

## It's Over! Seniors Rule U-lympics at UC High School

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With a gymnasium packed full of cheering students wearing costumes, holding signs, with purple

and gold as far as the eye could see, one would think that Union County was about to host Towns County or Fannin County in a basketball game.

However it wasn't winter time and no basketball game was being held.



The Incredible Hulk takes some time away from "The Avengers" to attend the U-lympics. Photo/Todd Forrest



Senior, Callison Payne awaits a pass during the Powder Puff Football Game last week.

## **Bowlers needed**

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It was last week's conclusion to Union County High School's year-long U-lympic competition, with the Senior Class taking first place overall.

Just completing its sixth year, the U-lympics is a part of the Class of the Year competition. The events take into account participation in extracurricular activities, Grade Point Average, discipline referrals, attendance, athletics, and school spirit, which consists of building a float and pep rallies.

Then at the end of the year they hold a Powder Puff Football Game which counts as two events in the athletics category.

In the opening round of the Powder Puff Tournament, the Seniors defeated the Freshmen, and the Juniors defeated the Sophomores, to set up a Seniors versus Juniors, Championship Game.

Last year, the sophomore class won the event, and upset this year's Senior Class when they were juniors.

Entering the 2012 tournament, the Junior Class were the favorites to repeat, but the Seniors Class restored order by coming out on top in the Powder Puff Championship Game.

The final overall order of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and then Freshmen may seem appropriate, but Union County High School teacher C.T. Hussion, says that it doesn't always end in that order. In 2008 the Sophomores won

first place. "We'll start all over again next year and hope that it keeps getting better," said Hussion. "We will add more events and try to get even more kids involved. The best thing about it is, it gets a lot of kids involved.

"Nobody is allowed to participate in more than one event (excluding the Powder Puff game)," he said. "The U-lympics cover ev-erything from academic events to Corn Hole to try and get as many kids involved as possible. They seem to really enjoy it and it's a neat program



The UCHS Class of 2012 pose for a picture after finishing in first place in the 2011-12 U-lympics



UCHS Seniors were victorious at last week's Powder Puff Football Game

The boys' volleyball competition is the boys' counterpart to the girls' powder-puff game. Un-fortunately, volleyball wasn't held this year but Hussion hopes it will return in 2013.

"We weren't able to get the volleyball game organized this year but we want to bring it back in the future," Hussion said.



Seniors celebrate after being awarded the first place trophy.



Members of a spirited senior class at last week's U-lympics. Photo/ **Todd Forrest** 

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