

# Changes made in handbook

By ASHLEY STRAGEY

Some changes have been made in the 2004-'05 Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook that students, parents, and teachers need to be aware of.

One of the changes deals with attendance and absences. The handbook now states, "When a student returns from an absence where the office does not have parental permission or acknowledgment, the absence will be unexcused. If the student says the parent knew, but the student forgot the note, the student will have until the next day by 8:20 to have the parent verify the absence as excused."

Changes have been made to the handbook because of issues or problems that have occurred during the past few years.

Another change deals with incomplete homework. The handbook states that a student will be assigned a penalty period for "failure to complete homework on time."

Students will also be given a penalty period after three tardies and all successive tardiness each semester.

Library pass rules have become stricter. To go to the library during homeroom or study hall, the student must have a pass from the teacher who gave the assignment the student needs to work on.

The SIT team is also explained in the new handbook. SIT stands for Student Improvement Team, and it consists of teachers "who are willing to help students to establish goals and strategies to help them overcome personal, academic and behavior concerns."

New graduation requirement changes have been made that will apply to the class of 2009, this year's 8th graders. (See separate story in the *Dictator*.)

Senior Kelsey Gallentine said, "I'm glad I am a senior and don't have to go through the new graduation requirements."

Cafeteria charging procedures have also been changed slightly. The school is now allowing only three meals to be charged to a student's account.

"Indiscreet low cut pants" has been added to unacceptable clothing in the dress code.

One more change concerns the Junior-Senior Prom and Homecoming candidates. The handbook now states that students who are nominated as candidates will be removed from that privilege and honor if at any time after nomination and before the coronation they violate the guidelines established by the Decatur Community High School training rules contract. If a student has violated the training contract and is removed from activities at the time of the nominations, they will not be considered as a candidate.

Junior Nikki Lincoln said, "I think that the handbook changes are good and will help the students succeed."

If you would like a copy of the 2004-2005 Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook, copies are available at the high school office.

# Cheer girls attend camp in Oakley

By LIZ BOYD

Cheerleaders from western Kansas gathered in Oakley on Sept. 2 for the annual spirit spreader. A group from the Universal Cheerleaders Assoc. taught cheers, dances, and stunts.

Oberlin was represented by all seven cheerleaders and their new sponsor, Gina Montgomery.

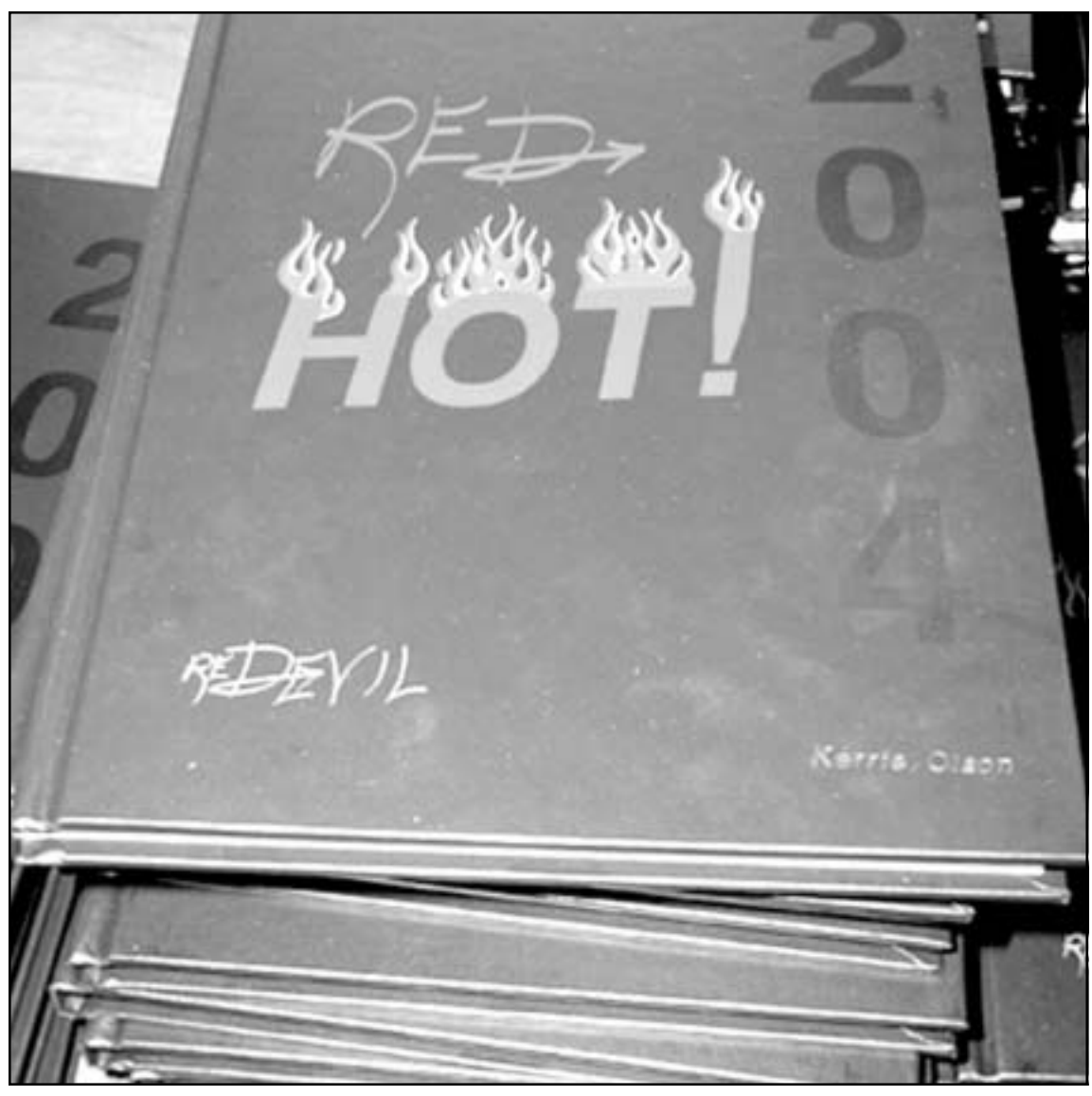
"I thought it was neat," said Mrs. Montgomery.

Most of the girls thought the stunts and the dancing were the best parts of the spirit spreader.

When the freshmen were asked why they went out for cheerleading, Kayla Zodrow said, "I always loved to do jumps, cheer, and be in front of a crowd."

Chantelle Beneda and Amie Ritter both said they want to show school spirit and try to get more spirit in the high school.

Mrs. Montgomery said, "I would like to see more unity in this year's cheerleading squad and much more school spirit."



"COME AND GET ME," the new Red Devil yearbooks seem to say. — Dictator staff photo

# 2004 yearbooks available

The 2004 Red Devil yearbooks have arrived.

The theme of the yearbook is "Red Hot." Sarah Ruf was the editor.

Last year's seniors can pick them up in the high school office. Those who didn't order a yearbook but would still like to purchase one need to see Brenda Breth, the yearbook

adviser. There are a few extra for sale.

Yearbooks and pictures will also be for sale Thursday, Sept. 16, in the Decatur Community High School cafeteria. The yearbook staff would like to get rid of old pictures they have in order to make room for new ones.

According to Mrs. Breth, they

have a lot of pictures from last year—sports, plays, musical, homecoming, prom, and miscellaneous.

The yearbook staff also has quite a few pictures from the last six years. They plan to spread them out on the cafeteria tables so students and parents can through them.

The yearbook staff is also selling car decals.

# Homecoming candidates named

Queen and king candidates for Homecoming 2004 were announced on Friday.

The football team chose the following five girls as queen candi-

dates: Molly Coleman, Jamie Elwood, Kim Ketterl, Trina Shields and Ashley Stragey.

The king candidates were chosen by the volleyball team. They are

Andy Anderson, David Barth, Lance Fortin, David Morris, Jake Padgett, and Gannon Reichert.

Homecoming is October 1.

# 900 lb Gorilla ad

# Ad in GDN



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# New Students

## Ashli Samson

By KELSEY GALLENTINE  
Among many new faces at Decatur Community High School is Ashli Samson. She is the daughter of Chad Samson and Candice Ketterl. Ashli is a seventh grader this year. Her sister, Alli, is a freshman, and her brother, Jonathan, is a sixth grader.

Because of Herndon's school closing, Ashli and her siblings came to Oberlin to go to school. So far, she enjoys Oberlin. Ashli said, "It was easy making friends here."

When asked what her hardest class was, she replied, "English." She is excited about sports and currently is out for volleyball.

Outside of school, she enjoys

riding her four wheeler.

## Lindsay Perez

By KAYDEE LEITNER  
Lindsay Perez is another new student at Decatur Community High School. She is originally from Goodland. Lindsay's parents are John and Carol Kingery. She has one sister, Portia, and two brothers, Gage and Colton.

Lindsay says she is planning to go out for basketball and track. She wanted to go out for volleyball but, she said, "I got here too late in the season to go out."

Lindsay likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. Her favorite class is lunch and her least favorite is biology.

# School Menus

September 20-24

## OBERLIN

**Monday** — Breakfast: Breakfast cereal, cherry turnover. Lunch: sandwich for a crowd.

**Tuesday** — Breakfast: coffee cake, peaches. Lunch: enchilada casserole, Mexican rice.

**Wednesday** — Breakfast: cinnamon swirl, French toast, oranges. Lunch: tuna casserole, roll with butter.

**Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, cantaloupe. Lunch: barbecue meatballs, mashed potatoes, roll with butter.

**Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito, pears. Lunch: chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, roll with

butter. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

## PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches:

**Monday** — sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuits, applesauce.

**Tuesday** — hamburgers, French fries, baked beans, oranges.

**Wednesday** — spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, pears.

**Thursday** — chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, rolls, Mandarin oranges.

**Friday** — No School (parent-teacher conferences). Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

