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Welcome Back! Inside!

LCHS Administration Enforces Weighted Grades

Views are varied on the hottest gossip topic at Limestone

By: Angela Kominski

Weighted grades, a subject of controversy in the past, is no longer a rumor. The LCHS School Board approved the implementation of a weighted grading scale effective the 1999-2000 school year.

"The freshman will truly have the impact of weighted grades," says Limestone's principal, Mr. Bill Beach, "also a new grading scale which is based on a five point system rather than a four point system."

Ninety percent of the freshman will not see a big difference, but the students that take weighted classes and have set academic goals for themselves will see several changes. The biggest difference will be the grading scale.

"An 'A' for them will be a 5.0, a 'B' then will be 4.0 etcetera, where as if a student is in a *regular* division class that's *not* weighted, their 'A' would be a 4.0." said Beach. A disadvantage is the weighted classes will require final exams.

"Weighted classes *can* be successful. I think that it will provide a challenge to students to take and to choose more difficult tracks." Beach said.

Another question is will the weighted grade program continue? "One of the things that some of the kids probably don't realize is that the new weighted grade program is actually a board of education *policy*. That program is going to continue until the board determines *not* to continue it, or to end it or to disban it, however you want to say it." mentioned Beach.

A lot of teachers are also in favor of the weighted grades. "I'm for the weighted grades

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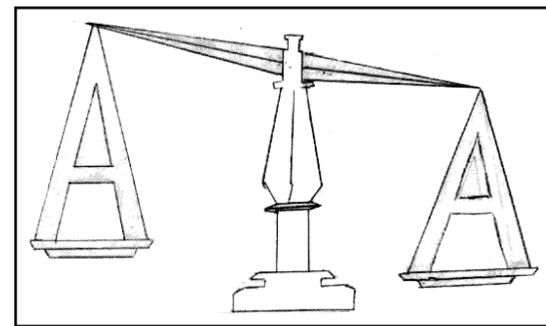
Principal Bill Beach

because I think it gives students who want to achieve higher goals a reward for working hard," says Spanish teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Strickler. Special Ed teacher Mrs. Buffy Allread says, "I think in many cases the weighted grades are a good idea because the kids who are willing to work harder get credit for that."

Even students who don't take any weighted classes or still don't know what weighted grades are yet also think it's a good idea.

"Since I don't take any of the weighted classes, I don't have any experience with the weighted grades," says freshman Amanda Selburg, "but for people that do have the weighted classes, I think it's a good idea."

The student that takes weighted classes *won't* have more credits at the end of highschool, but they *will* have more total accumulated GPA points. That is *one* of the



advantages of the weighted grade grading scale. The main point is that there *are* more advantages however..."The advantages are obviously that if you're taking the weighted classes, you're willing to do the extra work and go into more detail and go into a higher level of thinking skill and that you're going to be rewarded for that," exclaimed Beach.

New Truancy and Tardy Policies Put Students in a Hurry

By Jennifer King

Last years excessive tardiness convinced the LCHS administration and discipline committee they need to rewrite a clearer and stricter truancy policy. They both said that last year was a great year, but some students were breaking the

rules more than once. The rules were made tougher to make sure these students would act better this year. "We are just trying to hold students accountable for there actions" stated Mr Gresham the Dean of Students about the new truancy rule.

Last year when the discipline committee met around May, they decided they need to change these rules. The committee is made up of teachers, students, parents, administration, a Bartonville police officer, and Mr. Green, the Liason officer. Then they made a request to the Board of Education to make them new rules. The Board then analyzed this request to see it was needed. So far they haven't had any complaints about these new rules ,but "this might change when someone gets there third truancy said Mr. Gresham." If you do break these rules some of the consenquences are not good. For the first and second truancy you only get a Saturday detention. The third will resort to an out-of-school suspension. For a classroom truancy you would get a Saturday detention for your the third truancy and your fourth will be a out of school suspension.

Most students think that they are being punished for not having as long between classes , but that is not the case. Some rules were being broken more than once by the same students. Adminisrators feel they needed to do something about them. Mr. Beach and Mr. Gresham

stated last year was a good year. There was just one problem and this was it. They fixed it and Mr. Gresham happily said "that this year is starting out excellent." Hopefully this year will be a great one.

Tardy Policy

Four tardies to the same class	- Removal from class AIP
Five accumulated tardies	-One unit of Saturday Detention
Seven accumulated tardies	-Removal from AIP
Ten accumulated tardies	-Two units of Saturday Detention
Fifteen accumulated tardies	-Out of School Suspension
Each additional five tardies will result in Out of School Suspension.	
Accumulation of ten or more days of OSS will result in the student being placed on LCCHS Alternative Probation and/or being taken before the LCCHS Board of Education for an expulsion hearing.	

Truancy Policy

1st Truancy	- Saturday Detention One unit for two or less classes Two units for more then two classes
2nd Truancy	- Two units of Saturday Detention
3rd Truancy	- Out of School Suspension - two days
4th Truancy	- Out of School Suspension - three days
5th Truancy	- Out of School Suspension - five days
Accumulation of ten or more days of OSS will result in the student being placed on LCCHS Alternative Probation and/or being taken before the LCCHS Board of Education for an expulsion hearing.	

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What do you think about the media being too explicit on their news stories and current events?

"No not at all. They need to say what they need to say."

Junior-
Adam Chrichton



"Yes, the media is overly noisy."

Freshman-
Heather Post



"I think that there shouldn't be so much hype on a certain subject."

Sophomore-
Skyler Moore



"I think that it is not the media's fault because obviously the American people enjoy hearing about the events or else the media wouldn't feel the need to write about it."

Senior-
Jennifer Eustice



"I don't think that they overdo it. That is just what there job is."

Freshman- Ryan
Blackburn



Letters to the Editor Wanted

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the Editor. All letters must be signed by the writer (however they may be printed anonymously if requested) and turned in

no later than the 15th of the month. The *Limelight* Editor reserves the right to reject letters which may be viewed as controversial or are in conflict with the *Limelight's* Editorial Policy. Submissions may be turned into Rm. 6 or they can be e-mailed to us at: limelight@limestone.k12.il.us

Limelight Editorial Policy

The *Limelight* is the student newspaper at Limestone Community High school. It is a laboratory for journalism students designed to serve the total school community.

As a liberator, the newspaper provides staff members with independent writing opportunities and individual evaluation. Writing is based on a wide variety of research for a broad and often critical audience. The experience demands responsibility and cooperation.

Business skills are learned through the needs to sell advertising and to remain financially solvent.

While the newspaper is responsible to the Board and subject to state and federal laws, contents reflecting student thinking is not necessarily in agreement with administrative policy. An understanding of administrative policy should be reflected in articles relating to it.

The primary audience for the newspaper is the student body at Limestone Community High school. However, the staff recognizes that the paper is read by and must speak to the faculty, to the administrators, to the parents, and to the community as a whole.

The first function of the newspaper in serving the audience is to accurately and factually report significant aspects of school life and subjects of interest and concern to the readers. Due to the fact that straight news stories are based on fact and should be unbiased, they may not be signed.

The *Limelight* should stimulate thinking and provide leadership for the school. As an independent observer, the newspaper should use its unique access to a new and broad perspective to lead the school community toward constructive accomplish-

ment. Editorial comments reflect the thinking of the editorial board and are not signed. Reviews and opinion columns by individuals must carry by-lines.

The *Limelight* provides its readers with a public forum; students, faculty, administrators, parents, and others in the school community are encouraged to react to material printed through signed letters or articles. Names will sometimes be withheld from publication for a good cause. Outside contributors are subject to the usual restrictions of libel, defamation, slander, and obscenity and must conform to newspaper policy. The newspaper need not agree with or endorse the contents of outside contributions. Contributions may be rejected if considered unsuitable. Any questions to this policy should be directed towards the newspaper advisor and/or the editors.

Notes From the Editor's Desk

Here we are again. At that dreaded time of year... The beginning of school. As we enter the halls for the first, next, or last time, various questions enter our minds. Will I pass my classes? What will my teachers be like? Will I make new friends? What about the friends from last year? Will they still like me?

These questions stay with us even into the year. As an upperclassmen, I have already experienced the joys and pains of the underclass years. I have asked the questions and looked desperately for the answers. Still I return this year and ask the questions again. All I can say is that it doesn't get any easier. The questions remain unanswered, and new ones constantly appear. These questions will undoubtedly cause headaches for years to come.

However, there is some consolation. As you go through your years at Limestone, just remember that they are supposed to be the best years of your life. These years are the last chance for us to enjoy our lives. After these short four years, we are off to more school or a job. Either way, these are the last times we will have to be "kids." From now on, we will constantly have responsibilities to live up to, jobs to maintain, and for most of us, a family to raise.

Even though these times may seem tiring and extremely stressful, look at them in a positive light. Don't worry so much about what other people think of you. Try to make friends that will accept who you are; not for how much money you have or for what you look like. Try to participate in events that will allow you to express your innermost desires. For someone who likes to write, consider a journalism class or an expository writing class. Just make sure that you take time to enjoy your high school years.

Let me say just this... **"Welcome to Limestone."**

Chris M. Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

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Construction interrupts life at Limestone

New Gym Already Under Construction

By Kim Nelson

Finally under a lot of consideration Limestone has decided to build a new gym. This gym will cost \$962,480. It will consist of two full basketball courts, three volleyball courts and a wrestling room. It will be located on the west side of the school between the football stadium and football locker room. It is being built by Rumps construction in Peoria. It is expected to be done in late spring, 2000.

Mr. Beach said this will give the kids more opportunities. The P.E. classes will have more games to play and more space. Also having more things means we might be able to hold a holiday tournament which we have

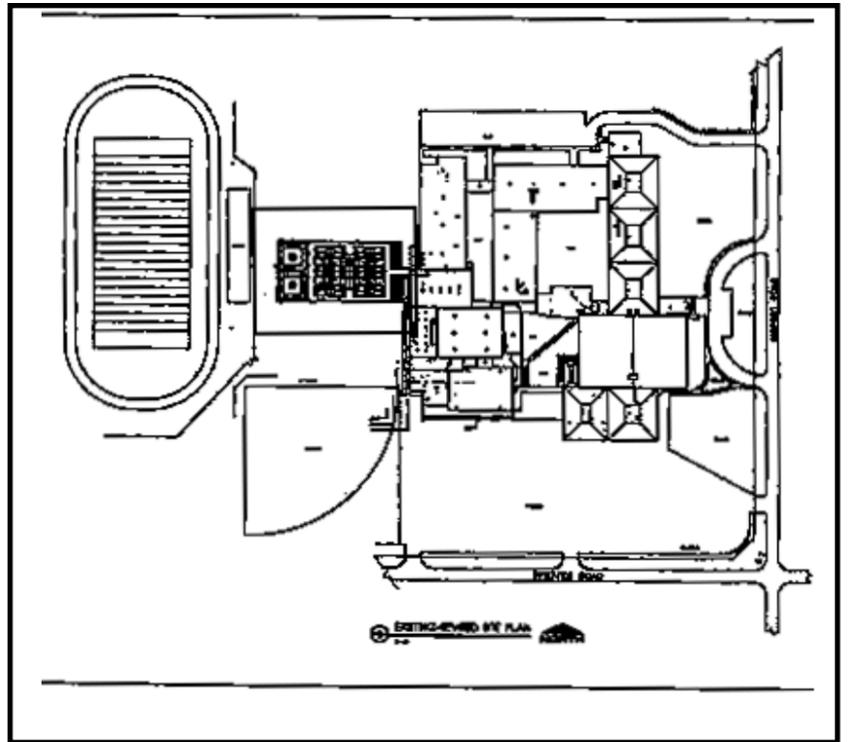
never done before.

People have different about this though. Mr. Thierer said "I think it is an excellent idea. They should of expanded more and built a swimming pool and things the public could use though". Mrs. Strickler said "the P.E. facility at Limestone has needed to change for a long time. It is a good idea if it improves the P.E. surroundings". Mr. Ganson said "I think it is a good idea. They needed the facility for years. They were trying to get a gym when I graduated". Cayce said "I think it is a good idea because it would give us more room.

On the other hand people don't like this idea. Mindy said "I think we should get a swimming pool

before a new gym".

Jenny said "I think it should go to a more worthy cause like fixing the heaters or getting air conditioning". Kim said "I think we should build a swimming pool for the swim team instead of the gym". Overall though Mr. Beach said he is very excited about the gym.



(Left): A photo of the future site of the new LCHS practice gymnasium.



Some of the construction workers on Limestone's roof. Pouring tar (top left), and laying down insulation padding (bottom left).



Superintendent Dr. Dees.

L.W. Thomas is the contractor on this particular job and is doing an excellent

job. "No we bid it and they were the cheapest of the three companies that bid it," said Dr. Dees, "Thomas was at \$922,543, Peoria Roofing bid \$989,700, and Krieling Roofing bid \$922,524. So, no one else would have been cheaper." The leaks themselves were around \$25,000 but a few things were added like water proofing and the fixing of a few vertical walls (the walls go above the roof) so the total was \$1,025,190 for 143,000 square feet of roof.

By Jake Ketcherside

Have you been hearing all that racket coming from the roof while sitting in class lately? You are probably wondering, "What is that?" Well Limestone is investing in a new roof.

The construction on the new roof has caused many griefs and joys, but it will cause more since the construction will not be done until the end of October. Rocket 1 is due back October 1st and the satellite will be put back up on that date also.

The roof was expected to take to the end of September or the beginning of October but the rain has delayed the roofing a little. "For a day or two it is going to bother a few classes each day but it only takes a few days for them to do a certain area and then move on. Also under the roof it is real dirty and when they lift up the old roof that dirt will rise up and will also bother the classes that way so every class will be bothered a little," said

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Key Club Plans for the New Year

By Cayce Byrd

Key Club 99-00 is off to a great start this year. With a bigger board, new faculty advisor, New Kewanis advisor, this year is sure to be great! The board includes President- Sara Ray, Vice-president-Nicole Link, Secretary- Ebonie Wright, Treasurer-Sara Fulks, and Statistical Secretary Erin Pitzer. And the representative positions include: Public Relations CO-Chairwomen Cayce Byrd, Senior Representative Mei Tung, Junior representative Abbie Alsene, Sophomore Representative Amanda Bowton, and Projects Chairwomen Theresa Wike.

Our president Sara Ray is also the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Secretary and is second in command on the board. As district secretary Ray takes minutes at board meetings, district mailings every month, and puts out 300

page district guide. Ray starts work on the guide in April and it will be coming out later this month. Ray got started in Key Club as many people do, she attended the annual Key Club picnic. The picnic is something fun for anyone interested in Key Club and for who would want to learn about what Key Club does and what it is about. Ray says, that she would like to further her involvement with Key Club by running for District Governor or international trustee.

Some new additions to the executive board and advisory positions are: Mrs. Amy George, the new Faculty Advisor. George has been helping out with our club for the past five years, but this is her first year as an Advisor. Her duties now include developing leadership within the club, and she also advises the board. George's goals include building member-

ship within the club, find new projects, have more annual projects, and get more involved with the community. Mrs. Kathy Burke is another addition to Key Club. She is the new Kiwanis Advisor. Although Burke has been the faculty advisor for the past six years, this is her first year in the Kiwanis Advisory position. Another new addition to the board include Nicole Link-Vice President, Erin Pitzer-Statistical Secretary, Sara Fulks- Treasurer, and all of the representative positions are also new. Some of Key Club's favorite activities that Key Club is involved are: helping with the Special Olympics, Homecoming parade, District Convention, and having fun!!! Our least favorite thing is fundraising. By joining Key Club you could learn leadership skills, get contacts outside of school, meet friends, and it can help you get into college. Our Key Club supports Kewanis's world wide service project: Raising money for Iodine Deficiency Disorder. They also support the Illinois and Eastern Iowa District project: Spastics Paralysis research project.

If you are interested in Key Club or would like to get more information you can see Mrs. Burke or Mrs. George in room 99, see any current member, or come to one of our meetings. Meetings for the month of September are 9/8-7:15p.m. in the Snack Bar in Rm. 15. We hope to see you there.

News Notes

LCHS Teachers participate in summer practicum

The following teachers participated in either the Academic or Vocational Instructor's Practicum last summer. They were: Shawn Allred, Kitty Bozarth, Fred Lucas, Sherrill Morris, Tracy Wetzler, Peggy Gross, Michelle Perkins, Phyllis Hagenbuch, Katie Olson, Dottie Strickler, Kris Tinnon, and Gordon Wassel. This practicum assists teachers in learning how to put their teaching into practical use.

HTML vacations???

Mrs. Bonifas' computer science class is creating a "cyber vacation" using the HTML language. Students of the class were to choose a destination city in the U.S.A. Then travel to five states to their destination city and at least five states back. After choosing their "theme" and using internet research the students design a web site.

Limestone's Own Carpenters?

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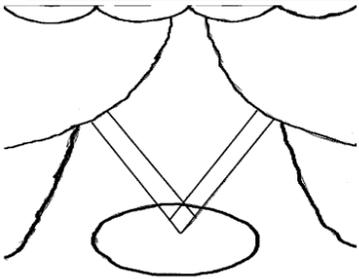


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In the spotlight *Breaking the barriers: Learning a New Language*

with
Marlana Bussey

Imagine that first day of school, walking down a different hallway, seeing nameless faces, and hearing different vocabularies that you have never learned. Also, don't forget- your family and friends cannot help you because they are half way across the country. It seems a bit scary, something we would never want to try. Christina Kjaersgaard and Naoko Shogaki are experiencing it though. Shogaki, a senior from Japan, and Kjaersgaard, a senior from Denmark, are foreign exchange students visiting for the 1999-2000 school year. So far they are both loving it here, and they are very happy and excited to be in a different country with nice people.

To help the two girls adjust to a different life, two families

want to visit other cities while they are in America. Shogaki plans to travel to Chicago, and Kjaersgaard wants to go to Chicago, New York, and Montana.

Although teenagers around the world have a lot in common with school, interests, and relationships, Shogaki and Kjaersgaard think LCHS is different than their schools. Shogaki attends Meito High School in Japan. Comparing Limestone to Meito, Shogaki explains that there are differences because she had to wear a uniform in Japan. Also, "piercings are not allowed," says Shogaki, and students could not dye their hair.

Another difference between American and Japanese schools is the driving policies. Teenagers have to



have volunteered to host the students. Shogaki is learning the American way of life while living with Craig and Tania Sprague, while Dave and Karen Davis help Kjaersgaard perfect her English.

Both Shogaki and Kjaersgaard have a lot in common. They both have been studying English for about five years and both are in the same exchange program, YFU. Both girls agree that when they came to America, they noticed that American clothes are much cheaper here than in Japan or Denmark.

The girls are enjoying their visits so much that they plan

"I love it here, but I miss my family, friends, and boyfriend."

Naoko Shogaki

on encouraging their friends and family to visit America because they want to come back to visit some day. They also definitely want to keep in touch with their host families.

Shogaki and Kjaersgaard



Photo by Marlana Bussey

First year Spanish students, taught by Mrs. Ginger Adams, prepare themselves for the world outside LCHS. Besides English, Spanish is one of the most common spoken languages in the United States today.

By Delanie Ferguson

"Yo quiero Taco Bell." Jennifer Lopez. "La Vida Loca." Latino phrases, songs, and people have definitely impacted American culture.

In fact, the hispanic culture is becoming so prominent that "between now and the year 2010, Hispanics will become the largest minority in the United States," commented Spanish teacher Ginger Adams. As a result, bilingual citizens will be in demand.

Spanish teachers Ginger Adams and Dorothy Strickler prepare their students to become comfortable and confident with a language they may need to know some day because speaking a second language offers many opportunities for future careers and lifestyles. Strickler, a Spanish teacher for 23 years, commented, "Speaking Spanish lets a person enjoy the culture."

Strickler enjoys Spanish because of the different aspects of the unique culture. "I like Spanish because of the change of students, music, art, and the opportunity to travel to Spain," explained Strickler. "I also like the sound, and it's a wonderful culture."

"Between now and 2010, Hispanics will become the largest minority in the United States."

Mrs. Ginger Adams

Even though Spanish requires a lot of concentration and work, it is an interesting class. Freshman Jenny Parks said, "My favorite part of Spanish class is that we get to do a lot of activities in class." Parks also decided to join Spanish because, "all my friends were going to take it, and it's more commonly used."

For future politicians, teachers, doctors, or food connoisseurs, a complete understanding of the Spanish language and culture could guarantee success.

College Corner

Visiting College Representatives

- Tues. Oct. 12, 1999 8:30 a.m. Eureka College
- Tue. Oct. 12, 1999 9:30 a.m. Illinois State University
- Thur. Oct. 14, 1999 8:15 a.m. University of Illinois @ Chicago
- Thur. Oct. 14, 1999 9:00 a.m. Northern University

Everything the LCHS college bound senior needs to know.

- Mon. Oct. 18, 1999 9:00 a.m. Quincy University
- Tues. Oct. 19, 1999 9:00 a.m. Concordia University
- Thurs. Oct. 28, 1999 9:00 a.m. Illinois Central College
- Fri. Oct. 29, 1999 11:00 a.m. Culver-Stockton College

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New Beginnings: Looking Through the Eyes of a Freshman

By Christina Holt

What advice would you give the freshmen to make their first years of high school run more smoothly?

"Get involved in something, it doesn't matter what. It will make the year seem less boring."
-**junior Rose Rickard**

"Do your homework, stay out of trouble and keep to yourself."
-**senior Amanda Thompson**

"Don't buy a pool or elevator pass."
- **junior Ryan Medina**

"Be organized. Find an individual they trust so that if they are struggling with an issue, they have someone to talk to. Be involved in extra-curriculars."
-**Mr. Ganson, science teacher**

"Never be afraid to ask for help."
-**sophomore Amy Lane**

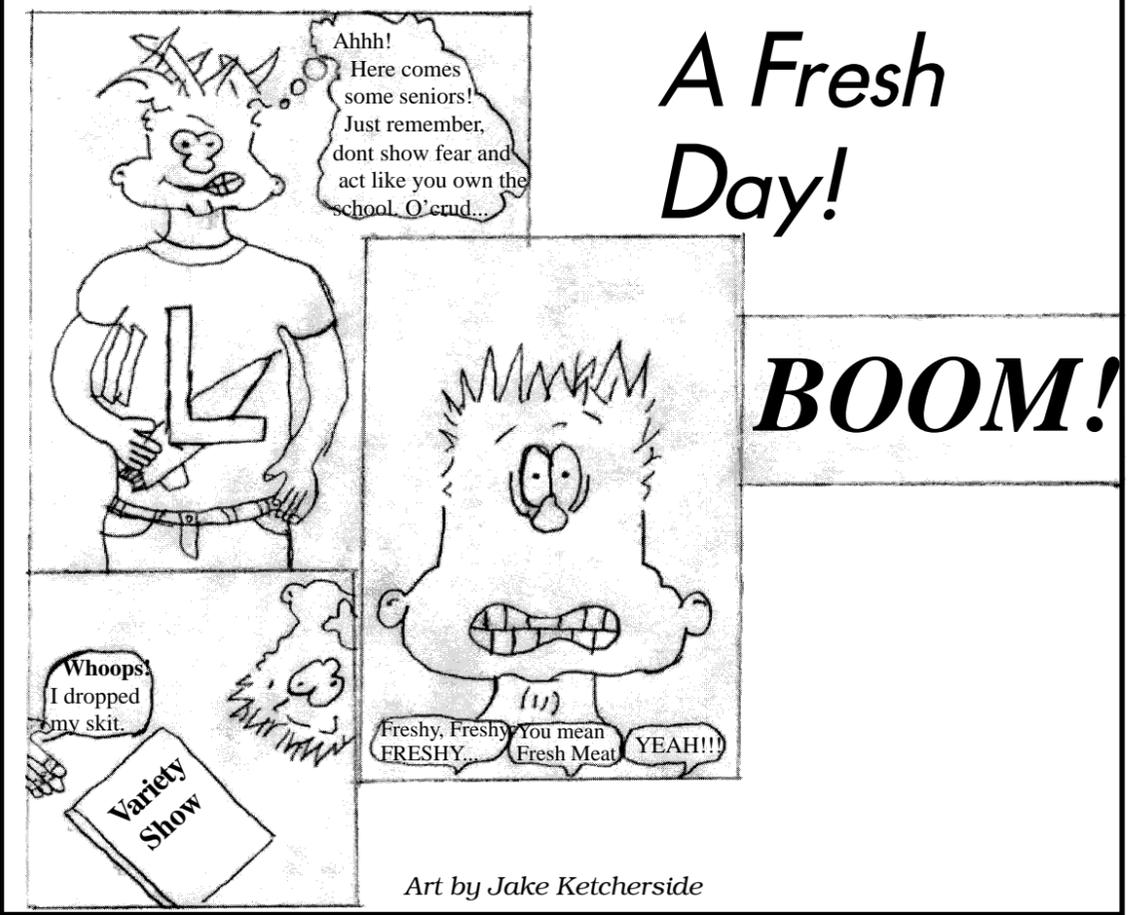
"Be nice to all the upperclassmen. If you're nice to them, they won't be mean to you."
-**sophomore Kim Ensor**

Chants of "Go home freshmen, go home!" is every freshmen's nightmare. Will they pick on me in the hallways? Will they boo us off of the stage at the Homecoming Variety Show? Will they knock my books out of my hands? Although many people cannot wait for high school, those first few days can be intimidating. High school is supposed to be one of the greatest times of your life, but what is it really like so far for the incoming freshmen?

Before the freshmen started high school, many of them had expectations of what Limestone would be like. Most grade schoolers look forward to high school because of the wider range of educational and extra-curricular activities. Freshmen Brandy Vance expects Limestone to be "better than grade school" and looks forward to playing high school basketball.

Although many freshmen expect high school to be fun, they have some fears about coming to high school. Most are worried about finding their classes and getting there on time. Some freshmen even have nightmares about cruel upperclassmen pushing them into lockers.

Most freshmen will agree with Tony Thomason who



Art by Jake Ketcherside

says the biggest adjustment so far is "finding my classes; you can get lost pretty easily."

Each freshman has his or her own goal for high school, but most just want to do the best they can and graduate.

For the most part, the upperclassmen have been pretty friendly to the the class of 2003. Andria Lampton says, "I haven't had any problems yet."

So what are the freshmen looking forward to this year? "Dances," says Sarah Hanelt. "Homecoming and stuff."

For those who are counting the days until the next vacation, senior Amy Kocher

offers friendly advice. . . "Do what you love and love what you do. Don't care what other people think." Good luck

freshmen, and make the most of the best four years of your lives.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES LCHS GRAD

By Steven Kirkbride

High school is only four years out of a lifetime that many students easily forget. Once the diplomas are in hand and the lockers are cleaned out, the noisy hallways and football games become dusty memories of childhoods past. Most students do not venture back, but sometimes there are a few who do reappear. Mrs. Tami Terrell is one of those few.

Terrell, an LCHS graduate from the class of 1993, was hired for the 1999-2000 school year to teach junior English and sophomore Speech and to coach the speech team.

Terrell graduated in 1998 with a Bachelors of Science in Speech Communication Education from Illinois State University.

At one time, law school was a future goal for Terrell, but after positive influences from math teacher Mr. Gerald Perschnick, she decided to become a teacher

"Be realistic in your goals, and whatever you choose to do, be happy."

Mrs. Tami Terrell



Photo by Marlana Bussey
Mrs. Tami Terrell, an honor student and softball player from the Class of '93, reenters LCHS hallways a second time around to teach English 5,6 and Oral Communications and to help coach the Speech Team.

instead. His "all work and no joke" approach to education appealed to Terrell. "He was easy to approach," she said.

As a student at Limestone, Terrell achieved many goals in the classroom and on the softball field. She was an honor student and graduated with a 3.85. Now as a teacher at Limestone, Terrell finds success again. She commented, "It is a sense of accomplishment being on the other side of the desk. Teaching doesn't feel any different than being taught because you learn stuff from each other and are always learning."

After grading papers, writing lesson plans, and working with the speech team, Terrell devotes her extra time to her husband and her daughter. She also enjoys athletics and the outdoors.

Looking back at her high school years, Terrell advises seniors to "Be realistic in your goals, and whatever you choose to do, be happy."

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Easy Come, Easy GO !!!
By Chad Day

Just six months after prodigal drummer Jimmy Chamberlin returned to the group, the Smashing Pumpkins announced Thursday (Sept. 9) that bassist D'Arcy has quit. In a terse statement headlined "D'Arcy's Gone! D'Arcy has left the Smashing Pumpkins." The band's new album is finished, and will be released on February 15, 2000, by Virgin Records. A spokesperson for the group could not be reached for further comment at press time. No reason was offered for the departure of the 31-year-old bassist, born D'Arcy Wretzky. She was of the founding members of the Chicago band, which is fronted by singer/guitarist Billy Corgan and also includes guitarist James Iha. No replacement was named. When the Smashing Pumpkins formed in Chicago in 1989, the band consisted solely of Corgan and D'Arcy, who played along with a drum machine. But the bassist Ñ born in South Haven, Mich. Ñ has always taken a back seat in creative terms to Corgan, who wrote most of the band's songs. D'Arcy has played on all of the Pumpkins' recordings. Their most recent album was Adore (1998), a low-key, electronic-influenced work that featured the song "Ava Adore. This just shows that without every band member in the band, the band is not at its best.

FOR THE RECORD:

- 1) The band is *NOT* breaking up;
- 2) The reason for the departure of D'Arcy is *UNRE-LATED* to the return of Jimmy Chamberlin; and
- 3) The upcoming release, set for February, 2000 *WILL* still be coming out in February, 2000.



At the Movies

Day's Say

By Chad Day

The Sixth Sense

Do ghosts and goblins exist? Well, maybe this will make you believe the truth. When you know the truth it scares you;



it scared Cole too. What would you do if you saw a ghost and no one believed you? In the "Sixth Sense," this happens. The "Sixth Sense" is a ghostly tale of a child psychologist who gets caught up in a startling

secret.
Bruce Willis plays Malcom, the social worker assigned to the strange young boy with a secret. The boy claims he can see the dead. Malcom at first doesn't believe him, but begins seeing patterns in the hauntings, and devises a plan to help Cole, the misunderstood boy, with his abnormal problem. Malcom tells Cole to talk to the ghosts and maybe then they can rest. This plan comes to action when Cole takes the upper hand.
The quick frightening experiences and scary scenes will keep you watching. If you go to the late show and begin to doze off, the scary superstitions will keep you on the edge of your seat.
The movie was great, and it is a must see for horror fanatics everywhere. It was the first movie in a long time to actually scare me. The movie's horrish look and make-up is also great.
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Give it all for the NOOKIE !!

June 22, 1999, Limp Bizkit dropped their sophomore album, Significant Other. This album features guest appearances by Jonathan Davis, Scott Weiland, Method Man and many more. The current single "Nookie", has been Number 1 on Total Request Live and 99x's Top 9 at 9:09 for many weeks. The album has been number 1 in albums on The Billboard Top 200 and has sold almost 650,000 copies the day it debuted. The people who did not like Bizkit's previous album Three Dollar Bill Y'all are introduced to a new side of Limp Bizkit. Significant Other has brought Limp Bizkit to more CD collections than Three Dollar Bill Y'all. Also, Significant Other, it has Dollar Bill Y'all Bizkit's rock/rap music.



"We without the fans life," says Limp "We are so grateful many people, but My pick for the sec-

was featured in DADDY and on the soundtrack. The track "Show me what you got" show Bizkit's appreciation for its fans in all different cities and the artists who appeared on the album. Junior Adam Crichton said "I listen to Limp everyday, it gets me goin!" I think this band and its album is one of Summer '99 's highlights and will continue to climb charts for months to come.

By Brad Clough

Out to Eat with Kelly & Christina

By Kelly Bazhenow & Christina Holt



Homecoming, this word brings up the question "Where are we going to eat?" One good pick is Cheddar's Casual Cafe on War Memorial Drive in Peoria. Cheddar's has a wide variety of affordably priced meals. Whether your craving a hamburger, pasta, or a quesadilla, Cheddar's has it. The decor ranges from old novelty posters on the walls, to paddle shaped fans on the ceiling. There is plenty of seating and definite smoking and non-smoking sections. The friendly atmosphere is inviting whether your in a t-shirt and jeans, or out on the town.

Kelly's review

I made the trip to Cheddar's on a Monday night with my family. We arrived around 7:20 p.m., and were seated immediately. Our waitress Kelly, was very friendly and made sure we had refills throughout the night. It took under twenty minutes for our party of five to receive their meals. I ordered the chicken tenders appetizer, which comes with fries, and an order of garlic toast. The chicken and fries were perfectly seasoned and tasted great. The garlic toast was slightly burnt but still tasted great.

I had hoped to try their famous cookie monster but was to stuffed from dinner. The total cost of my meal was 9.08 ,plus tax . In my opinion, Cheddar's is one of Peoria's best restaurants, and I will definitely be back. Cheddar's is also a really great place to take your homecoming date. Keep that in mind when picking a restaurant boys.

Christina's review

Once I arrived, at Cheddar's I knew it was a popular place because parking is hard to find. What I think is neat about Cheddar's, is if there aren't any tables available, they give you a coaster that lights up when a table is ready.

First, I ordered a small glass of Barq's root beer. I told the waitress, "I wasn't very hungry" so she recommended the world class combos. You can pick a sandwich, salad, or soup or all three. I chose half of a grilled cheese sandwich and a garden salad with fat free ranch dressing. The salad was nice, fresh, and attractively arranged. It was so large I only ate half. The serving sizes are so huge, one entree can be split among two people. My grilled cheese came with bacon and tomato but, I took off the tomato and bacon leaving only a super cheesy sandwich. It was a little greasy but not too much. It was so fulfilling but I still had room for dessert. I split a piece of cheesecake drizzled with strawberry syrup and decorated with a spoonful of whipped cream. The total cost of my meal was \$6.28.

Cheddar's is a great place to go for a birthday because the waiters and waitresses sing happy birthday on kazoos. Also, they give you a complementary birthday sundae. I recommend it if you are with family , friends, or out on a date.

Fall Sports Preview

Football



Varsity

Chris Wendelin

"We are one of the hardest working teams around. We will be underdogs, but we will play hard."

Soccer



Varsity

Justin Jones

"We are an experienced team that will struggle in the beginning, but will eventually get it together."

Volleyball



Varsity

Katie Hollond

"We have a lot of talent and are working great together. We can go really far if we work as a team."

Swimming



Varsity

Michelle Closen

"We have a lot of new girls, and we constantly improve."

Golf



Varsity

Brad Clough

"We have seven guys that can compete and do well, but getting those seven guys to do good on the same day is what we need to work on."

Tennis



Varsity

Sonya Stundon

"I think this year is going to be tougher, but we will have more victories because our new coach is a lot tougher."

Living the High School Dream

Former Rocket Hired as 1999 Football Coach

By Doug Peterson

June 9, 1999, former Rowdy Rocket Loren Peacock stepped on to his high school football field as the 1999 head football coach.

The football team has made a roaring and impressive start beating La Salle Peru 12 - 0. Everyone links this wonderful beginning of a season to the coach, but Coach Peacock dedicates it to the team.

Since 1988, Peacock has coached at East Peoria High School and recently Manual High School. Coach Peacock

plans on bettering the team using discipline which will hopefully strengthen the players' self-esteem. "At the end of each practice we run a 1000 yard drill. Coach has the quarterbacks do the snap count on either one, two, or first sound. After the snap count we run the length of yards we are supposed to, but if we jump the snap count, we have to run the same length, run back to where we started, and back up ten yards," explains Limestone corner

back Ryan Closen.

"Our offense is good, and our defense is tough and hard to beat, so if we can dominate on both defense and offense, Limestone will be the team to beat. I have always wanted to be a coach, and I hope to make my old high school team play with heart," says Peacock.

With fond memories of his high school playing years, Peacock hopes to give the 1999-2000 Rockets a season to remember for a lifetime.



Dancing into the Millenium!

By Jamie Emert

This year has started off great for the dance team. They had to make a few adjustments in the beginning due to their new instructor. "It has been hard having to adjust to new instructors, but we made it," says Marlana Bussey, second year captain of the dance team.

The dance team works with flags the first semester. Then during the second semester, pom-pom dances for the basketball games. In May they have a recital where they perform sixteen to seventeen different pieces.

To start off the year they have had a few fundraisers. They had a car wash last May, they sold pizzas last August, and they will also be selling poinsettias and wreaths during the holiday season.

They have a lot of goals they would like to accomplish this year. They are really eager to

go to competitions to compete against other area high schools and other local dance squads. The dance team and the marching band are going to take a four day trip to Indianapolis where they will compete against hundreds of nation wide marching bands.

The team has put a lot of time and effort into their routines this year, practicing over the summer and every day during the school year.

The dance team expects to do a great job this year. "I really hope the year turns out great. I am really going to miss being a captain," said Bussey.

The dance team and marching band has had a long history of victories at various field competitions in the past. Their hard work, dedication, and effort will help them to continue to succeed at these achievements.

Cheerleaders Hard at Work With New Coach!

By Ashley Andrews

It's the beginning of a new school year, and everyone is probably curious about this year's LCHS football cheerleaders and their coach.

This year's football coach is Mrs. Kitty Bozarth. Bozarth has been working with this year's squad since June. Working many hours with the squad every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the coach has seen that the squad is "very talented and open for changes." As the coach, Bozarth has certain expectations from her cheerleaders. She expects them all to maintain passing grades and to socially represent LCHS in a positive way.

When asked how she felt football cheerleading differs most from basketball cheerleading Bozarth says, "of course football cheerleaders must cheer outside and deal with the weather (which is fun). In fact, this summer everyone was burnt by the sun!"

She also pointed out, many times basketball cheerleaders must contend with very loud crowds. As a squad this year, the LCHS football cheerleaders have been to UCA camp.

Being realistic, we all know the Rockets can't win every game. We asked the coach if the team was down by 50 points how could the squad pump up the crowd. Bozarth said she would "like to see the cheerleaders out in the stands cheering the Rockets on and staying positive, win or lose.

Bozarth feels staying positive and staying away from negative thoughts makes the LCHS cheerleaders promote school spirit. Bozarth enjoys coaching the football cheerleaders very much. She really enjoys seeing kids excited and cheering LCHS on to another victory.

Christy Isonhart is a junior and is one of this year's LCHS cheerleaders. Isonhart told us this is her first year in cheerleading at Limestone. She said she wanted to become a cheerleader so she could become involved in her school.

Isonhart pointed out that to remain involved in cheerleading, she must have passing grades in all her classes. Getting people involved and cheering at the games is one of her most favorite parts of being a cheerleader, but sometimes it's tough for the squad to get the fans really going.

This summer the squad members were able to attend cheerleading camp and really learned to work together as a team.

To help promote school spirit the squad members enjoy making signs which cheer the Rockets on. "Enthusiasm," Isonhart says, "is the squad's strongest point."

The next time you are at a Rocket's football game, remember all the hard work the cheerleaders have done to pump everyone up and be sure to help them out by cheering with them to urge Rocket football on to a victory.