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BY ELLIE BRECHT

Over the past couple of years, the LHS student section has transformed into a rowdy and faithful bunch of "Lincoln Crazies."

Not only does LHS bring many student fans to Howard Wood Field on Friday and Saturday nights, but it also brings them dressed up in "theme attire" and ready to cheer until they lose their voices. The "Crazies" know what going to a football game and standing in the student section means; it means going all out with the cheers and supporting the football team by celebrating their successes and encouraging them when things aren't going their way.

Many students at LHS agree that attending football games really bring the students together under a common cause, rooting for the Patriots to get the win.

"Being a Lincoln Crazy is indescribable because we truly are there to support our team

and have a good time," said junior Romeo Zino. "We try to be as loud as possible with our cheers and let our football team know we are there for them. My favorite cheer is definitely 'Let's Get Fired Up' because we usually do it at the beginning when we're all getting pumped up, or 'I Believe' because if we are doing that cheer it most likely means we are about to win."

The football team notices the "Crazies"

and is impacted by their cheers.

"Our student section is very supportive, and they do not go unnoticed," said senior running back Caden Quintanilla. "They get me pumped up to play, and make me want to play better to represent them and our school."

The LHS football team is ranked number one, which is a very big deal to the team and the annual game-goers. It has inspired some students to go to the games who wouldn't have otherwise in

order to support the talented team.

"The higher rank of the football team this year definitely made the school spirit and the desire to be present at the games skyrocket," said Zino. "It is a pretty big deal to all of us, considering we have a shot at going to the dome this year."

Not only are the "Crazies" there for game time, but they are also out at Howard Wood Field before the game to tailgate.

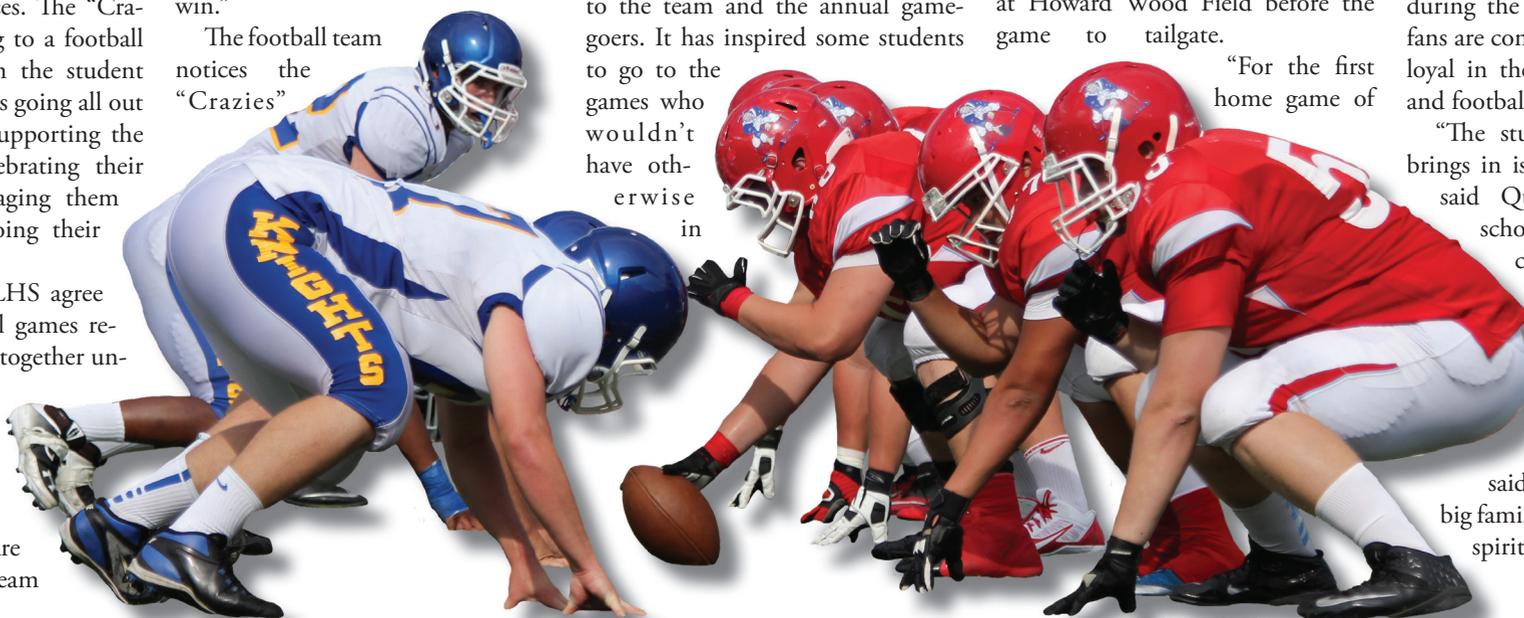
"For the first home game of

the season, most of the 'Crazies' were out tailgating at least a few hours before the game," said Zino. "Some of us were even there by the early hours of the morning setting up for the big day. We will most likely tailgate before every home game. It really gets us in the mood to go all out."

Whether it is pregame tailgating or standing in the student section during the game, the LHS student fans are considered some of the most loyal in the state by both students and football players.

"The student section that LHS brings in is definitely hard to top," said Quintanilla. "Our whole school is brought together because the student section is getting us pumped up and into the game, and we are giving them someone to cheer for."

"It is truly an honor to be a 'Lincoln Crazy,'" said Zino. "We are like one big family and we share our school spirit to help our team."



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Chromebooks transform the classroom

Teachers

BY JEB COOPER

Chromebooks were implemented this year in LHS. The devices have changed the way teachers and students take tests, submit homework, complete daily assignments and participate in classroom activities. The Chromebooks have had positive effects. However, there have been some difficulties integrating them into the classroom.

“With new equipment there will be bumps along the road, but once the system is figured out, I am confident the Chromebooks will run very smoothly,” said LHS marketing teacher Michael Jones.

The LHS network has been updated and improved to support all of the Chromebooks running throughout the day. The computers are now used regularly in almost every classroom. Most teachers use the computers for testing, assignments and activities in class, cutting down on paper supply usage.

“If students are using them they might not be paying attention to the teacher.”

-Kristina Oros

“Because of the Chromebooks, we will be able to use less paper for assignments, however I am sticking to paper and pencil for testing,” said LHS Spanish teacher Kristina Oros.

Chromebooks can be distracting because they give students access to sites like Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest. This enables students to be on sites during their class periods. Teachers have the added task of making sure students are using the devices for



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LHS teacher Kristina Oros and junior Alex Newcomb-Weiland hold different views on the addition of Chromebooks in schools, a common disagreement during the transition.

school work. Most teachers do not allow the laptops open every day of every period.

“Teachers must set up a time frame for when Chromebooks should be used. If students are using them they might not be paying attention to the teacher,” said Oros.

Students have had mixed feelings about the new Chromebooks. There are times in the school day when the internet will go down, however once the school works the bugs out, it will run very efficiently. Students have a school email which teachers can send homework assignments, comments and private messages. This makes teachers more easily accessible after school hours.

“The Chromebooks give students another resource and most of them have been very grateful for them, however there are always people who complain,” said Jones.

BY JOE HIATT

Students in the Sioux Falls School District were excited to hear they would be receiving Google Chromebooks to use in their classrooms for the 2013-14 school year. To facilitate learning in the 21st century.

Now that the Chromebooks have been handed out, most students have found them to be a nice addition to their school experience. This is true for junior Alex Newcomb-Weiland.

“I think the Chromebooks are very helpful and are a good idea,” said Newcomb-Weiland. “Students can do so many different things with them like having an email just for school. The computers also help us with our school work and help us to stay connected with our teachers.”

The school district announced the plan

Students

to distribute 17,500 new Chromebooks to students in grades 3-12 last spring. This is part of South Dakota’s movement toward online learning and standardized testing.

While it may take time for students to discover how to best use this new style of education, freshman Kenna Decker believes it will definitely add to her school experience.

“I think they will be useful because they have a lot of good apps that are helpful for learning,” said Decker.

As with any new technology, the Chromebook rollout has not been without its problems. Crashes, viruses and other problems have been frustrating for some students. Junior Michelle Haas thinks that it may take awhile for students to be able to fully utilize this technology.

“Half of the textbooks are not available online yet so students are really only using the Chromebooks to type assignments,” said Haas. “So, it’s just like any other laptop that was already available to us in a lab at school.”

“Having a way to communicate with teachers and share documents will make learning easier.”

-Alex Newcomb-Weiland, 11

While the early opinions of the Chromebooks have been mixed, most students are hopeful they will be more useful as the year goes on.

“Having a way to communicate with teachers and share documents will make learning easier,” said Newcomb-Weiland. “I think they are awesome, and we are lucky to have them.”

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Surge in LHS AP physics enrollment

BY PRANAM DEY

30 students last year, 91 students this year. More than any other class, AP Physics has seen a dramatic increase in enrollment. LHS' version of AP Physics is AP Physics B, an algebra-based class meant to recreate the typical freshman physics survey class at most colleges. The other version is AP Physics C, a narrower, calculus-based class. Students who pass the AP exam for Physics B can potentially earn up to eight hours of college credit.

However, the College Board, a nonprofit organization that runs the AP program and the SAT, has decided to split Physics B into two separate classes: Physics 1 and Physics 2 starting next year. The two classes, each a full year long, will together cover the material that is now in one year of Physics B, along with a few additional topics. As a result, Physics 1 and 2 will each be worth four hours of college credit. According to LHS AP Physics teacher Bradley Newitt, the decrease in potential credit has encouraged

many students to take Physics B this year, rather than waiting for senior year which is when most students previously took the class.

"The course will become much easier [next year] to get more students to take this class as part of the STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] initiative that is a major trend in education," said Newitt. "There were a lot of students who wanted to get the full eight hours. There are lot more juniors than normal and for the first time, two freshmen."

Another major change for next year is that accelerated physics will no longer be offered. Newitt encourages any prospective accelerated physics students to take the new AP Physics 1 instead. But for this year's bumper crop of students, Newitt expects the same level of dedication as in prior years.

"This class is targeted at students who have strong math skills and are interested in pursuing a science ma-

ior in college, so the expectations will remain as high as ever," said Newitt. "The new Chromebooks make it easier to have a large group now that everyone can access my online video

lectures more readily."

Junior Zach Schmitz knew the expectations would be higher than in other classes, but he was willing to take the plunge.

"My friends and I decided to take the class this year for the extra college credit," said Schmitz. "I know it will be a challenge, but I have faith in Mr. Newitt."



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Bradley Newitt leads his second period AP Physics students in a lesson about velocity and position.



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Maya Angelou to arrive at Augustana

BY ALEXA ANKRUM

On Oct. 23, a famous author, a veteran Civil Rights activist, a noted actress and a Pulitzer Prize winner are coming to Augustana College, and they all happen to be the same person, Maya Angelou.

Augustana has had a long history of famous artists and professionals visiting campus, but rarely does a poet of Angelou's caliber take part in the tradition.

Born in 1928 in St. Louis, Mo., Angelou has experienced great adversity. During a time when racism and sexism ruled, Angelou dared to be herself. She became the first female African-American streetcar conductor in San Francisco before she graduated high school. She joined the Civil Rights Movement and worked closely

with famous activists including Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Angelou also went against the norms of the mid-20th century and wrote about the painful and often traumatic incidents of her life in the critically acclaimed autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

Angelou's honest accounts of her life have touched the hearts of many people across the globe, and her skill in portraying her story in literature has won her international acclaim. There are few people who can boast as long a list of accomplishments as Angelou.

Hearing Angelou speak in person is a rare opportunity. Angelou will arrive Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Elmen Center on the Augustana campus. Tickets are sold on the Augustana website and at the Augustana ticket office.



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Poet Maya Angelou travels around the country captivating and inspiring audiences of all ages.

First LHS business law class offered this fall

BY ALEXA ANKRUM

As of fall semester, LHS is offering its first Business Law class. Michael Jones, who teaches Marketing 1 and 2, Finance, Personal Law and acts as LHS' DECA adviser, is responsible for this change in curriculum.

"I saw the interest [in business law] in the students in my finance class, and I thought it would be a great opportunity to spark interest in business law and give students an elective that they might find interesting," said Jones.

Jones saw the necessity of the class not only as an educational opportunity for school, but also an educational opportunity for life.

"Many people in our country do not take advantage of their constitutional rights because they do not know what their rights are. This class gives students some exposure to law, so that they gain some knowledge of what their rights are," said Jones.

During each class, Jones gives his students case studies of real business lawsuits and scenarios. Students play the roles of the different people in each case and do their jobs. For example, students play the roles of the lawyers in mock legal stations, winning and losing their cases based on how well they prepare and how skilled they are at arguing their point.

Besides the novelty of high school students arguing a legal case, the students also gain insight into different career paths and they learn to

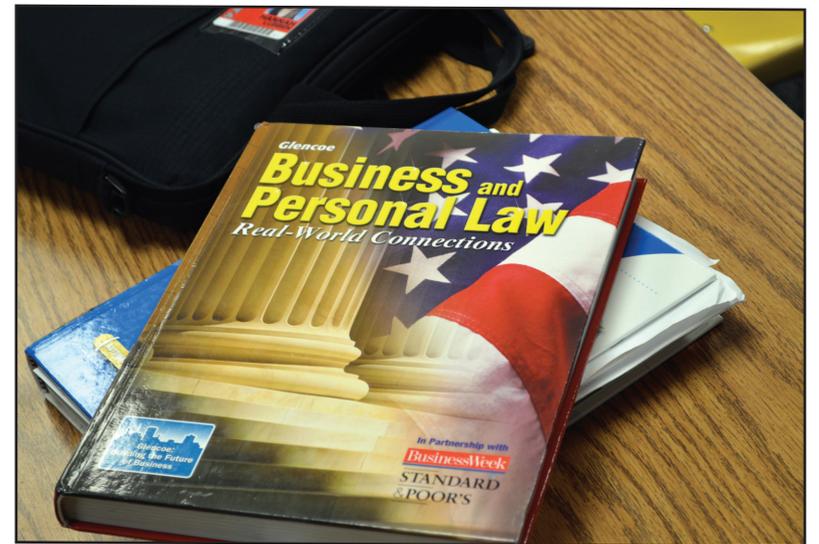


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Student interest in law has grown since the addition of Business Law class to the LHS curriculum. Business Law attendance is expected to grow in LHS in upcoming semesters.

develop 21st century skills.

"The students gain verbal skills by arguing their cases, and they gain critical thinking skills by trying new ways to settle the argument," said Jones.

Students have expressed their approval of the class.

"Mr. Jones makes the class fun. He's an interactive teacher rather than a teacher who just lectures," said Madison Olafson, a senior who is currently enrolled in Business Law.

Student approval of this class

continues to grow. Another period of the course is going to be added next semester, because of growing student interest. The explanation for this enthusiasm may be found in Jones' commitment as a teacher, as well as his ultimate goal for the class.

"When most people think of the law, they think of what they can't do. [They think of] what the law won't let them do. This class teaches students what they can do with the law," said Jones.

New rules hold students accountable for class time

BY JEB COOPER

Skipping has become a problem in many schools the past couple years. LHS has a new system to keep one step ahead of students who prefer sleep over science.

"We have three faculty members: one for the freshmen, one for sophomores, and I take the juniors. We run reports on our designated grade levels to see who is skipping. The students are then called to the office and given their punishment," said Assistant Principal Mike Klinedinst.

There are two different forms of skipping. A student who skips a study hall or ad-room will receive a detention. If a student skips a class, they will receive automatic academic punishment. They don't get credit for that day they skip class. If students earn a detention or study table their parents get an email before the end of that

school day.

The district upgraded their program on the school's network which makes this possible. The school also has a new system for keeping track of students and visitors. Everyone must check in at the main entrance to gain access to the school. Students must show their ID's and visitors must sign in. This has upset the students coming back from open lunch; however, in light of recent school shootings, it is a precaution schools must take.

"This is the way it is going to be. We want to make sure LHS students are here, the school cannot afford to have people walking right in," said Klinedinst.

Students must present their ID's before entering the building. If a student does not have their ID with them they receive a detention. This policy is only in effect during the school day. Before

and after school, an ID is not needed.

This becomes somewhat of a problem for students coming back from open lunch, because of the number of students in the front entrance. Once winter season is here the school will be re-evaluating the policy.

"We may let students in earlier once the weather starts to get colder, but the school will have to look over the policy and possibly make changes," said Klinedinst.

Until the weather starts to get colder, students must wait in the front entrance after they get back from open lunch. The new computer upgrades for staff has helped make things such as attendance and emails to parents easier and more effective. Also, new policies and actions taken to reduce skipping this year have been well thought out and were only implemented with the satisfaction of the teachers.



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LHS staff member Russ Fjellanger asks to see senior Brennan Flute's I.D. badge before he is allowed to enter the building.

ALI program changes suicide prevention presentation

BY KADE WALKER

The ALI program made a major change in 2013, moving from a simple delivery-of-information presentation to a skit that shows the lives of those who have terrible struggles.

“ALI is an acronym for ‘Ask,’ ‘Listen’ and ‘Inform.’ If a student knows someone is acting out of the ordinary, or saying things like, ‘I don’t want to be here anymore’ or ‘I should just kill myself,’ the student should not be hesitant to tell a teacher or a counselor,” said LHS counselor Jackie Gebhart-Anderson.

LHS drama teacher Lance DeRoos was given the task of spearheading a show based on troubled teens. He has done past works on shows that are viewed through teenage eyes like “*Moments*.”

“Counselor David Meyers asked if we would be interested in doing

something for the presentation, and the most logical things based on what we have performed before was to do something based on “*Moments*,” the show we did for One Act a few years ago. That was the seed for us there,” said DeRoos.

All teenagers have some problems, and nobody has a perfect life. The problem with trying to develop skits about suicidal tendencies is that teen problems can be so different.

“I started polling my classes asking what they thought were important issues, and after I polled my classes, I figured out what we were doing, and I started to write the monologue,” said DeRoos. “The issues presented seemed to be things that hit home with everyone.”

The six actors for this show were faced with the very challenging task of portraying kids very different from

themselves. The actors discuss pressure, sexual identity, parental neglect and other issues.

“Of the six actors, four of them were returning from “*Moments*” and were familiar with the format,” said DeRoos. “Max Hofer, Elizabeth Enalls, Leviathan DeGross, Greta Schultz, Frank Najarro and Kelsey Stotz were wonderful, and they were so willing to do what I asked of them.”

The new format was an idea the counselors suggested to make the show more relatable to students.

“It is a topic that is difficult to bring to students. A presenter cannot be too heavy about it and must be very honest. The previous format was very old. It was very dry. This year we brought the theater kids in and had kids watch kids. There was the impact of a [fake] weapon and the



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LHS theater performers share their monologues with the auditorium full of LHS students and staff at the ALI program.

darkness which really went towards the overall message of the skit driving it up. We really wanted to push students to come into the office if they sense something is wrong,” said Gebhart-Anderson.

A new Carlson steps into his father's footsteps

BY BAILEY MONSON

There are ten new teachers at LHS. Dan Carlson is taking his father, Bob Carlson's place as the main band director, and the new assistant director is LHS alumni Sam Anderson. Although Carlson is a bit intimidated about the work coming his way, he is confident this year will be successful.

“My father's shoes are big ones, but then I figured out that we are the same size shoe, so it all worked out just fine,” said Carlson.

Although he has been an assistant director for many years, Carlson is learning skills as a main director.

“We made a few little modifications here and there, just to make things more efficient, but all in all, it is what the kids have done before, and they know what to expect,” said Carlson.

Carlson is in charge and in control of his marching band this year, and although he doesn't have his father by his side, he does appreciate his dad's input.

“He offers advice, and I usually do take it because he is usually right. There is a certain amount of pres-

sure, because I would hate to see the ball dropped during a transition year,” said Carlson.

Of course, with the help of Anderson, Carlson is transitioning into the year more easily than he would have without his experienced assistant director.

“I went here as a student and graduated in 2002. I moved up to the cities, went to college at Northwestern University, and taught there for six years. I taught 5th grade, middle school, high school band and I had marching band on the side. I moved back to Sioux Falls because this is the dream job for me,” said Anderson.

Carlson feels as though the students respect the new assistant director and are responding well to him.

“I love working in a large band program with lots of motivated, invested students of very high quality,” said Anderson.

Both directors love the students they work with because they are all dedicated musicians. All marching band students show a deep passion for music and enjoy working hard to

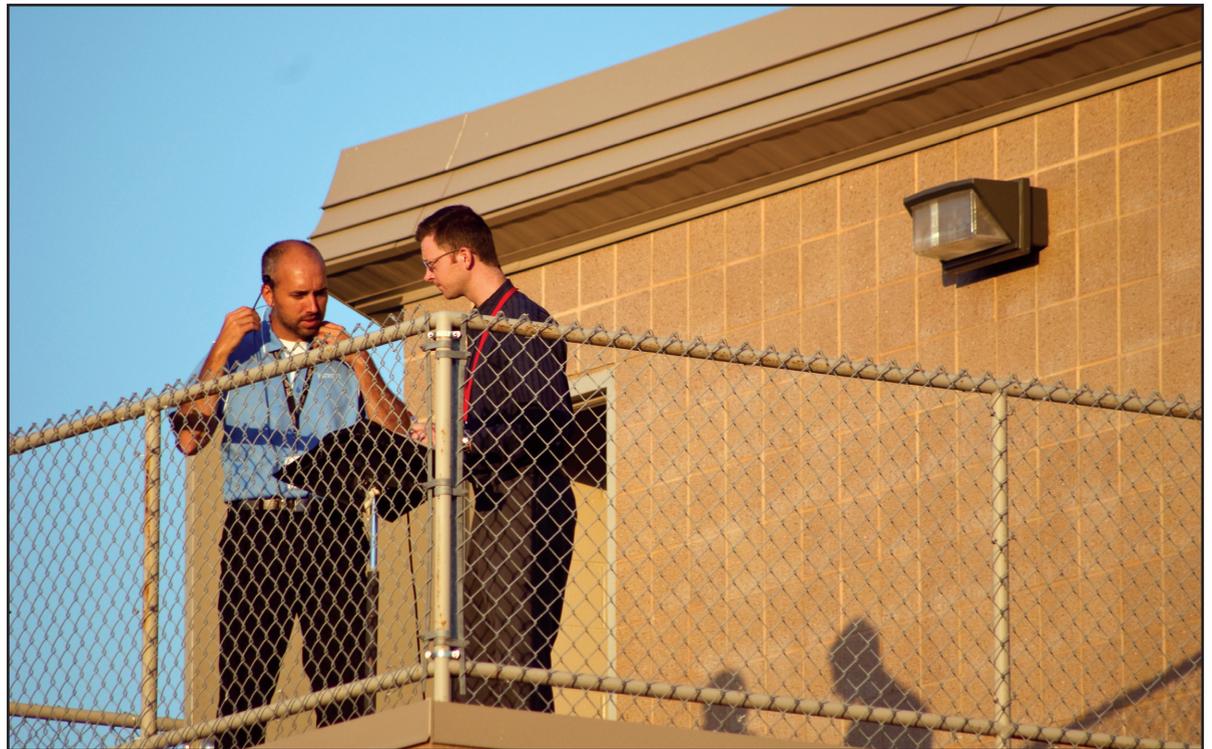


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Band directors Dan Carlson and Sam Anderson work together to carry on LHS' award-winning reputation in the band world.

provide an amazing outcome.

“When marchers show up and they work really hard at something,

they are going to have a great product. It is such a huge reward to see them follow through on such a long-

term investment and get the rewards of that. I'm excited; it is going to be a great year,” Carlson said.



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When college becomes a reality, students must think realistically

BY MAGGI IBIS, OPINION EDITOR

College looms closer than ever for seniors at LHS who must make the difficult decision of choosing a school by the time they receive their diplomas in May. For the class of 2014, the upcoming months will be crammed with campus tours, online applications and financial aid calculations amidst an already busy senior year.

As my classmates and I consider the endless college options, it seems many are quick to rule out the state schools, claiming they are “not good enough” or “too close to home.” I find this rather shocking, considering the people making these statements have yet to

actually tour the campuses or look at the programs and coursework involved. How



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can students degrade any school, in-state or out-of-state, before getting the complete picture?

The reality is, schools like USD and SDSU have programs that are among the best in the nation—USD alone has spent 22 consecutive years in U.S. News’ Top 200 Colleges list. For the price of the state four-year university experience and the number of scholarships that are provided, it is a deal many LHS students should not refuse. Cost is a huge factor for students to consider. Unless parents have deep pockets, students must ask themselves how much debt they want to accumulate at the end of a four-year degree.

South Dakota universities do, indeed, have just as much to offer as the next school. Yet,

there are so many kids who feel state schools are somehow beneath their standards. This may be caused by a fear that if they stay in state for college, they will never leave South Dakota. In reality, these universities have the ability to connect students to jobs offered all over the world.

Throughout the college search process, seniors must free their minds of the arrogant assumption that we are better than a state school. These institutions undoubtedly have incredible things to offer, and we should appreciate and take advantage of the benefits that are offered to us for simply living in South Dakota.

Let’s kick it old-school

BY MAKAYLA DISBURG, STAFF WRITER

Today’s generation brings shame to dating. Whatever happened to casually going out with different people on dates? In the past, teenagers dated as a way to get to know others and to test the waters. Today, let’s admit it, dating has changed for the worse.

When two interested people start talking, it’s generally through text. They might meet at a party or social event and soon after, the main communication between the two is through texting. In generations past, guys would have to call the girl’s landline

friend and constantly texts her, but he has never really talked to her in person. The two might decide to hang out for the first time and when they do, they have no idea how to act around each other.

One generation ago, there was chivalry. Boys used to take care of the girl they were going on a date with. Today, for better or for worse, dating is more mutual. Guys no longer drive to a girl’s house, speak to a parent beforehand and discuss curfews. There is no more car-door opening, and now girls meet their dates at a certain location. Both pay for their own movies, popcorn and pop, and although they are on a date, both are very independent.

Even the terminology is different, and the criterion for what constitutes dating differs. Today we call talking to someone as “having a thing,” and in past years, that could very well have been termed dating or going out. “Going steady” was what we refer to today as dating. Perhaps we should go back to the times when guys would call up girls to make plans for Friday nights; times when they could casually go out, have a great time and be comfortable enough to tell each other how they feel in person rather than over a text message. We should go back to the times when couples might symbolize their relationships by a girl wearing her boyfriend’s class ring instead of making it “Facebook official.”



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and ask to speak to her. There wasn’t the constant impersonal textual communication we have now. Today, people hide behind a device and say what they are feeling through text instead of in person. Not only does this ruin their social skills, but it can make many situations very awkward. For example, a guy sees a girl at a party and thinks she is pretty, he gets her number from his

The next big thing is...Where?

BY LUKE MICHAELS, STAFF WRITER

If a student knows another student who owns a Samsung Galaxy S3, they know what it’s like for that person to brag about how much better his or her phone is than the iPhone, and vice versa. In today’s culture, it seems as if everyone has a smartphone. The Samsung Galaxy S3 and the iPhone 5 have been dueling since they were released last year.



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The rivalry has divided smartphone users ever since. But now the next generation of smartphones is here. Which is better? Apple’s iPhone or Samsung’s Galaxy? Are they worth the money to upgrade?

The Samsung Galaxy S4 had some important changes. Samsung has kept the same size and almost the same exterior. The visible changes are that the camera and flash have been moved to the center of the back of the phone, and the speaker has been moved to the bottom of the phone. The display takes up more room on the front, and the home button is slightly smaller. The Galaxy S4 is also 2mm thinner

than its predecessor. It is also equipped with an improved camera, a smoother operating system, more built-in apps and other smaller changes. The Galaxy S4 will be priced at \$199 with a two year contract.

Is it worth the upgrade? Probably not. Unless someone needs the slightly better features, neither the new Galaxy S4 offer much more than its predecessors. For people who are looking for their first smartphone, the arrival of the new phones on the market will reduce the prices of the older models.

This generation of Galaxies and iPhones is not revolutionary like some people had hoped for, but at this time next year, people should be on the lookout to see what kind of changes Apple and Samsung make to try to and improve their prospects in a highly competitive market.

If high-tech phone lovers absolutely have to have the new version and don’t care about not getting that many upgrades for the money, Samsung’s Galaxy S4 will be the best option. The new iPhones just don’t offer enough upgrades for it to be worth buying. At a glance, buyers would hardly even see the difference between the iPhone 5 and 5S. The only reason someone would buy a new iPhone would just be to say that they have the new iPhone. Even though the Galaxy S4 doesn’t have much more to offer than the S3, the upgrades are fairly innovative and would be something new and exciting to try.

Just as much work, without any credit

BY JOE HIATT, STAFF WRITER

There is a group of LHS students who put in an average of ten hours a week practicing for Oral Interpretation and receive no speech or debate credit for their efforts. This is not fair to students in Oral Interp who are dedicated to the team and bring a lot of attention to LHS.



"Oral Interpers put in hundreds of hours of research, editing, practicing and performing."

This policy is unfair because Oral Interp students put in a lot of work out of school. From the beginning of the school year, LHS Oral Interp participants spend an average of 150 to 200 hours practicing and perfecting their pieces. All students are required to attend two practices per week, and most students attend three or four. After-school and nightly practices can last up to three hours and include individual time with an experienced coach.

Secondly, "interpers," as they are popularly known, do more public speaking than students in speech and attend as many tournaments as

students in debate. A novice interper will perform his or her piece at least 25 to 30 times during first semester. If that student makes it to second season, he or she will perform about 40 more times. Double-entered varsity interpers will perform their pieces about 75 to 100 times. Some students may enter more than two pieces during second season alone, increasing the number of times they preform. Each time interpers perform, their pieces are scored, just as if they were being graded. They must be at their best each time they perform.

Finally, Oral Interp students should receive credit because it is not fair for those dedicated to Interp to have to put it on hold in order to take speech or debate.

While some would argue the reason behind this policy is because Interpers do not come up with their own material, I believe, by definition, Oral Interp is taking a piece and making it the speaker's own. In addition, a key component to speech class is revising and practicing a speech to make it as good as possible. Oral Interpers are constantly doing this for their Interp pieces, and it requires a lot of originality and is worthy of receiving credit.

Interpers put in hundreds of hours of research, editing, practicing and performing. To not receive any kind of credit in speech for their work is unfair, and this policy needs to be reconsidered.

South Dakota is stranger than fiction: Or is it?

BY ALEXA ANKRUM, STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the internet, TV, and social media, it is becoming harder and harder for us to separate fact from fiction. But there are a few things we always believe to be true. Balls cannot roll uphill, a person cannot grow inches taller in a matter of seconds and a person cannot lose their balance just by telling a lie. However, as the famous science fiction writer Kevin Brewster said, "There is an exception to every rule, except for the one about there being an exception to every rule." Or is there?

Seventeen miles south of Rapid City, about ten minutes from Mt. Rushmore, lies the Cosmos Mystery Area, where all of these aforementioned rules of science are supposedly broken. I visited Cosmos last summer and discovered some very unusual facts about the strange place. Cosmos was discovered in 1952 by two college students who were trying to find a place

to build a summer cabin in the woods. They came upon a slightly askew cabin that appeared to be deserted. Upon entering the cabin, it became harder and harder for them to keep their balance and control their movements.

When I went on the Cosmos tour, I was able to experience the same anomalies first hand. In front of one cabin, two people, one tall and one short, stood on the opposite ends of a marked spot on the road. The road was level, and when the two people switched places, the shorter person appeared to have grown taller than the other. Then when we entered the cabin, everyone on the tour looked as if they were about to lose their balance. It felt like gravity was pulling me in multiple directions. Then I was put into the "Chair of Truth," a small wooden chair balanced on a thin protrusion in the wall. Whenever I told a lie, the chair would move slightly, but when I told the truth it held still.

Frozen yogurt frenzy: Many good choices

BY CARLY HOHMAN, STAFF WRITER

The time of year when it is nice to enjoy a cup of frozen yogurt after a long hot day is coming to an end. There are numerous frozen yogurt choices in Sioux Falls. Originally there was only Cherry Berry, then came Peachwave, next was Red Mango and most recently Orange Leaf. The four frozen yogurt shops each have unique characteristics.



"I suggest trying all four to develop your own preference for the frozen treat."

Red Mango has been open since March 2012 and is located on Louise Avenue next to Spezia. They have ten different flavors at 45 cents per ounce. Some of the flavors they offer include Peanut Butter, White Peach and Cinnamon Apple Orchard. There is a wide variety of toppings from diced fruit to crushed candy.

Peachwave is also priced at 45 cents per ounce. They have 14 available flavors, including English Toffee, Tiramisu and Pistachio. Here the flavors are true to their name but in some situations that isn't a good thing, especially when the flavor is lemonade or coffee, since the flavors can overpower the experience.

Peachwave is located on Western Avenue beside Scooter's Coffee and Yogurt.

Cherry Berry is the cheapest place to go for frozen yogurt at 42 cents per ounce. One of their two locations is on the east side of town near Dawley Farms, and the other location is on Louise Avenue by Panera Bread. Cherry Berry offers a bonus card where each purchase gives customers points, and when they reach 50 points they get \$5 off of their next purchase. Some of Cherry Berry's flavors include White Chocolate Wonder, Pink Lemonade and Java Caramel. Cherry Berry also has an endless selection of toppings including Trix cereal and crushed graham crackers.

Orange Leaf has a total of 16 flavors including Caramel Apple, Chocolate Mint, Brownie Batter and Mango Strawberry Banana. Orange Leaf has been open since October 2012 and is located on Louise Avenue just north of Granite City. Their frozen yogurt is 45 cents per ounce and the flavors, along with the toppings and syrups offered, are simply wonderful.

Overall one can't go wrong when getting frozen yogurt in Sioux Falls, but I'm going to have to recommend Cherry Berry and Orange Leaf as the best in town. Cherry Berry has great flavors, but sometimes their toppings are too big. Orange Leaf has an amazing frozen yogurt selection and good toppings, but the location might not be the most convenient. I suggest trying all four to develop your own preference for the frozen treat.



"I visited Cosmos last summer and discovered some very unusual facts about the strange place."

Why did that happen?

There have been many scientific theories as to why these strange phenomena occur, but so far none of them have been proved conclusively. Many believe that it is all some sort of trick, that the staff of Cosmos uses special effects to fake the strange occurrences. But so far, no one has ever been able to prove that it is a hoax.

So which is it? Can it all be a Houdini-like trick, or is Cosmos really a landlocked Bermuda Triangle? I find it hard to believe that anyone could pull off such a hoax, mainly because it would cost thousands of dollars, not only to create the effects of Cosmos, but to prevent skeptics from discovering the truth.

Whichever stance one takes on the question of the authenticity of Cosmos, one thing is for certain, Cosmos is a prime example of how LHS students should question the boundaries between fact and fiction.

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Fresh faces at LHS

New LHS staff members of the 2013-14 school year



Kevin McKinstry

Position: Special Education Cluster Teacher

College: USD

Fun fact: I have five brothers.



Sam Anderson

Position: Assistant Band Director

College: University of Northwestern-St. Paul

Fun fact: I can whistle through my nose.



Mary Kool

Position: English I and F.A.M.E. Reading

College: USD, Sacred Heart University and BHSU

Fun fact: I am a Harry Potter nerd.



Joe Herreman

Position: Physics and Physical Science

College: SDSU

Fun fact: I hold a 4th degree Blackbelt in Bujinkan Jujitsu (a Japanese system of Martial Arts).



Major Leo Campbell

Position: Senior Marine Instructor of JROTC

College: Central Michigan

Fun fact: I love Camaros and Shely dogs.



Rebecca Mager

Position: English I and Composition

College: SDSU Go Big! Go Blue! Go Jacks!

Fun fact: I can still tumble (back handspring, front handspring, etc.).



Thomas Kaufman

Position: Algebra 1 and Geometry

College: SDSU

Fun fact: I have a Goldendoodle named Zoe.



Bob Draeger

Position: School Resource Officer

College: University of Minnesota - B.A. Sociology

Fun fact: I am from Berkeley, CA.



Amy Eckart

Position: Composition and English II

College: USD

Fun fact: I attended a country school from K-8th grade.



Mario Massa

Position: Sweep Advisor

College: Western Governors University

Fun fact: I love theater.

Duel learning for McGowan

BY ELLEN KOESTER

When the school year starts, many high school students dream of staying home and extending their summer months. Last year, LHS junior Chaska McGowan was living the dream as an official, fully homeschooled student. However, this year, McGowan has opted for a half-homeschooled schedule.

"I decided to be homeschooled last year for scheduling reasons, so I was able to practice enough piano and still sleep," said McGowan. "I switched to a half-homeschooled schedule this year because I like being with my friends, and I like LHS. It was more convenient to go to the classes instead of trying to recreate them myself."

McGowan takes two AP classes at LHS; AP Statistics and AP Music Theory. Outside of LHS, her parents teach her a few classes but mostly, she teaches herself using online resources. She and her parents keep extensive records in order to receive full college credit.

"[To be homeschooled] I have to be self-disciplined which is difficult. I have to live up to my own

standards, not anyone else's," said McGowan.

Currently, her standards involve practicing piano for four hours every morning. McGowan switched to a half-homeschooled schedule because she wanted to make piano her number one priority. She hopes to become a professional piano player, but she has only played piano for four years. Most professional piano players start playing piano in preschool. Even with these odds, piano is something McGowan strives toward as a profession and a dream. She said she looks forward to performing professionally.

"I'm a little nervous when I perform because I'm completely vulnerable to the audience and myself," said McGowan. "I can perform a song nicely; however, if I'm really into it, and if I'm trying to express and feel the story the music is telling, it's a lot more dangerous as a performance. I'm playing on the edge, but the bigger the risk, the better the reward is. I'm not playing for the audience or trying to get the notes right, I'm playing for the music."



PHOTO BY ELLEN KOESTER

Junior Chaska McGowan's home doubles as a classroom. This duel learning gives McGowan an advantage in her musical career in hope that one day she can become a professional pianist.

Celebrating our differences

BY SARA JANE TEAL

Born in Amman, Jordan, Ramaiz Kardan never expected to find himself at LHS.

On scholarship, Kardan is staying with junior Karl Henry and family for ten months to study in Sioux Falls. Born halfway across the globe, Kardan can identify many differences between South Dakota and Jordan.

"One major difference that I noticed was lunch; your big meal is dinner, whereas in Jordan ours is lunch. People in Sioux Falls also live in a lot of two-story houses. In, Jordan people live in apartment buildings. LHS is also a very big and diverse school," said Kardan.

Another difference between Sioux Falls and Jordan is the weather. The average temperature in January for South Dakota is 25 degrees compared to Jordan's average temperature of 46 degrees, and, on average, it only snows for a few days each year, in Jordan



PHOTO BY BROCK GILMER

Kardan learns the advantages and disadvantages of living in the U.S.

"I am looking forward to the snowy, cold, wintery mornings and going snowboarding. I do enjoy the weather here right now but Jordan is

also said to have the most comfortable climate on earth," said Kardan.

Not only do lifestyles contrast between the two countries, Kardan also said that the school systems have many differences. In Jordan, Kardan follows the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. The curriculum is an advanced placement program for overseas and American schools which is comparable to LHS' rigorous Advanced Placement courses.

"It's harder here, but I also think that it depends on how the student understands academics," said Kardan.

LHS students have been willing to learn more about Kardan and other foreign exchange students.

"People are very interested; they want to know who I am and where I am from. I would recommend to others to live here, especially if they are looking for a different view of life or a new way of living," said Kardan.

Brain surgery a minor setback for Rose

BY MARIECLAIRE CHRISTENSON
Sometimes the unexpected happens.

This past year has been rough for senior Will Rose. Rose fought through chronic headaches, spent nine months going to eye therapy to help his eyes focus and suffered a broken ankle from a longboarding accident at the start of summer. To top it all off, Rose was admitted to the hospital on July 22, 2013 to undergo brain surgery.

"When I found out I needed brain surgery, I thought that this isn't really something a person wants to be going through at 17," said Rose.

Rose was born with Chiari Malformation type 1, a rare condition in which a person's brain tissue extends into their spinal canal. Type 1 occurs while the brain and skull are growing, so symptoms usually show in early adulthood. The surgery helped with the headaches by relieving pressure in the cerebellum, brain stem, and spinal cord.

"The surgery has given me the

chance to learn how to cope with tough situations," said Rose.

For Rose, the nerves of having brain surgery didn't kick in until the day before the operation. Rose kept positive with the support of friends and family and the knowledge that everything was going to be okay.

"Now I wish I wouldn't have been as nervous as I was," said Rose. "I feel

so much better now."

The surgery went just as planned and Rose is free to do whatever he pleases. Although his summer didn't go as expected, Rose kept his head up and his future is looking bright. Rose plans to attend college after high school with the comfort of knowing that Chiari will no longer be an issue.



PHOTO BY BROCK GILMER

Senior Will Rose's summer was unlike any other student at LHS' due to brain surgery to help relieve frequent headaches.

Celebrity Obsessions

Fitz: A head over heels “Hooligan”

BY ELLIE BRECHT

There are a lot of people who have obsessions with certain collectables or sports teams, but it is not very often that you hear of people having obsessions with celebrities, especially one like this.

LHS junior Kayli Fitz, a Bruno Mars fanatic, is the definition of a true fan, or in the case of being a fan of Mars, a “Hooligan.”

“I love everything about Bruno Mars,” said Fitz. “His face, his smile, his laugh and his eyes. There is nothing that I don’t love.”

It all started in middle school when she saw him on an awards show on TV for the first time.

“It wasn’t the first time I heard his voice that I fell in love,” said Fitz. “It was the first time I saw his face, and honestly it was love at first sight.”

Fitz often speaks to her friends and family about how difficult it is to explain her obsession to people who don’t fully understand.

“Some people just can’t understand how much I love Bruno Mars, or at least they can’t grasp the entire concept of it,” said Fitz.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY KAYLI FITZ

This past summer, Fitz’s dream came true. She and her sister were able to go to Minneapolis to see Mars perform live in concert.

“When I found out I was going to see Bruno live, I started jumping and screaming,” said Fitz. “I couldn’t

stop hugging and thanking my mom. It was the best feeling in the world.”

Not only did Fitz attend the concert thrilled to see Mars, but she went all out and decided to wear a homemade wedding dress with a Mars shirt over it. She did this with hopes of getting his attention in the midst of all the other fans in the crowd.

“My sister came up with idea of me dressing like that for the concert, so I did it and made a huge sign that said ‘Give me your attention baby’ to go along with it,” said Fitz.

Unfortunately, Fitz was unable to meet Mars, but luckily she was able to meet Mars’ best friend, and he asked to take a picture with her in her wedding dress.

Fitz hopes to someday get the opportunity to meet Mars.

“I would do anything and everything to get to meet Bruno Mars,” said Fitz. “We all have to have hopes and dreams.”

Coppock: The biggest “Belieber” of them all

BY LUKE MICHAELS

In the last five years Justin Bieber has become a household name, especially in the Coppock household. Junior Ann Coppock has been a Bieber fan since the very beginning.

“I’ve been a Bieber fan since 2009. It all started when ‘One Time’ came out,” said Coppock. “I heard it on the radio, and I fell in love right away and it hasn’t stopped. I will be with him through all his phases. I already have been with him since he was ‘baby Bieber.’”

Plenty of girls claim they are Bieber’s biggest fan but for Coppock, she may be right. Any Bieber memorabilia one can imagine, Coppock has. She has an entire shrine in her room full of posters, t-shirts, all of his perfumes, every book about him,

even her ticket and confetti from the concert she went to. Coppock also owns every album and single the singer has ever produced.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ANN COPPOCK

“My absolute favorite thing about him is his music. He’s the only boy band type of singer I like. His music has changed but I like his newer

stuff more,” said Coppock. “At least people can’t say he sounds like a girl anymore.”

For Coppock, Bieber is more than just a singer.

“He’s just so amazing,” said Coppock. “If I got to meet him, I would immediately start crying, hug him and I would probably pass out because I would be so happy.”

Coppock’s obsession will not be short-lived. She has no intention or desire to get over her obsession with Bieber. Her friends and family make fun of her saying that she is too old for Bieber. But Coppock disagrees and is not shy to admit that she is obsessed.

“Age is just a number. You can never be too old to love Justin Bieber,” said Coppock.

Baca: “Directioner” at heart

BY JOE HIATT

In 2010, a group of five British boys took the world by storm with their hit song “What Makes You Beautiful.” In the process they won the hearts of millions of girls around the globe.

One Direction is an English-Irish pop boy band based out of London. They were discovered on “The X-Factor” by Simon Cowell, who made them a big hit. Over the last three years they have been racking up more and more fans. One of these fans is LHS junior Mya Baca.

Baca discovered One Direction almost accidentally while surfing for music videos on YouTube. She said that since they were so attractive, her interest was peaked and Baca would soon consider herself obsessed with the band.

One Direction recently released a film about themselves called “This Is Us,” which has given obsessed fans like Baca another way to feed their obsession. Baca enjoyed the movie much more than other music documentaries, like the Justin Bieber movie “Never Say Never.”

“I thought the movie was highly entertaining,” said Baca. “I like it more than the Justin Bieber movie ‘Never Say Never,’ because it showed how much the guys like to hang out with each other as if they are brothers. You could tell they enjoy being with each other.”

While Baca has other friends who are also big fans of the band, she knows they can’t compete with her fandom.

“They are fans of the band, but they are not as professionally fan-girl as I am,” said Baca.

If someone were to ask a group of One Directions fans which song is their favorite they would certainly get a variety of answers, but Baca is convinced of her favorites.

“My personal favorites are ‘Rock Me’ and ‘Summer Love,’” said Baca.

Baca has some concerns about elementary school girls being obsessed with the band, or with other icons like Bieber.

“[However] I would totally support it if my daughter had an obsession,” said Baca.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MYA BACA

LHS junior Mya Baca adorns her room with One Direction posters, pictures and souvenirs of all kinds.

LHS student learns to love her food

BY ELLEN KOESTER

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Brunch and Yoko are not common names for pets, but these animals are not common pets. Chickens are normally thought of as farm animals; however, junior Gretchen Zachariahs thinks of them as her “ladies” and eventually, her dinner.

“I’ve learned to love my food,” said Zachariahs. “We’re planning on eating all of them except Yoko, the runt. [Eating them] might be hard on my little brother Kirk.”

Zachariahs had not planned on raising the chickens, especially since she lives in town. She and her family went to Campbell’s Supply, located at the intersection of 49th and Western Avenue to look at some already claimed chicks.

“My dad and I started talking to a salesman, and he mentioned he had five chicks ordered. He asked if I wanted them. I looked at my dad, and he nodded. Two weeks later, we brought five adorable chickens home,” said Zachariahs. “My dad likes to blame my mother for letting us get them. In reality, he is the one who loves them the most, although he will never admit it.”

Sioux Falls has seen a rise in family pets like the Zachariahs’. However, there are laws about owning chickens within the city limits. There is

a limit of six birds, although an easy way around that is to register the chickens as pets instead of farm animals. Other than the optional registration, no permit is needed. The biggest hurdle in-town chicken raisers need to worry about is complaining neighbors. Zachariahs’ manager at her work also raises chickens and has had to go to court to settle noise complaints.

“[Chicken raisers] can’t have roosters in the city because they are too loud. Chickens also need an en-

closed area so they won’t run away,” said Zachariahs.

They are very inexpensive pets and will eat anything the Zachariahs’ make for them. The most expensive thing they need is a coop, which can be bought online or built.

“Our whole family loves the chickens. My dad is looking forward to the day when we eat them but he still loves them.

“For my birthday dinner, I might eat Wolverine, who is also named Dinner,” Zachariahs said.



PHOTO BY ELLEN KOESTER

Zachariahs’ five chickens, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Brunch, and Yoko, enjoy homemade chicken feed made by Zachariahs’ father. The recipe includes flour, egg-shells and other compost-like ingredients.

Rise in college tuition

BY PRANAM DEY

College costs have increased more than 500 percent since 1985, according to a report from the US Department of Labor. College costs have increased far more than virtually any significant expenditure, including medical costs (286 percent), gasoline prices (200 percent) and the Consumer Price Index (121 percent). In South Dakota, in-state college costs have increased by 49.6 percent in the past ten years alone, which is almost double the inflation rate. People’s demand for a college education remains undeterred by the price, however, as Sallie Mae, the corporation that handles most student loans, reports that 85 percent of parents believe college is an investment in their child’s future. The continued belief in college education helps explain why costs continue to spiral upwards.

There is, however, another side to this story. Since 1990, average grant aid and tax benefits for students have increased by about 280 percent according to the College Board. Pell Grants in particular have increased significantly under the Obama administration. Pell Grants have gone from \$19 billion in 2009 to \$36 billion today and the maximum Federal Pell Grant award for 2013-14 is \$5,635 compared to \$2,300 in 1990-91.

But this is not the entire story. Even though Pell Grants now cover 4 million more people than it did just five years ago, the proportion of college costs covered by Pell Grants has never been lower. When the Pell Grant program was first created during the Nixon Administration, the grants covered nearly all the costs. Now students can expect the largest source of Federal student aid to cover only one-third the cost of a four-year degree at a public college. The reason for the relative decline in Pell Grant’s coverage is the sheer size of the program. Pell Grants now account for half of the Department of Education’s budget, and every \$100 increase in the grant means an extra \$500 to \$700 million in federal government spending.

Clearly the issue is complex, and its innately multi-faced nature makes it hard to identify a single concrete solution. Any proposed solutions to the college costs conundrum will have to address the plethora of problems simultaneously. The first step, however, is to make students and parents aware of the current realities and trends in college costs that challenge preconceived assumptions. Only then can any solutions be proposed.

Different hair, don’t care: unique hairstyles takeover LHS

BY SARA JANE TEAL

Walking through the halls of LHS, students see many different shades of brown, blonde and red hair. Some students don’t mind going out of the norm; they choose to dye, dread or even shave their hair.

Different types of hair can reflect different personalities. Right before school started, junior Abbi Freese bleached her hair and then dyed it a shade of purple.

“I did it out of boredom mostly, and I wanted to try something different. It’s also colorful and fun,” said Freese.

Contrasting with Freese’s bright monochrome style, Whitney Berens takes on the role of having an extremely popular hairstyle ombre.

“I dyed it when, at first, not many people had it. I’ve had it for over a year. A year ago it was unique, and it was a way to be different,” said Berens.

To get the effect, the hair’s roots are generally a darker color, and the hair is dyed lighter as it moves down to the tips. Celebrity Khloe Kardashian has solidified ombre as one of her signature hairstyles and so have many students at LHS.

Sometimes there can be regrets when looking back at such an outgoing hairstyle. However, most teens see it as a form of expression or identity.

“I think I’ll look back and laugh at it. I don’t regret my hairstyle at all, because it’s just one big joke,” said junior Micah Dix, who has had a mullet since his freshman year.

Hairstyles are a reflection of us, and they are a good way to reflect personality. Experiment, because nothing is permanent when it comes to one’s luscious locks.

“It’s something fun, and it’s just hair,” said Freese.



PHOTO BY BROCK GILMER

Junior Abbi Freese likes to show off her unique personality through her various hairstyles.

LHS wins big on homecoming night

By DYLAN HALL

The exciting homecoming festivities came to a close on Friday, the evening of Oct. 4 as the LHS football team rolled to a 49-10 victory over Rapid City Stevens.

It was a gloomy, rainy night, but that did not stop the Lincoln Crazies from coming out to the game and supporting the team. After a slow start, the team came alive, when quarterback Isiah Roach drove the team 75 yards for a touchdown to put LHS up 21-10 at halftime.

The crowd was fired up all night long, helping lead the team to a win.

“Having the fans behind us really helped us play better,” said running back Matt Wagner, who ran for 102 yards and two scores. “We started out slower than we wanted to, which was expected with all of the distractions of homecoming, but once we got in our groove we pulled away.”

The team played strongly in the second half, with Caden Quintanilla returning a punt 66 yards for a touchdown not long after Wagner broke away for an 80 yard score. It was Roach’s first varsity start as starting quarterback. Connor Burchill



Senior Matt Wagner takes the ball down the field while intimidating the opposing teams with Columbia Blue colored contacts. Many other LHS players invested in colored contacts including colors like red and black.

sat out due to a knee injury. Roach looked like an experienced leader, completing 11 of 19 throws for 118 yards and a touchdown, with 61 of those yards going to receiver Trevor Naasz, who led the team in both receptions (5) and receiving yards.

It was a special week for everyone at the school, including head coach Aaron Beavers.

“I get jacked for every game, but

this one is special for everyone. It really brings out school enthusiasm and pride,” said Beavers. “It’s a time for the school to get together and have a good time.”

The team has just two games remaining against Harrisburg and WHS before they begin the playoff season and work their way to Vermillion as they hope to win their first state title since 2008.



Battle of t

Seniors Foss and Asfeldt reign

INTERVIEW BY MAKAYLA DISBURG

What was your favorite day of homecoming and why?

LF: Opposite sex day. It was really funny seeing all the guys with makeup and dresses on.

HA: My favorite day was Monday because I learned that most boys look better as a girl than I do.

What is your favorite part about being a Lincoln Patriot?

LF: The people. I wouldn’t want to graduate with anybody else.

HA: My favorite part about being a Patriot is knowing that no matter what happens, I will always have a place and family to go to at Lincoln.

What do you think the boys should have done differently to win the Battle of the Sexes?

LF: More people should have dressed up. A lot of guys (like Trevor Naasz) think they are too cool to dress up.

Who do you think deserved to win the Battle of the Sexes?

LF: Boys. We looked way better every day.

HA: Definitely girls. Girls have a natural winning spirit, and it obviously showed through this week in our success over the guys.

What will be most difficult about maintaining your royalty status?

LF: I don’t think it will be difficult with everyone reminding me every day that I am king!

HA: Making sure I don’t think highly of myself. I don’t deserve this anymore than the next person, and I think everyone else is just as entitled as I am. We all just show it in different areas of our lives.

What was your favorite memory from homecoming week?

LF: Crowd surfing at the homecoming dance!

HA: When the audience started cheering my name after the drawing contest at coronation. It was awe-



Clockwise: In the boy vs. girl drawing contest Foss recreated a simple smiley-face. Huckins struggled to build a house of cards even with the unfair advantage of tape. Lockwood-Powell smiled as he answered his question with ease. Former king, Zac Campbell, returned to hand down crowns to the new king and queen.



Foss and Asfeldt take their first steps as Queen at Coronation.



the Sexes

n as King and Queen of 2013

some to know that they all supported me in that ridiculously impossible competition.



the 2013 Homecoming King and

How did becoming king affect the way you played at the homecoming game?

LF: I didn't let it! I just played the game the way I always do, for my team.

How did becoming homecoming queen affect the way you played in the marching band on Friday?

HA: It made me want to march for the Lincoln Crazies. I know that the student body has respect for me and the band and becoming royalty just made it that much more important that I marched a show worth watching.

Who inspires you to be the person you are today?

LF: My older brother Alec and my dad. Alec inspires me to think before I act and has taught me when to take things seriously and when I should just have fun and joke around.

Variety Show lets students explore talents

BY PRANAM DEY AND MAGGI IBIS

Energy and enthusiasm. Laughs and liveliness. The 2013-14 RLD Variety Show was the perfect stage for LHS students to see just how talented some of their fellow students are. With its unique blend of music, dance and comedy, the Variety Show had something for everyone to love. Dan Carlson conducted the LHS Jazz Band's opening performance and helped get everyone pumped up for the events to come. The LHS Jazz Band is one of the best in the state, and for many students, this was the first time they saw the band perform. The Jazz Band, however, was just the opening.

Senior Madelyn Barr's rendition of "Turning Tables" was the first musical act. Together with junior Jessie Rames on piano and junior Karl Henry on cello, Barr flawlessly sang Adele's hit from the album "21." While she was clearly a technically skilled vocalist, it was Barr's stage presence and vigor that made her a standout among terrific performers. Helped by Rames' solid support on piano, Barr electrified her audience and drew an enthusiastic round of applause from the appreciative audience. But perhaps the most amazing aspect of her perfor-

mance was that she had struggled to overcome bronchitis the entire week before the show, yet she still managed to pull off a difficult song with apparent ease.

Along with the actual acts, the transitioning skits managed to simultaneously draw plenty of laughs and introduce the next performer. The emcees' jokes drew on pop culture and made references to the wildly popular TV show "Breaking Bad" and "The Cup Song" from the movie "Pitch Perfect." The best jokes, however, were specific to LHS and pointed out some of the funnier aspects of high school life. In a scene reminiscent of "Saturday Night Live," Principal Valerie Fox made a hilarious cameo alongside senior Hannah Asfeldt, who dressed up as "Mama Fox" herself and imitated the principal's various Vine videos, including a "Smack Cam" and a rendition of the popular "Don't Drop That Thun Thun Thun" dance.

This year's RLD Variety Show, as part of the tradition of LHS Homecoming, was a great way to start the rest of the day's festivities, including pizza for lunch in Murphy's Commons and inflatables in the Old Gym, followed by a pep assembly. With



Senior Madelyn Barr sings Adele's "Turning Tables" as the second act in the 2013 RLD Variety Show.

the thirteen acts, plus the Jazz Band's opening music and the emcees' transitioning skits, performers had the opportunity to show off their unique talents to the student body. Freshmen and sophomores can take inspiration from older students' performances and pursue their own passions outside of school in preparation for their own chance to be in the spotlight.

My dad is an inspiration because throughout life he never gave up on his goals and is the most determined guy I have ever known.

HA: All of my friends in marching band. We all love each other so much, and I know that the majority of my nomination came from them. Being with my friends at band has taught me to never change who I am because I'm the best version of me when I'm being me. The band is so amazing and deserves so much, and I want them to know that I wouldn't be the person I am without their support.

What are you going to miss most about homecoming?

LF: The school spirit everyone has.

HA: The insane amount of school spirit that students and teachers have. I hope we keep that spirit going all year.



Clockwise: Becker and Breukelman congratulate Asfeldt just seconds after being announced queen. Hohman racks her brain in the intelligence competition. Breukelman attempts to lift a barbell in a battle of strength. Squyer is in awe of the size of marshmallow as she participates in chubby bunny.

“Game of Thrones” successful transition from book to television

BY CARLY HOHMAN

Mark your calendars because the premiere of the fourth season of “Game of Thrones” airs in the spring of 2014, and it can’t come soon enough for LHS “Throne” fans.

Nobody, not even “Back to the Future” Marty McFly, could possibly predict what happens throughout this show. “Throne” often leaves fans gasping, crying, yelling or all three at once. This show does an excellent job of making fans fall in love with a character throughout a season, then killing them off in just seconds.

“Game of Thrones” is set in medieval times with lords and ladies, sword fighting, dragons, and kings. There isn’t one main character; the show revolves around the plots of



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Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clark) and Jorah Mormont (Iain Glen) in HBO’s hit fantasy, “Game of Thrones.” The show is praised for staying faithful to the George R.R. Martin books.

multiple characters through which the story is told. If the show had to be summed up in ten words or less it would be this: Families continuously fighting to be the rulers of many kingdoms. However, there are many

more dimensions to the plot line. There is one member in each family who believes they are the rightful heir to the throne and the one true king of the seven kingdoms and protector of the realm.

“Game of Thrones” was first a book series before it became a hit HBO series. The five books: “A Game of Thrones,” “A Clash of Kings,” “A Storm of Swords,” “A Feast for Crows” and “A Dance with Dragons” were written by George R.R. Martin. He is currently working on book number six called “The Winds of Winter” and book seven, “A Dream of Spring.”

“Game of Thrones” can satisfy many tastes in television because it is a melting pot of mystery, love and drama all in one. A fair warning; there are many scenes that contain graphic violence, sexuality, crude language and drinking. It would be wise to check with a parent or guardian before developing too serious of a relationship with the show.

New fall TV shows take over the airways

BY ERIN DAUGHERTY

With many huge TV series, such as “Breaking Bad,” “The Office,” “Gossip Girl” and “30 Rock” coming to a close this past year, TV networks are trying to fill the old spots and to keep viewers hooked.

Some of the new series creating buzz among critics and viewers alike are “The Crazy Ones,” “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” “The Originals,” “Ravenswood” and “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.”

“The Crazy Ones” stars Robin Williams in his return to network TV. Williams will be starring alongside Sarah Michelle Gellar of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.” The show is about a father and daughter who run an ad agency. In the show,



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Robin Williams and Sarah Michelle Gellar star in hit show “The Crazy Ones.”

Williams’ character is a brilliantly creative but wacky advertising executive who occasionally needs to be put in line by his conservative daughter played by Gellar. “The Crazy Ones” airs every Thursday on CBS at 8 p.m.

Fans of SNL will want to tune in for Andy Samberg’s sitcom debut. In “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” Samberg plays the role of an NYPD cop who has to learn how to change his unorthodox ways when he gets a new uptight boss. Watch it on FOX every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

A spin-off of the popular show “Vampire Diaries,” “The Originals” may be just as addicting to watch. Although there are some returning characters, including Klaus, Elijah and Rebekah, the stories will be new as the characters return to their old homes in New Orleans. “The Originals” premieres October 15 on The CW at 7 p.m.

Another new teen drama spin-off is “Ravenswood,” a town close to and aforementioned in the original show, “Pretty Little Liars.” In “Ravenswood,” a group of teens, (including Pretty Little Liars’ Caleb) have to find out the history of the town to try and stop a mysterious curse that has been going on for generations. “Ravenswood” will debut on ABC Family on October 22, right after the “Pretty Little Liars” Hallow-

een special.

Taken from the Marvel’s comic books, and last years blockbuster film “The Avengers,” “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” is a new TV show that follows the action-packed adventures of the worldwide organization of special agents formed by Agent Phil Coulson to track down an unknown enemy. “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” will show every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on ABC.

Television is ever-changing. This year’s lineup of new shows looks promising, but will they replace the hits of the past few years?



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The cast of “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D” from left to right: Chloe Wang, Elizabeth Henstridge, Iain De Caestecker, Clark Gregg, Ming-Na Wen, Brett Dalton and Ming-Na Wen.

Songs of the summer

BY MADDIE SCHULTZ

As the school year is off to a running start, the endless nights of summer 2013 join the summers before it as a thing of the past.

The days of sleeping in until noon, cruising around town with friends and staying up until sunrise become something about which to reminisce. Those memories are laced with the songs that were released and played all summer long. In a survey of LHS students, the Statesman concluded the following songs as connected to summer 2013.



Holy Grail

Jay Z Feat. Justin Timberlake

Mirrors

Justin Timberlake



Get Lucky
Daft Punk

Don’t Drop That
Thun Thun Thun
Finatticz



Gas Pedal

Sage The Gemini Feat. iamsu!

Radioactive
Imagine Dragons



Cruise
Florida Georgia Line

Best Song Ever
One Direction



Blurred Lines
Robin Thicke Feat. Pharrell Williams and T.I.

We Can’t Stop
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Apple steps it up with new releases

BY KAYLIE ERICSON

When it comes to style and design, Apple seems to have taken the cake for the year.

iOS 7 is the new operating system for iPhone, iPod and iPad. Released Sept. 18, the update included a completely new design and a wide range of new features. Changes include an entirely different “Android-like” home screen design, as well as the addition of a control center, iTunes radio and AirDrop. Photos and the camera app have gotten makeovers as well, complete with filters and an automatic album filing system.

The new operating system isn't the only change Apple has introduced; the iPhone 5C and iPhone 5S were released Sept. 20. The less expensive iPhone 5C comes in five different colors and has a polycarbonate (plastic) body. It is a step up from last year's iPhone 5, with improvements to the front-facing camera, battery life and worldwide



4G LTE coverage.

On the other hand, the new iPhone 5S is a higher-quality phone with an A7 processor, higher-end camera features like burst mode and 1080p video and the long-awaited fingerprint scanner. It comes in three colors and has an aluminum body similar to its predecessors.

With the release of the new iOS 7 and the two new iPhones, Apple is an even tougher competitor for companies such as Samsung, whose Galaxy S4 barely conquered the battle of the smartphones in terms of sales and reviews when it faced the iPhone 5 last year.

The groundbreaking new Apple technologies have undoubtedly set high standards for its competitors and have exceeded consumers' expectations.

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Opportunity strikes once for four LHS seniors

BY MAGGI IBIS

Passions can be ignited at any age, and for some, it happens sooner than others. LHS seniors and best friends Royal Crichton, Ethan Gette, Jeb Cooper and Max Hofer have found their purpose already, and their determination to achieve their goals is something that cannot go unnoticed. The four high school students recently formed the rap production called O.S.O., or Opportunity Strikes Once, which began when Crichton discovered his talent for rapping.

“I’ve been writing stories ever since I could write, but during my junior year I started thinking I should connect it with music, and that’s when I fell into the music movement,” said Crichton. “We were all hanging out and doing freestyles for fun, but then I decided I wanted to be serious about it.”

They haven’t looked back since. The project originally involved Crichton, Cooper, and Hofer rapping together on their first mix tape, called “Requested,” while Gette created the beats for every track. After their debut, they each evolved to find their own place in the pro-

duction. While Crichton continues to rap and be the face of O.S.O., Cooper is considered the manager of the group who deals with the expenses and business aspects, Gette produces the beats and runs the O.S.O Facebook page, and Hofer serves as the video coordinator who posts short clips via their YouTube Channel, called “The Daily O.S.O.”

“I post videos of our everyday lives to show what we’re doing and what we’re about,” said Hofer. “I’ve been making videos and short films since middle school, and it’s nice to now have a purpose that I care about.”

From this experience, O.S.O. has learned there is money involved in nearly everything when it comes to producing music. They have purchased a couple thousand dollars worth of speakers, microphones and recording software over the past year, but for them, the equipment is entirely worth the money. Their most recent mission has been figuring out how to use the equipment correctly, so they have taken advantage of CTE classes in order to hone their skills as producers.

“Royal, Jeb and I are taking Intro to Audio

“Calling” all Potter fans

BY ELLEN KOESTER

Robert Galbraith’s “The Cuckoo’s Calling” received notable reviews and disappointing book sales. However, after a mysterious tweet from a now-deleted Twitter account was sent to a N.Y. newspaper, the mystery novel’s sales skyrocketed. The tweet alleged that the book was actually written by J. K. Rowling, the bestselling author of the “Harry Potter” series. After confirmation from the publisher and eventually from the author, the book became a bestseller practically overnight.

Rowling’s first adult novel, “The Casual Vacancy,” which came out last year, was not well-liked by fans or critics. Fans of her Potter series were disappointed with the book, probably because its characters were all muggles. Rowling said that she had taken on the pen name ‘Robert Galbraith’ in order to get “un-Pottered” reviews and critiques. It seems Rowling is trying to find her niche in adult

writing. Her first book was a drama and “The Cuckoo’s Calling” is a mystery. There are very few similarities between her books.

Her newest book is better than “Vacancy,” but can’t be compared to the Potter series. “The Cuckoo’s Calling” began with an engaging introduction to new and interesting characters including Cormoran Strike, the world’s hairiest private investigator. All of the characters are delightfully unlikable; including this detective. However, the middle drags in comparison. Once the mystery is introduced, the interviews begin. A huge chunk of the book involves interviews which often rehash information the audience already knows.

Once the interviews turn into interrogations, it picks up the pace. The conclusion to the mystery is clever although avid mystery readers will probably find it predictable.

“The Cuckoo’s Calling” is worth reading, as long as all Potter expectations are dropped once the front cover is opened.

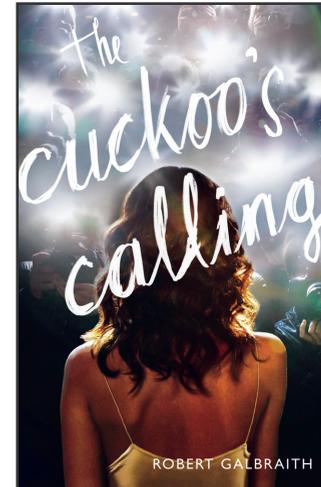


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and Visual this semester, which is a requirement so we can take Digital Music Production next semester,” said Gette. “This class has definitely improved our skills—we do everything from radio to video, but next semester will be strictly music.”

The group spent the summer writing and recording “Flow Mauler I,” their most recent mix tape that dropped in late September. O.S.O.’s future plans consist of a local show, and talk of a small Eastern S.D. tour is in the works. It is clear the four members of this project work together like brothers, and they all have a common goal in mind: They each want to see their fellow group members succeed in whatever they want to pursue, individually and as a unit.

“Despite what some people think, we’re not doing it because we have nothing better to do—we’re doing it because we have this passion,” said Crichton. “For the time being, it’s about getting recognized, but in the long run, it’s about what everyone looks for in life—we can think about being rich and famous, but what really matters is doing what we love.”

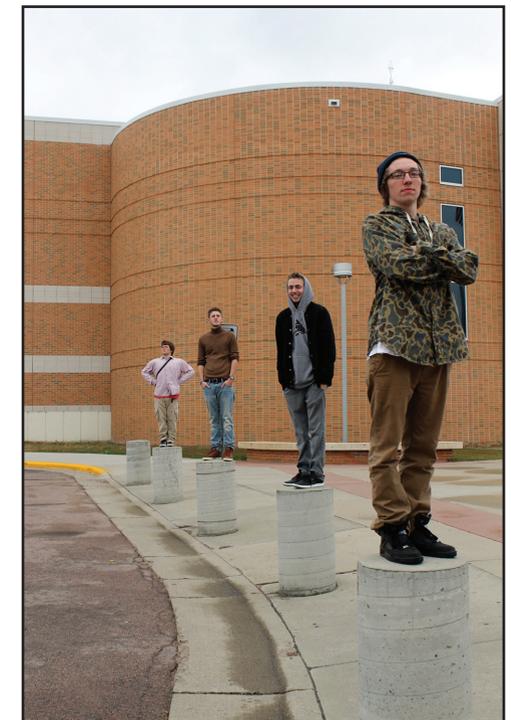


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The O.S.O. Crew has the unique dynamic of working well professionally while maintaining a close friendship.

Lincoln Crazy Tweets



Sydney Miller
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Nebraska Crossing: new outlet mall brings deals closer to home

BY MADDIE SCHULTZ

Bargain shoppers in the Midwest can breathe a sigh of relief because an outlet mall is being built in Gretna, Neb. Although it is, unfortunately, not in S.D., the Nebraska Crossing outlet mall is only 198 miles away from Sioux Falls, making it the closest factory store center to date. This will shorten the trip to one of the most frequented outlet malls in Albertville, Minnesota, (257 miles away) by over an hour of driving time.

Scheduled to open November 15, Nebraska Crossing will provide an innovative shopping experience at a close location. The grand opening will feature a chance to win a Range Rover, and the drawing is just one of the many innovative ideas to bring shoppers to the up and coming shopping center and soon to be thriving area.

The outlet mall will open with 65 storefronts and multiple fast food eateries at the intersection of I-80 and Highways 6 and 31. The open-air shopping center will feature athletic outlets including Nike, Under Armour and Adidas. Fashion stores will include Coach, J.Crew, Lucky Brand, Polo Ralph Lauren and Michael Kors among others.

The cost for Nebraska Crossing is projected at \$112 million to pay for the space, construction and all the new digital features to be incorporated in the center. Cost will soon rise as developers are already considering growth and planning to make room for 20 more retailers. The added \$15 million will expand the already 350,000 square foot center an extra 100,000 square feet. The expansion will make room for storefront-sized restaurants and even more stores. Targets will include New York-based retailers

that weren't contracted in the original plan. The second phase will not go into effect until city approval is given and at least 70 percent of the store space spoken for. Developers think the outlet will begin expansion in late 2014.

Brand-name retailers are flocking to the developing area for the innovative ideas developers are incorporating in Nebraska Crossing. A team effort by technology companies based out of Omaha are leading the way, contracted to set up a 1-gigabyte internet service, phone apps and digital kiosks in the center. Though all of the features will not be ready for the grand opening, shoppers can expect a technology orientated shopping experience. One feature that is predicted to attract and appeal to young shop-

pers is an interactive app. The app will feature alerts for flash sales, pop up coupons and applications to find the nearest parking lot. The features integrate technology with the shopping experience, appealing to a generation of online shoppers, hoping to get them into the physical stores with money saving incentives.

Location, technologic innovations and name brand retailers will surely pull in shoppers from all over the Midwest. Developers are directing their attention to consumers in a 150-mile radius of Nebraska Crossing, but with the lack of outlet malls in the Midwest, they might want to remember their customers in a 300 mile radius, or at least 198 miles to the North.



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A rendering of the future Nebraska Crossing outlet mall by developers.

Five Guys burgers and fries, fast and fantastic

BY BELLA THOME

Americans love their hamburgers, hot dogs and fries. Five Guys focuses on the tried and true.

The Five Guys menu includes the traditional burger, hot dogs, sandwiches and fries. Their burgers come in "little" and "regular" sizes. The most popular are original, cheese and bacon hamburgers. Burgers range from \$5 to \$7 dollars. The fries come in "Cajun style" which is spicier hence the name. They also have "Five Guys Style" which is more of an original style. The portions are large and definitely worth the \$3. A classic burger and fries run at about \$8.

Five Guys also has four different types of hot dogs, and they come in kosher, cheese, bacon or bacon-cheese flavors. The hot dogs are a reasonable price, ranging from \$2 to \$4. Lastly, Five Guys does not forget the vegetarian with their veggie, cheese veg-

gie and grilled cheese sandwiches. Sandwiches range from \$3 to \$5.

The service at Five Guys was very quick. Upon entering, several staff members were waiting with a

smiling face to help customers. There are two cash registers and both are manned waiting to take orders. Behind the glass, there were eight or more people cooking and preparing food. There is definitely not a shortage of people working at the restaurant, making service fast enough for high school diners. Overall, Five Guys is a great experience due to the friendly atmosphere and service.

Five Guys décor incorporates a red and white checkered theme. There is no drive-thru. There are several tables and chairs for a crowd. When diners first walk in, they see several bags of fries sitting on the floor in stacks, but as odd as it sounds, it may be for cooking efficiency.

Five Guys is located on the corner of 10th and Minnesota, down the street from the YMCA. They are open seven days a week, from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. If students or staff haven't gotten the chance to eat at the restaurant, they should definitely make plans to do so.



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Since its opening, Five Guys' business has been booming, thanks to frequent customers and those looking to try something new.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 11

Cross Country East-West Meet
@ Tuthill Park 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

Varsity Volleyball vs. Brandon Valley
@ LHS 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 18

Varsity Football vs. Washington
@ Howard Wood Field 8:00 p.m.

Different team, different coach, same goal

By DYLAN HALL

There will be a new face on the sidelines for the LHS girls basketball team this year.

Matt Daly will take over the head coaching job after previous coach, Lyle Pearson, resigned last year. Daly has a tough road ahead of him if he wants to get the girls back to winning a state title, but Daly is prepared to go the distance.

"Since we have a very young team, it will take a lot of work to get to the top. We hope that we will be playing our best in March, when it matters most," said Daly. "We plan on doing this by pushing the tempo and putting pressure on the other team. We want to be able to run a fast-paced, up-tempo offense and a simple man-to-man defense."

The team has big expectations for the season, but Daly doesn't let the pressure affect him.

"Every year we have a different team. The team is a lot younger this year, and they shouldn't be compared to last year's team. I'm focused on this year and can't worry about what we accomplished

last season," said Daly.

Daly knows basketball. He played all four years in high school and achieved all-conference four times and all-state twice. He then went on to play four years of basketball in Division II at Augustana and Southwest Minnesota State.

After college Daly took the head coaching job at Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls, Minn., where he led them to their best record since 1979. He then moved to Sioux Falls as a boys basketball assistant coach.

"We're going to get a lot done this year. He helped us work better as a team in the offseason," said junior Sydney Miller. "After losing a few seniors, he has done a very good job of motivating our younger players. We are all going to work harder because we know he believes in us."

Daly will get his first chance to showcase the team's talents on Dec. 13, when the team opens the season at home against Rapid City Central.



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LHS world history and early history of mankind teacher Matt Daly will take over as the girls head basketball coach next season.

Standing Pat

O'Bannon challenges the NCAA; It's about time

By KADE WALKER

They call it the NCAA Revolution: A bold backlash of former collegiate players had enough and sent the NCAA a message. Players are finished working for zero pay, while the NCAA makes billion dollar deals to sell college players' likenesses to major companies like Electronic Arts, a highly successful video game producer. Electronic Arts sold players' likenesses as part of their hugely popular NCAA football game. The video game players do not have collegiate players' names, yet the Texas A&M quarterback in the popular video game, who is #2, has a similar throwing motion and a striking facial resemblance to that of Johnny Manziel, the most recent Heisman winner. The collegiate players were powerless to change this.

Ed O'Bannon led the charge against the NCAA. O'Bannon was a mens basketball player at UCLA whose team won a championship in 1995, and O'Bannon also won the John R. Wooden and The Oscar Robertson awards, which are given to the best player in the country. He spearheaded the antitrust lawsuit because O'Bannon felt he and other

players were exploited, and the players should be compensated during or after they have graduated from their university. Six current players stood up along with O'Bannon and many others former players would like to confront the injustice that had been served to them.

"If we didn't exist, there would be no University of Arizona football team. There would be no Alabama Crimson Tide football team. There would be no Florida Gator football team. There would be no Texas A&M football team," said Arizona kicker Jake Smith, in a report with ESPN.

Players have worked hard to make names for themselves, and they should get the credit and payment they deserve from people who are making major money off their work. Young, collegiate athletes have spent the majority of their lives honing their skills through training regimens, game-playing, and traveling to play the best of the best while they are adolescents and teens. Yes, they receive athletic scholarships to play the game; however a much-too-high percentage of the players do

not graduate and a higher percentage are never recruited for professional play.

The typical argument against the athletes getting compensated is that the college athletes will eventually make millions out of college playing professional sports. However, the NCAA argument is flawed. Only 1.7 percent of college football players go pro, and even worse, only 1.2 percent of basketball players will. The revenues made through selling their likenesses through video games should go to the NCAA players who are portrayed to compensate their efforts.

An undisclosed settlement was reached Sept. 26. Current and former college players who were featured in EA games will be compensated. The details have not been released, but the NCAA has agreed to settle instead of going into a court battle.

Give the athletes who worked and sweated it out, who made the game possible, and who increased revenues a small slice of money to help them pay the debts off. It is justice well-deserved.

Buss commits to California State Fullerton

BY JEB COOPER

For some high school athletes, the idea of being in college level sports is becoming reality. This past summer Steph Buss committed to California State Fullerton. Buss made the decision May 13, after visiting the university's campus. She was one of the first athletes to commit for the class of 2014.

"I toured the campus which was very pretty, met the team who were so welcoming, and toured the city as well," said Buss.

The university contacted Buss through her traveling team, Kairos Elite volleyball club. Kairos are ranked 5th in the nation for junior olympic volleyball, and this means vigorous practices and competition during the off-season.

"My traveling team practices are more intense. We do more conditioning, more drills and we spend more time in the weight room," said Buss. "I enjoy playing at LHS a lot, however I am looking forward to moving on to the college level."

Buss has been playing volleyball since the fifth grade. She



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Senior Steph Buss reads the O'Gorman defense and places the ball behind the triple block during the homecoming volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The Knights went on to defeat the Pats 3-0.

decided after freshman year that she would like to advance her skills to be able to play volleyball in college. This required dedication and desire in volleyball as well as in her school work.

"There is a big time commitment with practice, games and working out. However, it is worth it," said Buss.

Committing to a college is a very big decision for a student-

athlete. Once a player commits, it is frowned upon to go to a different college instead. Buss plans on staying with Fullerton, and she is relieved she committed early.

Volleyball has been a large part of Buss' life, and she sees it as a powerful force.

"I am so glad I am able to play volleyball, it has helped carve me into a better player and person," said Buss.

College recruiting process transforms

BY KAYLIE ERICSON

Heads up underclassmen: College recruiters are coming your way.

The recruiting process for college sports is going through a dramatic transformation with the use of the internet and, more importantly, third-party recruiting services. Companies such as Athletes for College (AFC) are becoming more prevalent in the recruitment of high school athletes for colleges of all divisions.

"We recruit for all major sports," said AFC recruiting specialist and former Minnesota Vikings free agent Ben Nelson. "As well as everything from rowing to field hockey."

In the past, college coaches themselves would travel the country scouting the biggest names in high school sports. Now, with less than a \$1,000 budget for recruiting purposes and thousands of talented student-athletes to possibly scout, such a task has become impossible. That is where companies like AFC come in; they have a team of recruiting specialists across the country who can evaluate athletes so the colleges don't have to.

"Anyone can send an email to a coach," said Nelson. "Division I coaches are getting emails from parents whose kids don't have the ability to play at that level. Ninety percent of coaches don't have the time to sort

through emails and determine each athlete's ability."

Not only do companies like AFC make the college coaches' jobs easier, they benefit the athletes as well. An athlete can start with creating an online profile and highlight video, which are then evaluated by recruiting specialists, who determine the division in which the athlete has the potential to play. Athletes are also given tips about how to move up a division. When the profile is upgraded to the premium level, it is then placed in a database to which every college in that division has access.

Talent in athletics isn't the only part of recruitment eligibility, however.

"I try to talk to kids in their 9th grade year so they can get on the right track academically," said Nelson. "Eligibility for college athletics is based on a sliding scale including GPA and ACT/SAT scores. Some schools require a 3.0 GPA just to get into the school, but if an athlete can't maintain about a 3.5 GPA, they're missing out on \$3,000 to \$15,000 a year in scholarships."

For young athletes who are hoping to be recruited, Nelson has advice.

"Focus on your academics and get yourself out there to as many college coaches as you can," said Nelson.

Balleraena goes viral: national choreographers visit Sioux Falls

BY SARA JANE TEAL

Raena Rasmussen, owner of Balleraena Dance Studio, brings in dance choreographers from all over the country to hold week-long dance intensives filled with technique, choreography and a performance at the end of the week. For the second summer in a row, Rasmussen has brought Matt Steffanina and Dana Borriello, two choreographers and dancers from the Los Angeles area to the studio. Steffanina and Borriello have danced in studios on the East and West Coasts and in countries around the world. The pair often record the classes they have taught and put them on YouTube with many tutorials so others can learn

their dances.

This past July, when the duo came to Sioux Falls, they decided to feature the girls of Balleraena in one of their new promotional videos for Nick Cannon's new song, "Me Sexy." The video features all of the dancers who took the week long camp at Balleraena.

"It was an awesome experience to do a music video with professionals who have done this all across the world. In South Dakota we don't have this chance very often, so being able to take part in the video and to learn more about the music industry is a great opportunity whether a dancer is 12 years old or 44 years old," said



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ALAYNA DUTCHER

Balleraena dancer Alayna Dutcher snaps a picture with choreographers Matt Steffanina and Dana Boriello after a hip-hop dance camp.

LHS senior Alayna Dutcher, who is featured in Steffanina's promo video.

With 6,600 views already, Steffanina's video is hugely popular among his YouTube subscribers. Not only is this a way to promote Cannon's new song, but it is also a way for Steffanina to get his name out to the public. Steffanina and Borriello's visit demonstrates that not all big choreographers have to search for talent on the East or West Coasts. There is talent lying in the Midwest waiting to be found.

Even though Steffanina and Borriello are worldwide dancers, they still continue to return to

Balleraena with only good things to say about it.

"Balleraena has some of the hardest working dancers we have seen. They are able to make corrections well and do everything that is expected of them. We would hire them not only based on their talents, but also on their strong work ethic," said Steffanina.

Steffanina and Borriello plan to be back next July at Balleraena with new and fresh choreography to teach.

"I would recommend Steffanina's and Borriello's camp to anyone. Pushing yourself to do something out of your boundaries is always a good choice," said Dutcher.

Multiple contenders in the Big 10

By DYLAN HALL

Dropping temperatures and colorful leaves can only mean one thing: fall. With fall comes the start of a new college football season, and LHS students are following the action.

This year is shaping up to be one of the most exciting seasons in a long time for the Big 10, one of the most prestigious conferences in college football. Ohio State is coming off of an undefeated season and is now eligible to make a bowl game. Nebraska now has two years of experience under their belt and Northwestern is starting the season ranked No. 22, the highest pre-season ranking in school history.

There are many teams that deserve to play for the conference champion-

ship game on Dec. 7, but Nebraska, Northwestern, Michigan, and Ohio State should be the top contenders for a spot in the championship.

Ohio State is a heavy pre-season favorite to win the conference because of their superstar quarterback, Braxton Miller, who accounted for over 3,000 total yards last year.

"Nebraska has the best chance at beating Ohio State because they have a lot of weapons on offense," said LHS senior Taylor Salava. "They also have returning quarterback, Taylor Martinez for another year. Whether they can win or not will depend on how their defense plays."

The conference features some of the best rivalries in the country such as Ohio State vs. Michigan, or Iowa

vs. Nebraska. These rivalries could be even more intense this year as these teams are all very talented and will provide some very close, exciting games.

"Ohio State and Wisconsin will have the biggest impact on the season because their game should determine who goes to the conference championship. If Ohio State can handle them, they should be able to handle the rest of their schedule," said Salava.

That game and more, like Michigan State University vs. the University of Michigan and Northwestern vs. Nebraska, should make this one of the most exciting years the Big 10 has ever seen.



Braxton Miller hopes to lead Ohio State to its first championship since 2002. PHOTO PROVIDED BY MCT CAMPUS

Seeing double the talent on the field

By MAKAYLA DISBURG

If fans find themselves at an LHS girls' soccer game this year, they shouldn't be alarmed if they experience double vision. They might be seeing two of LHS' freshmen, Megan and Madison Landon. The identical twins play for LHS' junior varsity and varsity teams. To start off their high school season, both girls attended the summer practices hosted by the seniors and summer camps to prepare them for the tryouts in early August.

Trying out for a new team can be intimidating, especially for freshmen who don't know what to expect.

"Megan and Madison Landon are the greatest thing since Darby

Huginin," said senior captain Kami Miller. "They are very soccer-smart and are technically skilled. I can't wait to watch them grow as players."

Due to their hard work, both girls have gained the recognition and the respect of the team.

"I envy the Landon twins because I hate, in a good way, knowing they are two years younger than me, and they can out-dribble anyone and have a bullet of a shot," said junior teammate Hannah Faris.

Megan and Madison have only

been on a different team once, and it was only for one tournament during the club season. Other than that, the twins have played together for the past ten years.

"To be honest, I didn't want to play soccer at first. I wanted to dance. Madison wanted to play soccer, and I lost the battle," said Megan. "After I started, I fell in love with the game."

The twins have two brothers who both play Division I baseball, their mother played college basketball, and their father also grew up playing sports. Growing up in a family that is very serious about athletics has influenced the girls to do their best. They practice every day during the week for at least two hours. On game nights the girls play on the JV and varsity teams.

"I spend a lot of time working on

my foot skills almost every day for about two to three hours per day," said Megan.

Throughout the week the girls get 14 or more hours of practice. Megan plays center defense for LHS' JV team, wide midfielder for varsity and right outside defender for her club team. Madison generally plays offense on her teams; on JV she is put wherever needed, on varsity she is usually midfielder or forward, and on her club team she is a forward. Not only are the two sisters always together on the field, but they are also best friends in their everyday lives.

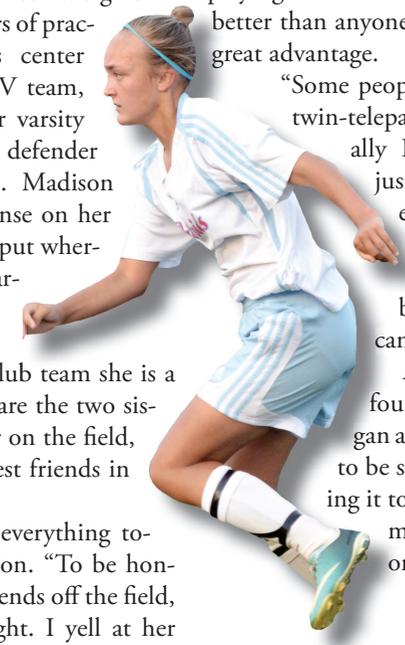
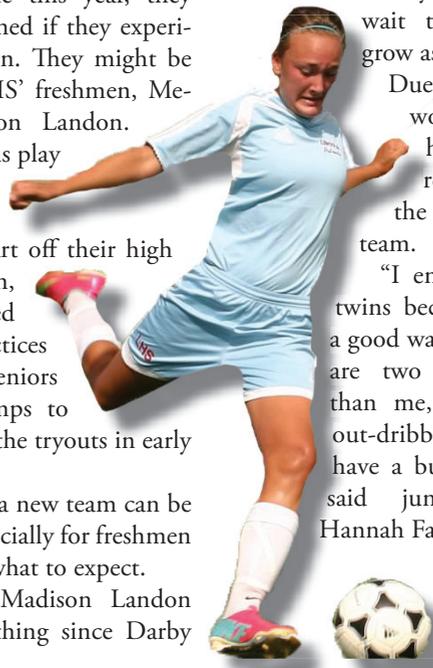
"Meg and I do everything together," said Madison. "To be honest, we are better friends off the field, even though we fight. I yell at her

on the field even though I probably shouldn't."

Although there can be downsides, playing with someone you know better than anyone can be used as a great advantage.

"Some people think we have twin-telepathy, but personally I think we have just played with each other so long that we can read each other a step before anyone else can," said Megan.

As for the next four years, both Megan and Madison hope to be successful in making it to the state tournaments and taking on a state title.



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Grady skating her life, one spin at a time

BY ERIN DAUGHERTY

For the past nine years, sophomore Kate Grady has been figure skating four to five times a week, for an hour to two hours a day.

On average, Grady skates about 260 hours a year; if you count the entire time she has been skating, it averages to about 2,340 hours of her life.

Grady knows all the aspects of skating, but for many, figure skating is an unknown sport full of unknown terms.

"My competitions are separated into level and age. I compete against the girls who are my age and level. There are many different events you can do: rhythmic, solo compulsory, team compulsory, jump and spin and freestyle," said Grady.

Freestyle is what is seen in the Olympics. It requires a certain amount of jumps, spins and footwork.

"After I skate I wait for my results to be posted on a wall and everyone runs to see what they got," said Grady.

The biggest competition Grady has been to was in Minn. two years ago.

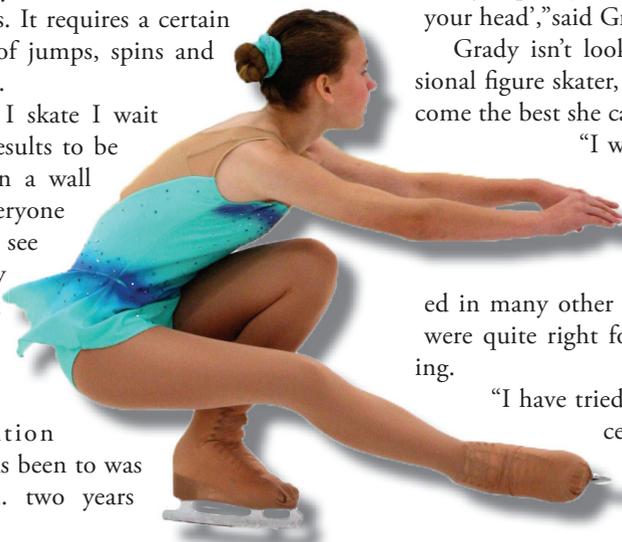


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"The competition was much harder," said Grady. "There were girls from all around the world and there were over 1,000 competitors."

Just like any athlete, a skater has to have a knack for the sport and have the dedication to work and practice intensely to get to the peak of their athletic ability. Young skaters looking to become professionals have to dedicate a majority of their time to skating.

"Most of the skaters don't even go to school. They skate all day with their coaches; their life revolves around skating," said Grady.

There are many stresses with figure skating that are deeper than the average person sees.

"The mental issues are my biggest struggles. My mind messes with me, and I get afraid to do a jump. My coach always says 'It's all in your head'," said Grady.

Grady isn't looking to become a professional figure skater, but she would like to become the best she can be.

"I would like to pass freestyle ten [the highest level]. I am in eight right now," said Grady.

Grady has participated in many other sports, but none of them were quite right for her, unlike figure skating.

"I have tried many sports such as soccer, basketball and dance, but they just weren't for me. Then I tried skating and loved it," said Grady.

Quinlivan opts for club gymnastics

BY BELLA THOME

Although high school students are young, many have already dedicated most of their lives to a sport. LHS senior Sarah Quinlivan has been in competitive gymnastics for 15 years, and through the sport, she has learned to be dedicated and to establish goals for herself.

Most high school gymnasts start in club gymnastics and later opt for the high school sport instead. This is where Quinlivan is different. She opted to compete solely in club competitions. She competes for All American Gymnastics.

There are several differences between competitive and school-sponsored gymnastics. School gymnastics receive more recognition via the media. Quinlivan believes club gymnastics are more competitive than school gymnastics, and the scoring is a lot more difficult in club. Club gymnasts train more than school gymnasts because the season is beyond the high school competitions. Also, high school gymnastics are extremely team-oriented, whereas club is more individual.

Competing comes with many challenges, and a gymnast must be proficient on multiple apparatuses.

"I try to hit all four of my routines during competition and remember not to let

one bad event affect any of the others. Staying positive during the whole meet is important, not only for myself, but for my teammates. When one of us falls it affects the team score," said Quinlivan.

Coaches can be helpful in mastering routines in several ways. They push the athlete to try harder or they encourage the athlete to do something they are not confident with.

"My coaches have always been there for me. They are like a second family to me, considering I spend more time at the gym than at home. They always want what is best for me even when things get hard. They push me, to my limits and know what goals I have in mind," said Quinlivan.

Like any other sport, practice and competition foster friendships and entertainment. While practicing and competing, she made strong connections with other gymnasts who are also on the team.

"Being with my teammates is the best part. They are my family. We are dedicated and always have fun," said Quinlivan.

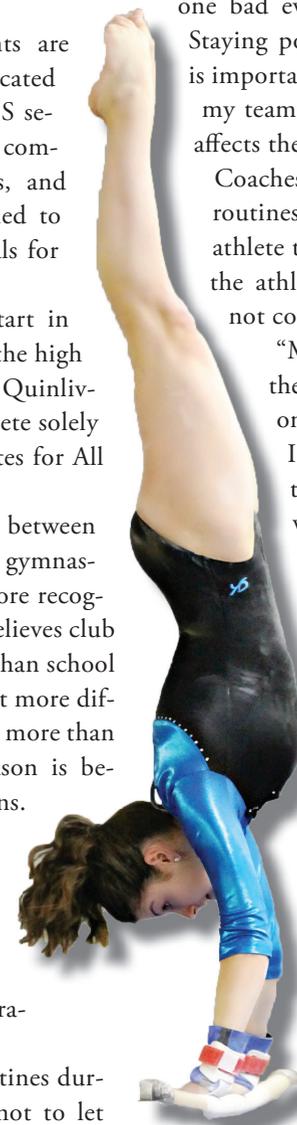


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Discing is a walk in the park for Alex Engel

BY KADE WALKER

Teens have recently been flocking to the disc golf courses in the Brandon and Sioux Falls areas where they can find the perfect sport to challenge themselves and their friends. Disc golfing has only one home in Sioux Falls at Tuthill Park, just a short walk down Cliff Avenue from LHS. Tuthill is a free 18-hole course. The only cost for playing is the cost of the disc.

LHS junior Alex Engel has grown to love the sport, and he plays nearly every day. Engel averages about 40 hours a week on the course.

"I was looking for a free outdoor activity when last year I decided to pick up a disc," said Engel. "Disc golf is a lot like normal

golf, just with a metal net instead of a hole and discs instead of a golf ball."

Discing can be played alone or with friends and the game's intensity can be fun or competitive depending on the situation. It is easy to meet people with the same love of the game out on the course.

"Some of the funniest parts of disc golf is just simply showing off in front of friends. I have become good friends with people who are out on the Tuthill course every day," said Engel.

Disc golfing is a relatively cheap pastime because a player simply needs a good disc which can range from free to 100+ dollars.

"I have found good discs which somehow landed and were left in the river. My two

favorite discs are a 2008 Boss and a very old KC Pro Eagle. The plastic is nice, and they are very reliable. Each disc flies a little differently, and the more expensive discs do tend to hold flight longer. My game is ten times more consistent with the nicer discs. However, the beginner does not need an expensive disc," said Engel.

Engel encourages teens to take up the sport, and he has advice for students who are thinking about being serious disc golfers.

"The most important thing would be to learn good form first because players develop muscle memory.

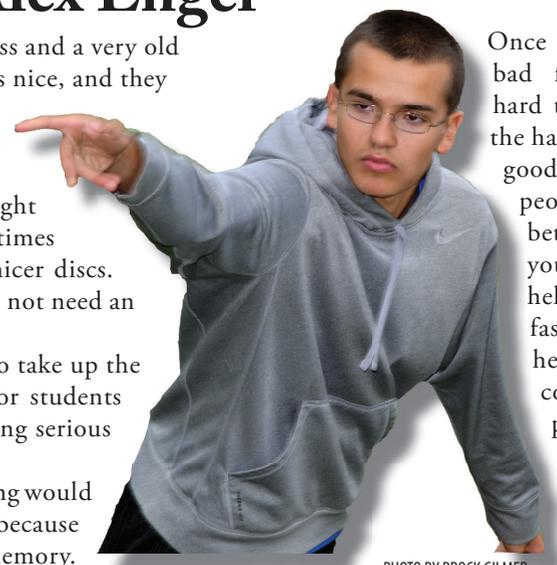


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Once a player has bad form, it is hard to overcome the habit. It is also good to play with people who are better than you. It will help you learn faster, and it helped me become a better player," said Engel.

BOYS GOLF

**Parker Klitzke, 12**

Good luck charm: Cole Peterson's belly

Pregame ritual: Rubbing Cole's belly

What superpower would you have:
The power to keep Cole away from my Oreos.

**Cole Peterson, 12**

Good luck charm: Oreos

Pregame ritual: Eating

What superpower would you have:
The power to not gain weight

**Tommy Vining, 11**

Good luck charm: George Mickelson

Pregame ritual: George giving me a pump up speech

What superpower would you have:
Max muscle

GIRLS TENNIS

**Jade Gunnarson, 12**

Good luck charm: My ceramic turtle Timmy

Pregame ritual: Freestyling with Emma Jay

What superpower would you have:
To change into anyone I want, I would obviously want to be Bobby Grady.

**Emma Johnson, 12**

Good luck charm: Jade's dirty socks

Pregame ritual: Our super-advanced stretching sequence

What superpower would you have:
I wish I could shuffle like Gabi

**Gabi Schmidt, 12**

Good luck charm: Deer hunting headphones

Pregame ritual: Listening to Ke\$ha with Jade Gunnarson

What superpower would you have:
To be able to spit raps like Emma Jay

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**Free Bump, 12**

Good luck charm: Ryan Patrick

Pregame ritual: L.A.R.P.ing

What superpower would you have:
Super-strength

**Ryan Patrick, 12**

Good luck charm: Our pre-race inspirational speech

Pregame ritual: Running... So I can run some more

What superpower would you have:
To be as fast as Nate

**Nathan Schroeder, 11**

Good luck charm: My two left feet

Pregame ritual: Motivational speech by Ryan Patrick

What superpower would you have:
Super-speed

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**Sarah Metz, 12**

Good luck charm: Sydney Sweeter

Pregame ritual: Lots and lots of push-ups

What superpower would you have:
Super-speed

**Ashley Lortscher, 12**

Good luck charm: Katie Caldwell

Pregame ritual: Carb load at the pasta feed with my team and hydrate like crazy

What superpower would you have:
Super-speed

**Morgan Fehrs, 11**

Good luck charm: SarBear, she's the bomb.com

Pregame ritual: Jam session on the bus to PCD's "Beep" and Beyonce's "Bootylicious"

What superpower would you have:
Super-speed. I would win every race. It would be awesome.

SOFTBALL



Liz Anderson, 12
Good luck charm: Katie Strande
Pregame ritual: Playing catch with Katie "Skippy" Strande
What superpower would you have: Celiac Disease



Maggie Shelton, 12
Good luck charm: Lexi Hamiel
Pregame ritual: Singing Beyonce at the top of my lungs in my car
What superpower would you have: Flying, because that would be awesome

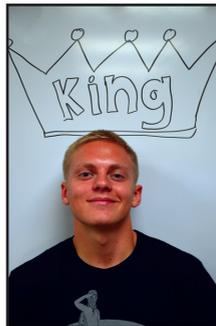


Brennan Huwe, 12
Good luck charm: Kenady's black eye
Pregame ritual: Tribal dances with Maggie Shelton
What superpower would you have: Flying, airplanes are overrated

BOYS SOCCER



Adam Belhaj, 12
Good luck charm: A wink from Lily Breukleman (not Sophie)
Pregame ritual: Homework, school comes first
What superpower would you have: Rewind time



Cole Weber, 12
Good luck charm: Justin aka Juice Stop
Pregame ritual: Watching @TateLindsay4 beat up Danny Boy
What superpower would you have: Brain Control



Pujan Patel, 12
Good luck charm: Co-Captain Cole Weber
Pregame ritual: I take an Ibuprofen.
What superpower would you have: The ability to run as fast as Captain Belhaj would be nice.



Jimmy Keating, 12
Good luck charm: Torrey Eirinberg
Pregame ritual: I rub Tate Lindsay's huge biceps.
What superpower would you have: Teleportation, so I could visit my girlfriend in college whenever I want



Cesar Cuellar, 11
Good luck charm: Melanie Loe's ponytail that she gave me for good luck
Pregame ritual: Usually I put my jersey on...
What superpower would you have: Invisibility



Teren Schuster, 11
Good luck charm: The waterbottle I stole from Madeline a year ago
Pregame ritual: I watch Dora, so I can communicate with Cesar on the field.
What superpower would you have: I would want to read minds.

GIRLS SOCCER



Makayla Disburg, 12
Good luck charm: You don't need luck with the Landon twins on your team.
Pregame ritual: Jam to the Jo Bros
What superpower would you have: Duplicate myself so I can have more friends



Kami Miller, 12
Good luck charm: The knife my ex-best friend Maggie Squyer stabbed me in the back with
Pregame ritual: Dance offs to "Burnin' Up"
What superpower would you have: Why would I need a super power? I'm already Kami Miller.



Maggie Squyer, 12
Good luck charm: My best friend, Steve-O
Pregame ritual: Singing and dancing to "Burnin' Up" by The Jonas Brothers
What superpower would you have: The power to be as funny as Captain Kami



Lily Breukelman, 12
Good luck charm: Watching boys' varsity too... oh wait
Pregame ritual: Kicking Makayla out of the inner circle
What superpower would you have: To be able to swallow a soccer ball



Maggie Smither, 11
Good luck charm: My thermos
Pregame ritual: Having Kami Miller tell me how good her club goalie is
What superpower would you have: Super-speed. Then I wouldn't be last all the time.



Katie Gillette, 11
Good luck charm: My purple Nike Pro Spandex with the lime green waistband
Pregame ritual: Braiding Cap'n Kami's hair
What superpower would you have: To have a voice that carries louder than Lily Breukelman's voice



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