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ST presents Rest Assured



photo by Mark Robichaux

LET ME GO Seniors Ross Dardar, Charles White, and Emmalee Antill act out a scene in the Drama Club's performance of "Rest Assured."

Mark Robichaux
Staff Writer

The Drama Club play "Rest Assured" premiered Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. The characters for "Rest Assured" were as follows: Jessica Morlock-Brittney Naquin, Mildred the Maid-Raechelle Robertson, Mr. Phillip Morlock-Blaine Keller, Luigi Lanconi-Ross Dardar, George Plew-Jeremy Fonseca, Miss Akers-Catherine Bascle, Joe Lanconi-Charles White, Mary Morlock-Emmalee Antill, Mrs. Hazel Morlock-Rainie Vanamburg, Lucifer-Bobby Martin, Mrs. Schmaltz-Charlene Rhodes, Dr. Brown-Larry White, Mr. Black-Terry Naquin, Martha Lanconi-Tamie Jones, Jake-Chris LeBoeuf, and Mrs. Frinck-Lindsay Cornwell.

"Rest Assured" was a comedy/drama about a man named Mr. Phillip Morlock who only cares about money. He pays little or no attention to his family and experiences chest pains from time to time. Mr. Morlock is so busy worrying about money that he hardly gets any sleep or none at all.

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LEAP and IOWA testing complete

Chris LeBoeuf
Staff Writer

Standardized testing was held on the week of March 14 - 18. Students in the school kept positive attitudes while enduring the stressful test.

All non-seniors were taking a test during testing week. Eighth graders attending ST had to retake the LEAP test and the IOWA test - the test freshmen also take. Sophomores take the English and math part of the GEE 21, while juniors take the science and social studies part of the GEE 21.

ST's guidance department is in charge of the testing process. Forty testing sites around the school were set up for the standardized tests, with several set aside for students in need of accommodations. The testing process only allows teachers to find out who they're testing the day before they

administer the first test. "The students were inspired to do better by Mr. Delcambre," said Ms. Kayla Rhodes, head of the Guidance department.

Mr. Delcambre promised dress down days to those students who scored basic or better on the tests.

Certain days and afternoons are set aside for make-up testing. Make-up testing is taken seriously, because tests not made up result in a score of 0 being credited towards the school's average.

"Teachers and students should be commended for the exceptional dedication to helping ST score the best score possible on the IOWA, GEE, and LEAP tests," Ms. Rhodes said.

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GATOR TALES

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War - What is it good for?

Kate Dumond
Staff Writer

Although many students do not fully understand or pay attention to what the United States is doing in Iraq, a few students do understand and have a quite a bit to say about the topic.

"The world today is much smaller. We are all interconnected due to the technology. The world is connected on a chain. If one regained nation decides to destroy that chain, we are all affected. I believe if the US's job to police the world, since no else will do it," said senior Emmalee Antill.

When many students were asked their opinion on

the war, a few of them did not understand our reason for fighting.

"I think that the war is an unnecessary annoyance that the publicly elected leaders make us go through because they are too childish to set aside their differences and are too power hungry. If everyone were the same, it would be a very boring world. I think that people should accept that people are different and try to understand them instead of kill them," said senior Amanda Champagne.

Some people believe that the US shouldn't be involved in the war, while others believe that we

should.

"What they are trying to do is spread democracy in countries that seemingly have inferior forms of government. The intent is great, but in application, it has struggled to achieve what was intended and in fact, we have lost sight of our original motive. We originally set out for Osama, but then decided to get Saddam instead, then decided to be a change of forming an entirely new government. The US bit off more than it could chew in this war. It is a shame, and personally, the motives for this war are strictly for patriotism-something dangerous to die for," said

senior Rebecca Molinere.

"I support our troops, but hope that they will return soon. I feel more of our resources should be going to improving the problems in the US," said Ms. Larke Fabre.

We are not fighting this because have nothing better to do. Many people remember 9-11-01, the day the twins fell. The world stood still on that day. Many people were in shock when the news aired. No one wanted to believe that it was real.

"I do believe that we're doing out part to help the world, but at the same time, I believe we are beyond our means. We are spending too

much time on Iraq and not enough on our problems and the problems of other nations," said junior Taylor Fabre.

"I think that eventually they would have threatened US. Their beliefs and ideas were destructive to themselves as well as the US. They were a threat to freedom everywhere," said junior Tasha Pinkard.

Some say that it is four years too long, while others say that it is four years well spent, helping another country.

"I think that we need to support our president and our troops whether we believe in it or not," said Ms. Melanie Landry.



Library Club

Mark Callahan
Staff Writer

South Terrebonne's Library Club is taking a break from everything at the moment.

"We are not doing anything at this time because we just returned from a National Library Convention," stated Lynn Ellzey.

The convention was February 17 - 19. The theme was Louisiana Teenager Librarian Association goes Hollywood. People come from all over the state to participate in this convention.

"Helping out is my favorite part of being in the club. I think I will run for president again next year," stated junior Tiffanie Martin. "I think if we would plan our meetings better it would make the club better."

The club meets every first and third Monday of the month.

"I hope for the club to grow because its hard having few people to do all the things the club does," stated Ellzey. "We help with teacher appreciation week and secretary day and many other things celebrated at school. The club sponsors the supplies available in the library. We have things from pencils and pens to report covers and index cards. Also, we are selling a supply of dictionaries for sale for five dollars each."

Ms. Ellzey retired on March 18. Several people came to spend time in the library to see what it's like to work here at South Terrebonne. She wishes the club and the school the best of luck in everything.



photo by Lynn Ellzey

AND THE WINNER IS...
Freshman Elizabeth Turner presents at LTLA.

Rest Assured cont.

This all changes when Mr. Morlock meets Luigi Lanconi, father of Joe Lanconi who is dating Morlock's daughter Mary. When Luigi asks Mr. Morlock if his son Joe can marry Morlock's daughter Mary, Morlock says no. The two men fight, and shortly after, Luigi is brought to the hospital because he, too, is experiencing chest pains.

Morlock soon learns that Luigi has died and shows no remorse. He receives the shock of his life when Luigi's ghost begins to haunt him and won't leave until Morlock lets his son, Joe, marry Morlock's daughter. After everyone thinks Morlock is going crazy claiming he can see Luigi's ghost, Dr. Brown gives Morlock sleeping pills, thinking sleep will help.

Morlock takes pill after pill and wakes up to find that he is now a ghost and that his

family and friends can't see him. He then begins to see the error of his ways when Lucifer shows up and wants to take him.

Morlock wakes up to discover that Luigi is still alive and that it was all a dream. He gives Joe permission to marry his daughter Mary, and Morlock's life completely turns around.

At the end of the play, Mrs. Susan Antill handed out awards to the members of the play for their performances. There was a surprise, however, when cast members Ross Dardar and Chris LeBoeuf presented Mrs. Antill flowers.

"It was the most incredible play I ever watched," said Thomas Levron, sophomore.

"It was the best school produced play I ever watched," said Steven Naquin, senior.

4H plans for achievement day

Arthur Matherne
Staff Writer

4H is planning on many fun and exciting activities to close the year.

"Things are great in 4H; the best ever," said the sponsor Ms. Debbie Guidry.

She is planning on attending 4H Achievement Day, April 2 at H.L. Bourgeois. She encourages everyone to attend. There will be many fun and educational activities. Awards will be presented to outstanding clubs and members.

The officers for this year are president Tessa Boudreaux, vice president Richard Verdin, secretary Anna Tien, treasurer Clint Rogers, and reporters David Tien and Nathan Turner.

Many ST members are part of the parish leadership board. This allows them to take field trips during the summer and also allows them to apply for many different scholarships.

Key Club opens new doors

Rikki Lirette
Staff Writer

Key Club is a club that does service work for home, school, and community.

They work the concession stands at football games, work with Good Samaritan foodbank, and work at cross country meets. Most recently, they raised money for the Tsunami victims.

"I like Key Club because it's fun, and it gives me something to do," said sophomore Sonnie Sulak.

All a person has to do to join Key Club is attend meetings and participate in all the activities. Key Club offers leadership development, personal enrichment, service-

learning, working with different clubs, and travel opportunities.

The Key Club sponsor is Ms. Susan Gautreaux, and the members include juniors Emmalee Antill, Jessica Brown, Taylor Fabre, Marse' Pellegrin, Danielle Smith, David Tien; sophomores Samantha Chaisson, Stefanie Chaisson, Lori Hutchinson, Brittney Martin, Kim Nguyen, Charlene Pitre, Sonnie Sulak, Nathan Turner; freshmen Brittany Ambrose, Sean Lapeyrouse, and Elizabeth Turner.

"Key Club is a great way to meet people who are interested in the same things as you are," said

Easter Fun

Easter Fun Facts

90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made each year.

75% of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.

80% of adults carry on tradition of creating Easter baskets for their kids.

Marshmallow Peeps were created in 1953.

16 billion jellybeans are made each year for Easter.

The traditional act of painting eggs is called *pysanka*.

Americans spend \$2 billion dollars on Easter candy.

The first Peeps took 27 hours to produce one pack, now it takes six minutes.

Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon that takes place on or after the spring Equinox (March 21).

The worlds largest Easter Egg, located in Vegreville, Canada, is made out of aluminum skin and weighs 5,000 pounds.

The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit.

From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers.

Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side.



Easter Word Hunt

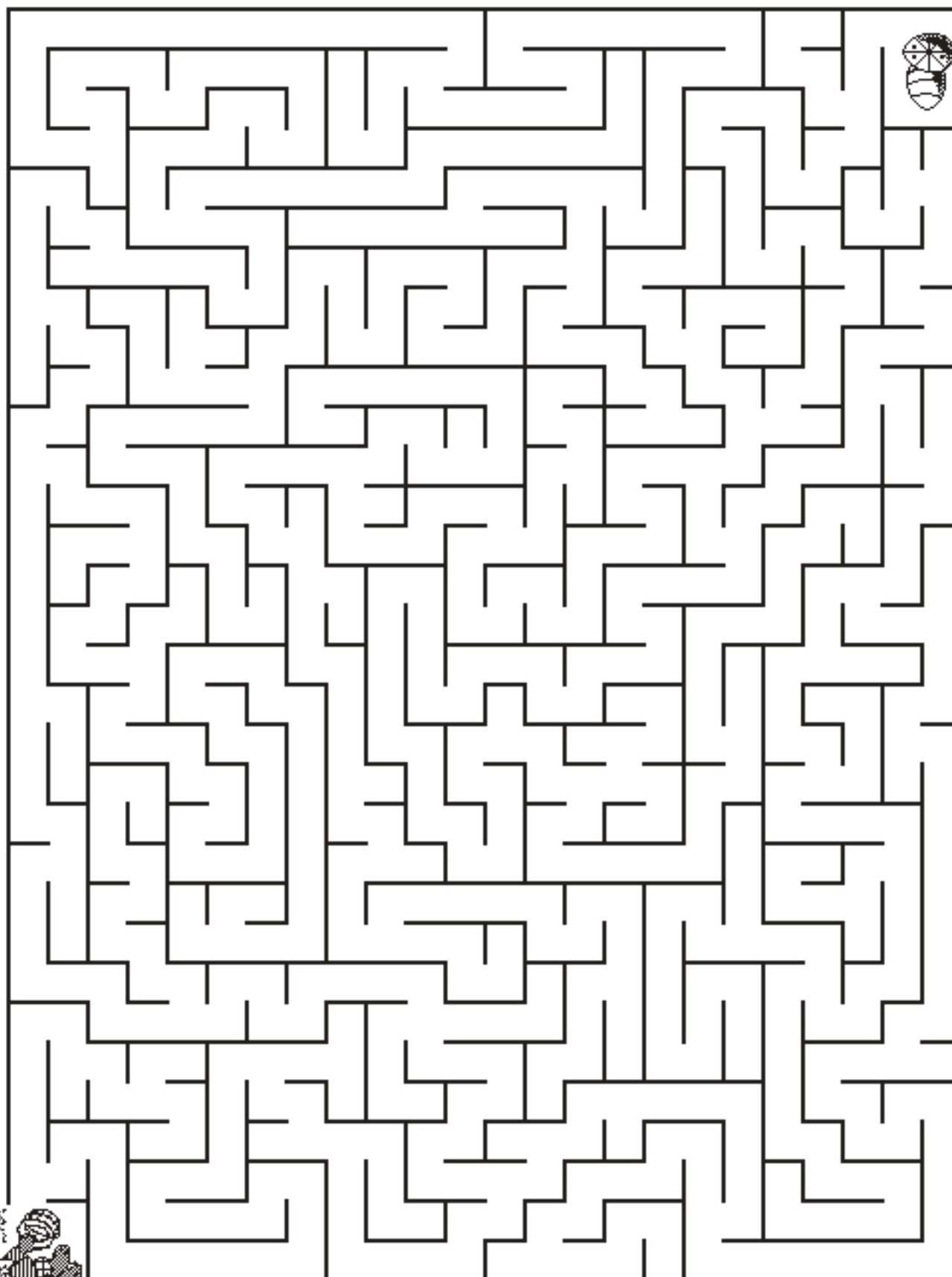
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BUTTERFLY	FLOWERS	PALM
CHICK	GRASS	PARADE
CHOCOLATE	HIDE	PUSSYWILLOW
COLORFUL	HOT CROSSBUN	RABBIT
DAFFODILS	HUNT	SEARCH
DECORATE	JELLYBEAN	SPRING
DYE	LAMB	SUNDAY
EASTER	LILY	TULIPS

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Math department adds knowledge

Kayla Lirette
Staff Writer

The math department continues to focus on preparing students to be successful. Their goal is to help students do well on standardized tests such as Iowa, GEE, and ACT.

“The students have separate folders where they keep worksheets of GEE 21 like problems. We review these problems periodically in class,” said Dane Voisin.

More importantly, teachers want students at

STHS to be proficient in math. They hope that our students will accept this challenge and prepare to the best of their ability for the standardized tests. They hope that students will attend school regularly, do homework nightly and ask their teachers for assistance. Students should always be aware that concepts presented today will be needed for success in their future.

ST Website loaded with info

James Mitchell
Staff Writer

At www.tpsd.org/sth/ there is a host of information about South Terrebonne High School. This information is useful not only to students, but also to parents, alumni, and teachers.

“It’s awesome. The students have done a great job on the website. Other schools use ours to make theirs,” said Mark Boudreaux.

On the home page, there are several items of interest, including ST’s mission statement, the principal’s message, Gator Club information, alumni information, and demographics on ST. Within these links, you can find a list of teacher email addresses, a list of alumni who haven’t picked up diplomas, and

exciting announcements from Principal Kenneth Delcambre.

By using the navigation bar to the left, different sections of the web site can be accessed. Under School Info, anyone can read the newspaper *Gator Tales*, look at statistics on ST, or pull up a code of conduct.

The Faculty section shows a picture of each teacher within their respective departments and their teaching experience.

A club list can be found under the Extracurricular tab. Many clubs have set up their own pages.

The Sports section has a world wind of information on most of ST’s teams.

“When my publications students are looking for sports information, I tell them to go

to the website before going to the coach. Most of the necessary information is posted there, and this alleviates disrupting classrooms,” said Madge Gautreaux.

The Events link gives a school calendar and the Gator Gallery link shows all the school spirit items which are for sale.

The Library Link includes a host of information for anyone doing research. It also includes many teachers’ assignments.

The Guidance Office also has a page which includes scholarship information as well as important items on testing and scheduling.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



KIZUWAHNDE RANDOLPH
FRESHMAN

“I am shocked about being nominated for student spotlight.”

Nominated By:

Mrs. Kelly Dupre for being a good student who is always willing to lend a hand. She is always the first to volunteer to do anything and always smiling

Hobbies:

Hanging out with friends and joking around

Hometown:

Houma

Interviewed by:

Ashley Wrybkowski

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



ERIN CARRERE
SENIOR

“I am truly honored and excited to be nominated for student spotlight.”

Nominated By:

Ms. Valerie Cooper, Mr. Stan Gravois, and Mr. Blaise Pellegrin for her leadership.

Hobbies:

Softball and doing things with her church youth group

Hometown:

Chauvin

Interviewed by:

Ashley Wrybkowski



Baseball hopes for successful season

Seth Lapeyrouse
Staff Writer

“Failure to prepare is preparing to fail,” is the motto for this year’s Gator baseball team. The coach of the baseball team is Mr. Nathan Cotten and assistant coach is Mr. Ron Pitre. The team started off on the right foot by practicing everyday after school.

“I’m sure the other members of the team will agree with me when I say that baseball is one of the most portentous parts of life,” said junior Jim Trosclair.

If everyone learns the correct skills and techniques for the game, then the team will function as one and perform to their highest ability.

“The most important thing about baseball is unity

and perseverance,” said junior Eddie Pitre. “If we can establish this, then we can overcome any obstacle.”

“Communication is the key,” said Jim Trosclair.

One of the obstacles that the baseball team had to overcome was its lack of senior leadership. The last senior on the team, Taylor Hebert, has recently broken his ankle and will be out for the rest of the season.

“Even though we got off to a rough start, the team itself has come together as a whole,” said senior Taylor Hebert. “With the addition of Chris Bankston, the team has done their best to make him fit in. I hope they do well in the rest of the season.”



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WINNERS The baseball team placed third in the Terrebonne Tournament.

Softball team reaches for playoff goals

Ryan Avet
Staff Writer

The Lady Gators softball team is well on their way to a great season, with 11 wins and only 5 losses.

The team has a different coaching staff from last year with Head Coach Valerie Cooper and Assistant Coach E. Stan Gravois. Both have coached softball here before, and the team has had excellent stats for the years they coached.

Coach Cooper said that

the team is working well with each other. “Our chemistry is excellent. The girls are really working well together.”

“Since 1983, our softball teams have only missed the play-offs four times. That’s incredible. It is our goal to continue that tradition,” said Coach Gravois.

Coach Gravois was confident about the team’s abilities. “[We expect to win] all of them. Why play if you don’t expect to win? If that’s the case, you should just call it in and go

fishing,” he said.

The coaches count on seniors to set a good example for the rest of the team. They also rely heavily on seniors Mary LeBlanc, Sue LeBlanc, and Kallie Deroche for leadership. They almost lost a great senior, Sadie Hughes, to an ankle injury earlier this year. They have a total of three starters currently out with knee or ankle injuries.

The girls have come a long way, but they still have room to grow.



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SWING AWAY Senior Sadie Hughes gets a hit against Terrebonne.

ATHLETE

OF THE
MONTH

Chris LeBoeuf

Staff Writer

This month, three new outstanding athletes were nominated for Athlete of the Month.

The boys' varsity athlete of the month is Chris Benoit. Coach Cotten nominated him for baseball. He had a game-winning hit against Ellender, he leads the team in batting averages, and is a

Tennis prepares
for victory

Crystal Ridenour

Staff Writer

As the season starts, Coach McCormick gets his team both mentally and physically ready. He also hopes to accomplish a high ranking in regionals and to pick up a few more victories in the future.

The season started off with the boys' record being 4-2 and the girls' record being 1-5. The boys had two disappointing loses against Morgan City and the girls had some close calls with Ellender.

Coach McCormick is very proud of his team. He has recognized his "star" players as being freshmen Melody Deroche and Brandon Culpepper, sophomore Josh Hebert, and seniors Kent Belanger, Jake Cook, and Alex Simoneaux.

"They all have excellent win-loss records, they are always at practice, and they always give 110% in everything they do,"

model student.

"I really like baseball. It's a fun sport to play," said Benoit.

The girls' varsity athlete of the month is Kallie Deroche. Nominated by Ms. Cooper, Kallie is a senior leader who puts softball first, and is recovering from a recent



"I really like baseball. It's a fun sport to play."

– Chris Benoit

injury.

"She is a team player who is very driven to make herself better," said Ms. Cooper.

The freshman athlete of the month is Melody Deroche. Coach McCormick nominated Melody for her outstanding singles and doubles record

in tennis.

"Tennis is my favorite sport. I've been playing it since I was really young. I plan to continue playing – it's a lot of fun," Melody said.

Cheerleaders and Gatoettes have tryouts

Torrey Nells

Staff Writer

South Terrebonne held its annual cheerleader tryouts Saturday, March 5, in the new gym. Workshops were held February 28 and March 1 from 4-7 PM.

The process to become a cheerleader or Gatoette is the exact same. First, they advertise at least three to four weeks prior to the trials. Parents are required to attend a meeting to secure all required information and a sign-off is required prior to tryouts. Then, there are workshops which are a minimum of six hours. Finally, there are the actual tryouts. Eighty percent of the scores come from the judges, 20 percent come from recommendation forms, and conduct is used only to break a tie.

Students completing two consecutive years of service on the squad in this school district who are going into their graduating year and are in good standing do not have to tryout.

A total of 33 people attended cheerleader tryouts, but only 16 girls, five boys, and two mascots made the squad. The following people are members of the 2005-2006 cheerleading squad: Jenna Authement, Samantha Bergeron, Kristen Carrere, Kristen Deroche, Henry Dinh, Leah Domangue, Megan Landry, Jerica LeBoeuf, Lindsey Ledet, Jordan Mitchell, Brittany Poiencot, Linsey Rogers, Tasha Sevin, Alyssa Stewart, Kali Theriot, Bobby Trahan, Randy Trahan, and James Troclair. Mascots are Emerald Dupre and

Breanne Fortenberry. The captain of the squad is Heather Hebert. Co-captains are Mark Callahan and Mysti Duplantis.

Mrs. Madge Geautreaux really liked what she saw at the tryouts.

"Tryouts are always a success because we hire a panel of highly qualified judges who evaluate the participants," Gautreaux said.

Gatoettes held their tryouts Saturday, March 12, in the new gym. Clinics were held March 7 and 8 from 4-7 PM.

The following people are members of the 2005-2006 Gatoettes: Renee Authement, Alyson Breaux, Chelsi Brierly, Brittany Charpentier, Kim Creppel, Ashley Domangue, Deanee Dupre, Victoria Ellender, Emily Gravois, Jessica Hunter, Maddie

McElroy, Marissa McMath, Joni Moore, Kassie Morales, Kayla Pellegrin, L'erin Pellegrin, Stephanie Pellegrin, Lea Pitre, Megan Positerry, Brittney Rogers, Kayci Russo, Sonnie Sulak, Reubie Theriot, and Kelsey Trahan. The captain is Renee Bergeron, co-captains are Danielle Falgout and Katie Gautreaux, and squad leader is Lauren Authement.

The Gatoettes are really happy about the new squad.

"I was really honored to be chosen as captain. I'm really looking forward to working with such amazing girls," said Renee Bergeron.