorshorst, Karli Fredrickson, Hana Withington, Keely Witt, Katrina Wentz, Sarah Marcuson, Kelsey Gallentine, Kaydee Leitner, Danica May, Jenny Hirsch, Heather Williams, Anne Wasson, Marci Metcalf, Jessica Stritt, and Sunnie Fredrickson.

Women's ensemble members are Katrina Wentz, Sarah Marcuson, Seri Heikes, Kaydee Leitner, Amber Reynolds, Destry Jackson, Justine Miller, Lora Marietta, Sarah Murray, Andrea Marshall, Kelsey Gallentine, Molly Coleman, Leah Marietta, Kerrie Olson, Sabrina Cooper, Tricia Dorshorst, Karyn Jordan, Lauren Fortin, Kim Ketterl, Jenny Hirsch, Karli Fredrickson, Allie Moore, Kelsey Dorshorst, Nikki Lincoln, and Kendra Anderson.

"All Oberlin performances went very well," said vocal director Susan Nelson.

To perform at the state contest, musicians and vocalists must first earn a I rating at the Regional Festival.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# Kayettes receive letter from Kuwait

By SARAH RUF

Earlier in the school year as a service project, the Kayettes wrote letters of hope and thanks and sent these along with items such as toothpaste, soap, and shampoo to soldiers in Iraq.

Last month, the Kayettes received a letter from a soldier in Iraq who had received one of the packages. Just recently, a second group of Kayettes received a letter from another soldier serving there.

The first letter was from Frankie Duran, New Mexico, and the latest is from a soldier who calls Nevada home.

This letter was to Ashley Stragey, Kelly Olson, Liz Boyd, Trina Shields, Jessica Stritt and Kelsey Gallentine. Here is a portion of what he wrote:

Dear Ashley, Kelly, Liz, Trina, Jessica, Kelsey

Well, I truly, don't know what to say. I think I have a good idea though, how about a little history of my life, well not all, I truly do not want to bore you or anything—I'll keep it short.

I'm a California boy, born in Berkley, Calif., was short lived though. But I didn't go far, I ended up living in Lake Tahoe, and soon after ended up in a little town in Nevada called Gardnerville.

My name is Christopher W. Howell, Jr. You can call me anything you guys really want, Chris, Howell, or any of these nick names they all gave me (they as in all my battlebuddy friends). They have given me some really crazy names.

I am 19 years old and am a part of 1251 signal BN stationed out of Hawaii. If you can believe it, I am a PFC

and already am a home owner; well, at least I am paying the bank for my house right now. I'm trying to use all the assets I can from the army to make it real nice when I do get out (date not known yet). But the worst thing I had to do was leave my wife, Katie, Catherine Elizabeth Howell. I don't think I could talk or write for one hour without talking about her. You see we left for the army (me and her) July of 2002, and were separated till November 2003. Now once again we must be apart for a year or maybe more, it's hard knowing. I will miss our first anniversary, February 14.

Well, enough of the drama, sorry. I just seem to write what is on my mind and at the same time trying not to bore all of you.

To my surprise it is actually really cold at night but it is getting warmer in the day, which might or might not be a good thing, we will see when it hits the hundreds.

Thank you for your support, you guys really don't know how big the littlest things are to us and I am glad to know some people care and support us. I have a whole new view on Kansas.

Thank you again for your support. A soldier, Christopher W. Howell

P.S. Okay, I know I said I would stop but I just thought of some things. I am still in Kuwait but in a few days we convoy up to our spot in Iraq.

It's going to be 600 miles to it through God knows what, but when or if I get there, if your girls want to have my final address, it will be on the back. I have to thank you all again.

# School Menus

May 10-14

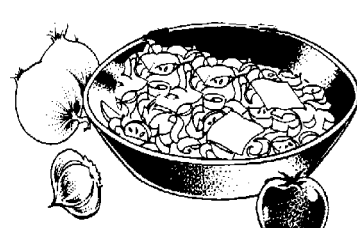
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— club subs, Doritos, baked beans, peaches. **Friday** — sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuits, pears. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



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