

**CPLS Vision**  
Cair Paravel-Latin School  
aspires to become the  
premier classical Christian,  
liberal arts school in America

**CPLS Mission**  
To cultivate classically  
trained, life-long learners,  
committed to the Lordship of  
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their community and God's  
kingdom.



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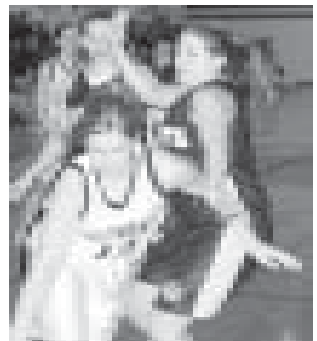
**Why is this guy  
smiling?**



**Home Sweet  
Home?**



**The Write Stuff**



**Tourney Time**

## New Teacher Learns the Ropes at CPLS

**By Jarod Hay**

New York native Elizabeth Smith arrived at CPLS Jan. 3rd and hit the ground running.

Mrs. Smith replaced Mrs. Deb Hanson, who taught upper school English classes for 14 years until moving to South Dakota after the semester break.

Once a substitute teacher, Mrs. Smith moved to Kansas so her husband would be able to finish his schooling at KU.

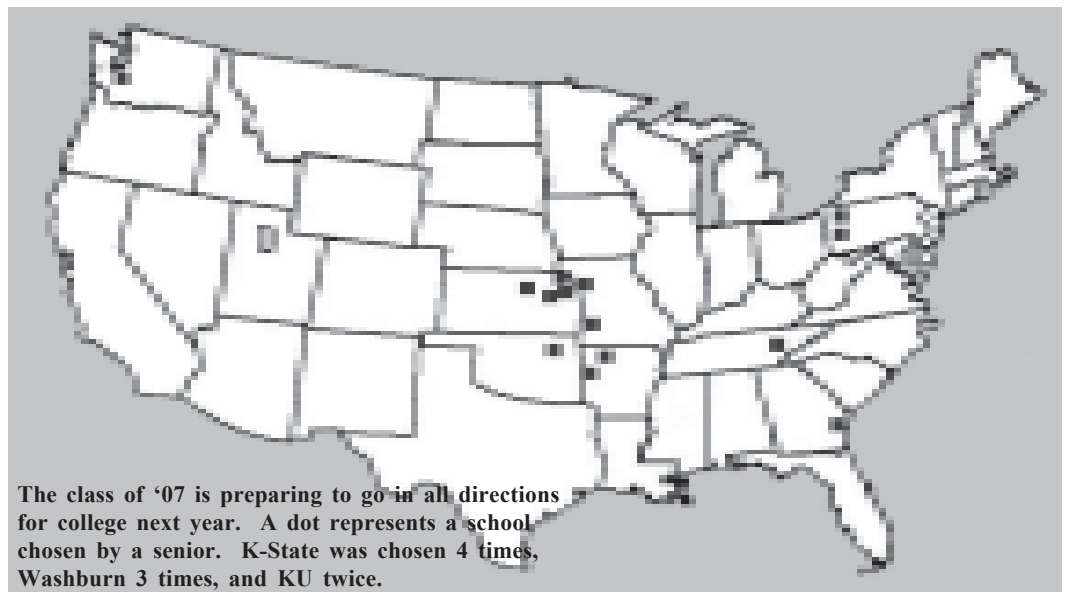
Smith, a native of Voorheesville, New York, went to college at Purdue University and loved going to the sporting events there.

She and her husband have three children, two of which now attend CPLS. Clara is a fourth grader, and Amelia is in Kindergarten. Two year-old Audrey keeps her mother busy at home.



**Mrs. Elizabeth Smith prepares for a high school English class.**

"The teaching is what I expected since it was what I was trained to do," Mrs. Smith said. "Learning all the names and faces is overwhelming, particularly since you're never standing still."



The class of '07 is preparing to go in all directions for college next year. A dot represents a school chosen by a senior. K-State was chosen 4 times, Washburn 3 times, and KU twice.

# Opinion

## Home Court Advantage? What's That?

Ever since the CPLS gymnasium opened for business in the mid-1990s, the Lion's sports teams have been blessed with enthusiastic fans.

Folks just showed up and sat down wherever they wanted, and this has worked out OK. Students seemed to migrate to the north end of the gym near the garage doors, so that area has become the "student" section.

That's OK, too....most of the time. There is a problem, however, that some people aren't aware of. When we play schools who bring a lot of fans to our

gym, they tend to filter over to the east side, and then overflow into the stands behind our team bench.

Put yourself in the shoes of a coach and a team who has to huddle with a hostile crowd screaming just a few feet away. It can be annoying.

For instance, during the McLouth game January 12, the stands behind the Lion's bench was packed with purple-clad McLouth fans.

Now, we are not saying McLouth fans have no right to be at the game, or to sit wherever they want. What we are saying is that CPLS students might want to literally "get behind" their team by switching their location from the west side to the east side, behind our bench.

This would effectively fire up our team because enthusiasm is catching, especially when it is right over your shoulder. It would also allow CPLS to enhance its home-court advantage, if you will. And isn't that part and parcel of playing a home game?

We urge CPLS students who are basketball fans to consider moving the student section to the east side of the gym. All it would take is for a few upper-class leaders to ensconce themselves



McLouth fans pack the stands behind the CPLS bench.



Lions fans cheer their team on to victory over McLouth, albeit from the west side of the gym.

in the bleachers behind our teams, and all the younger students would follow. Is there anyone brave enough to do this?

*The Lamp Post encourages those with a different opinion to write an editorial reply and submit it to the Lamp Post staff for possible publication in future editions of the paper.*

### The Lamp Post

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## Quote of the Month

*"Read history, works of truth, not novels and romances. Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good and, when summoned away, to leave without regret."*

—Robert E. Lee

# Putting on the Writes

Nearly 25% of CPLS high school students now know how to write an essay for the SAT exams.

That's because 21 aspiring college students attended a seminar Jan. 16th at



CPLS, which drew over 70 attendees from public and home schools, too.

The Essay Writing Workshop was conducted by Mr. Andrew Pudewa.

"He really knew how to write a paper easily," said freshman Amanda Nigus. "He gave us a whole different set of ways to organize outlines."

"We learned about the TRIAC method to analyze what is expected of us," added sophomore Rachel Gardner.

## Know Your Seniors

by Sydney Doel

Gabe Letch has attended Cair Paravel since kindergarden.

Most folks will recognize him from his athletic ability. He has played soccer since ninth grade, and basketball "since he came out of the womb." He also played football in eighth grade.



He enjoys whittling an exact replica of Harry Potter's magic wand for his friends, and playing "Counterstrike" with his friends online.

Lesley Miller came to CPLS as an eighth grader and has been actively involved in basketball, soccer, stage crew, Yearbook, and Student Council.

She also loves Ken Berry League softball, where she has played for 11 years. She loves watching college football, 24, and reading mysteries.



She plans to attend the University of Arkansas or K-State, with a double major in accounting and criminal justice. One day, she'd like to be an FBI special agent.

Dan Moyer first came to CPLS in the 8th grade. At his size, that year, many thought him to be a junior or senior. He has played football for five years for CPLS. He enjoys a good reuben sandwich, watching movies, and "long walks on the beach."



## Where's the Beef?

By Chris Cantrell, "The Food Guy"

Arby's at 12th and Gage is an easy in and out. They have a lot of items to choose from, everything from wraps to the Classic Roast Beef sandwich.

With a wide variety of sauces, such as horsey-sauce and their signature Arby's Sauce, there are a lot of flavors to choose from.

Jamocha shakes are a favorite with students who are eating out on Fridays, and the 5 for \$5.99 deal is a good way to buy a lot for a little.

So, "I'm thinking Arbys," and I give them 4 out of 5 stars.



Picture of the Month-- Happiness is a Warm Puppy

# Lion Win Streak Ends

By Ben Illiff

You knew it had to end sometime.

The CPLS Boys Varsity started the season 8-0, including four quick wins during a hectic first two weeks of January. But when they took on Doniphan West in the first round of the Elwood Tournament, the Lions suffered their first loss of the year, 52-48.

Doniphan jumped out to a 9 point lead early in the game, and prevailed despite an impressive CPLS comeback in the 4th quarter that narrowed the gap to just a bucket..

"I'm already tired of losing" Coach Jason Sellers said during drive home. "I guess we will just have to take one game at a time."

That next game comes up quickly in the tourney. The Lions play Thursday against Olathe



Eric Packer gets free for two of his game-high 16 points in the win last Friday over McLouth.

Christian, a team they nipped 58-41 in Olathe.

With a victory, CPLS will play for 5th place Saturday at 1:30. A loss drops them into the 7th place game Saturday morning.

During the Lions win streak, they went 3-0 against public schools Valley Falls, Oskaloosa, and McLouth, and 4-0 against KCAA teams.

Despite the season's first loss, the 8-1 mark is the best start for a CPLS Boys team since the 1999-2000 team went 22-3.



Rebecca Armfield picks off a turnover during the victory over Veritas.

## Tough Losses Plague Lady Lions

The CPLS Lady Lions went into the Elwood Tournament this week in search of "attitude."

Since the New Year's break, they dropped a pair of games, one at Olathe Christian, the other at home against Oskaloosa, before playing well and whipping Veritas.

Then came a home defeat at the hands of McLouth, and a first-round tourney loss to top-seeded Wathena 55-26.

"We just have to play with a chip on our shoulder," Coach Becky Bates said. "We have to have pride, and have the attitude that no one can steal the ball from us."

The Lady Lions return to action Thursday night against Olathe Christian. A win would propel them into the 5th place game Saturday at noon, a loss means playing for 7th at 9:00 Saturday morning.

### Scoreboard

#### Boys Varsity Basketball (8-1)

CPLS	58	Olathe Christian	41
CPLS	58	Oskaloosa	44
CPLS	59	Veritas	41
CPLS	63	McLouth	42
CPLS	48	Doniphan West	52

#### Girls Varsity Basketball (2-7)

CPLS	33	Olathe Christian	46
CPLS	26	Oskaloosa	42
CPLS	62	Veritas	44
CPLS	40	McLouth	59
CPLS	26	Wathena	55

#### Boys JV Basketball (2-6)

CPLS	43	Olathe Christian	54
CPLS	32	Valley Falls	40
CPLS	47	Oskaloosa	51
CPLS	35	McLouth	32

#### Girls JV Basketball (1-4)

CPLS		Valley Falls	
CPLS	20	Oskaloosa	31
CPLS	4	McLouth	18

#### Jr. High Boys Basketball (6-1)

CPLS	33	Veritas	37
CPLS (B)	42	Flint Hills (B)	13
CPLS (A)	51	Flint Hills (A)	23
CPLS	50	Emmett	32
CPLS (B)	30	Veritas	16

#### Girls Jr. High Basketball (3-2)

CPLS	20	Veritas	15
CPLS	30	Flint Hills	6
CPLS	13	Emmett	13