

Drama presents *Flowers for Algernon*

BY DUSTIN J DUFFY

In the week of October 20th the BHS drama department put on the play *Flowers for Algernon*. It featured Charlie, a mentally handicapped 35-year-old man who finds how people really see him.

The main character played by Jonathan Rawls, also faces the cruel facts of life, including whether it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all. He comes to understand the hurt of being made fun of by people he thought were his friends.

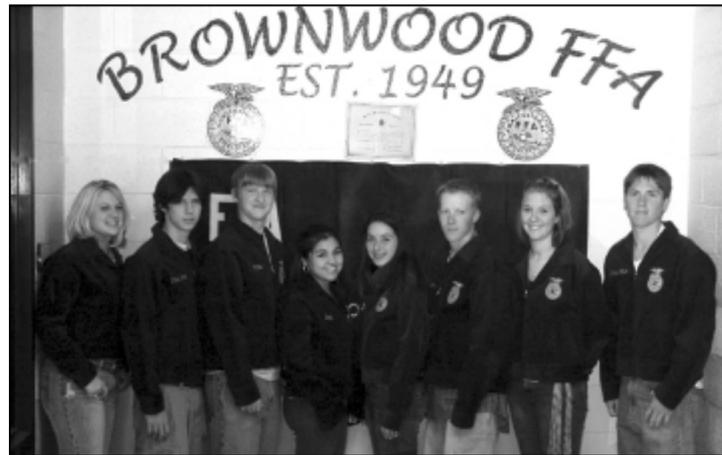
This play is a mind-grasping piece of literature that contains

problems we all face on some scale whether big or small.

The excellent lighting produced a sense of fear and insecurity in the scenes where Charlie is faced with his childhood emotions.

Even though the play is serious and sad, the cast and crew still enjoyed it.

"Even though it was a serious play dealing with very serious issues, we had fun with it. I am proud of the great leadership from all of our seniors," Director Larry Mathis said.



Kelcey Sliger, Cody Canon, A.J. Moore, Jesica Esparza, Courtney Gladdin, Garrett Arney, Kelcey Butler, Daniel Taylor (Not pictured Kerith Jones)

FFA Kicks Off New Year

BY ASHLEY OSWOOD

FFA is currently preparing for their District meet on Nov. 17 in Hamilton. They will compete in several agricultural categories.

This year's FFA has 105 members. They just began their famous fruit and meat fundraiser.

They just elected officers to serve this year and have adopted a constitution. They are also starting the first FFA Booster Club.

2003-2004 FFA Officers

- President: Jessica Esparza
- Vice President: A.J. Moore
- Sentinel: Cody Canon
- Reporter: Daniel Taylor
- Treasurer: Garrett Arney
- Secretary: Kelcey Sliger
- Parliamentarian: Kerith Jones
- Chaplain: Courtney Gladdin
- Historian: Kelcey Butler

English, Math offer TAKS tutoring

BY CARLIE EOFF

The English and Math departments are offering night tutoring to help students increase their scores on the new TAKS test. These tutorials are geared to help students pass the TAKS so that they will be eligible to graduate.

Also, a high score on the EXIT TAKS can exempt students from having to take the THEA, another test required before students can take college courses.

Tutoring sessions are designed to help each individual in the specific area that presented the most problem.

"We had over 50 students participate in the first week of tutoring. This shows teachers, parents, and students are making extra effort to see students have the skills they need to pass," Debbie Eoff, BISD English Consultant said.

Although to many students these



Wildlife judging team places at competition



The Brownwood FFA Wildlife Judging Team competed and place second place in the State FFA Wildlife Judging contest. Team members from left to right are Cassie Fisseler, Howell Bradenburg, Robert Brown, A.J. Moore, and Daniel Taylor. A. J. Moore was 3rd high individual out of 187 contestants and Daniel Taylor was 14th high individual., Cassie Fisseler was 23rd individual and Robert Brown was 29th individual.

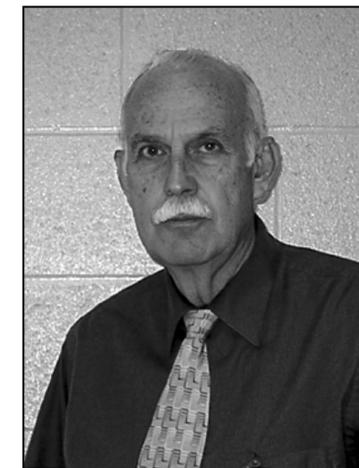
BHS welcomes its new teachers

BY STEPHANIE SMITH



Jayson Everett

Jayson Everett coaches high school and middle school tennis. This is his first year to teach in Brownwood and he has lived in Brownwood for only two months. When Everett isn't coaching tennis for 7-12 grade, he is spending time with his wife and son. He attended Howard Payne University and the University of Texas at Permian Basin. He decided to teach because he loves kids and he loves to coach. Everett said that everything has been excellent so far.



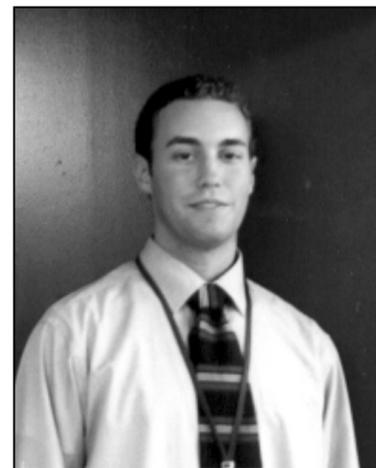
Charles Brewster

Charles Brewster is the new Calculus teacher here at Brownwood High School. He had been retired after 41 years of teaching, but decided to take the position for half time. Brewster enjoys hunting, fishing, listening to Christian music, and studying the Bible. For his teaching degrees, Brewster attended Howard Payne, Sam Houston State, Texas Tech, University of Houston, and Abilene Christian University. He was inspired to teach by his 7th grade math teacher and his high school basketball coach. Brewster says that adjusting to the new procedures and facilities is hard but he enjoys his respectful students.



Diana Rodriguez

Diana Rodriguez is a new Spanish teacher here at Brownwood High School and the drill team sponsor. Rodriguez has lived in Brownwood her entire life. She attended Brownwood High School and Howard Payne University. This is Rodriguez's first year in the Brownwood district after teaching in star for one year. She was inspired to teach by Mrs. Blagg, a Spanish 3 and 4 teacher here at BHS. She commented that she has her days, but has enjoyed teaching here so far, and she certainly is busy.



Landry Blackstock

Landry Blackstock teaches English 1 and speech communications applications. He began teaching at Brownwood High School 2nd semester of last school year as a permanent substitute in place of Lee Clayton. Blackstock decided to teach here due to the position he was offered to step into to permanently fill her position. Blackstock attended Howard Payne for his teaching degree. When he is not teaching, Blackstock enjoys music, church, and water sports.

Jeff Stanley

Jeff Stanley is a new personal fitness and girls athletics coach. This is his first year to teach in Brownwood. Previously, Stanley taught several years in Texas and Oklahoma. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University to acquire his teaching degree. He was inspired to teach by his parents and grandparents and has enjoyed it so far.

