Either write something worthreading or do something worth writing," -- Benjamin Franklin

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East-West football game held at West is 'No Place For Hate' West for second year in a row



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Tonight, the annual East-West football game will be held at West for the second year in a row due to redistricting

Emma Larson

The Bellevue East-West The Bellevue East-West football game is a major production every school year. These two schools both take turns hosting this event, and last year, the game was held at West. Because of the Ne-braska School Activities Association (NSAA)s redistricting of schools, the Thunderbirds are set to play the Chiefanis at home for the second year in a row.

Every two years, all of Nebraska's high schools are put into new districts based

"We classify football ev-"We classify football every two years, and every two years, and every two years, and every two years there is a new scheduling eycle. So, this is the first year of a two year cycle," Associate Director of the NSAA Debra Velder said.

When the NSAA are distinctes these schools, each is the set of the way as a East I could just stay at school until the game."

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Igame will be held at Weet for the secons school has to be given at least four home games. If the East, West game was given to East, then they would have too many home games, and Bellevue West would be left with only three.

These rules of classification have not only affected Bellevue West, but East as well. Some students at East felt that they would have been more motivated to attend a home game, rather than at home game, rather than at "It's just a school spirit

"It's just a school spirit type of thing. When I'm at my own school, I'm a lot more supportive and confident at the game," Bellevue East sophomore Elaine Stueve said.

Bellevue East sophomore Christina Sullivan said. Nonetheless, Bellevue West is already preparing for the game. FBLA will host their annual tailgate cookout from 4:30-7 pm, and both bands and dance teams will make an appearance at the game. The two schools will join together to play the na-tional anthem at the begin-ning of the game, and half-time will feature the Bellevue West bands performance of West band's performance of their show, "Cathedrals," as well as the Thunderettes.

well as the Thunderettes.

"We're prepared for the
amount of people we're going to have, but we want
everybody to just enjoy the
experience and enjoy coming
together for the game," Bellevue West Activities Director
Ion Mauro said

Now I don't have a ride. Faiman Field at 7 p.m. on

At Bellevue West's first pep-rally of the 2014-2015 school year, the school was presented with a No Place for Hate banner from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). For West to be able to receive this banner they had to no theward its reason when his person the second through the se

to go through six steps, which included submitting a form, getting all necessary signa-tures, and submitting all re-sults to the Anti-Defamation

League.
"I contacted the ADL and you have to do two activities throughout the school year in order to be known as a "No Place for Hate" school. You also have to have students and staff sign a banner." dean Jessica Frank said.

ner," dean Jessica Frank said,
"[The] administration takes
pride in their abilities to make
all students feel safe."
They also credited the
staff and students who attended Inclucity camp for
stepping up and helping five
their signature signatures and
the school activities. One such
activity last year was when
they encouraged students to
sit at a table with strangers
and get to know them. After finishing all the required and get to know them. Af-ter finishing all the required think it's a program we should respect and that we have to



steps, the ADL provided the

banner to Bellevue West.
"No Place for Hate® in schools seeks to provide a model for combating intolerance, bullying and hatred, leading to long-term solutions to these problems in schools. according to the ADL's web-

site. With the campaign stu-dents, staff, and administra-tion are expected to carry on the program by promoting everything that No Place For Hate promotes, by respecting others, stopping bullying, and reporting when ceither dis-respect or bullying happens. "Because we are an of-

"Because we are an of-ficial No Place For Hate I

that we've accomplished this big goal we need to be able to keep it, and I think it's something great for all students to remember," Renee Pineda said. Schools in Iowa and

Schools in Iowa and Kasasa are already official No Place For Hate schools. In Nebraska, schools including Holy Name School, Burke High School, and Northwest High School also participated in the campaign.

"It's a good step in general for Bellevue West and in the direction we want to go, and just making sure that we are welcoming of anyone who steps inside our school," Frank said.

Dodge ball concludes tournament with championship game at Bellevue East



Photo by Codi Pier

This year's dodge ball tournament ran from Sept. 17 to Sept. 19 and was held in

New softball, volleyball coaches start fall seasons



all coach Laura Kratochvil talks to her team at the East-West game

Sam Sobczyk Reporter

Students attending soft-ball or volleyball games this fall may notice two new faces on the coaching staffs. These new coaches are Laura Kratochvil and Christina Reicks.

tochvil and Christina Reicks.
Kratochvil is the new
head coach of the varsity
softball team. She played as
a catcher at Creighton with a
.984 career fielding percentage. Before coming to Bellevue West she was an assistant coach with the Creighton
Bluejays. At Creighton she
worked mostly with catchers.
The softball team is excited to have Kratochvil as
a coach.

"They've taught me to

always respect the game. Even though this is my first and last year with them, I'll never forget how much of an impact these coaches have made in my life," senior Sara Haake said.

The team opened up their season with a loss against Elbhorn South They then

Elkhorn South. They then came back with a 16-0 win over Benson.

came back with a 16-0 win over Benson.

"Our coaches definitely work us hard. We are being challenged to get 1½ bet-ter with each practice and game that comes along, and they do not mess around. We definitely leave the field sweating after each practice and no practice is easy," senior Kaitlyn Buresh said.

Volleyball also has a new head coach, Christian

be mentally strong and to new head coach, Christi-

na Reicks. Reicks graduated from Bellevue West in 2003. She played volleyball for the Thunderbirds and went to the state tournament all four years. She then went on to play volleyball at both Winthrop University in South Carolina and at University of Nybrask Ombo. Nebraska Omaha.

Now she teaches 3rd grade at Fort Crook Elemen-tary. Reicks has been with the iary, Reicks has been with the Bellevue West volleyball pro-gram for seven years, working her way up from coaching the freshman team all the way to head varsity couch. "I think we have a lot more potential and talent on this team than we have had before," senior Savannah Conyers said.

The volleyball team oppened up their season on oppened up their season on

opened up their season on Friday Sept. 5, hosting the Bellevue West Invitational. At press time the team was 5-11, with wins over

was 5-11, with wins over Bellevue East, Bishop Heelan, and Burke.

"I'm very excited for this season, we have a lot of po-tential but just need to learn how to use it. I love the girls I'm working with. A lot of them I coached on JV when they first started playing, so they are a special group to me. They have a lot of heart and passion for the sport and push themselves daily,"

Opinion: Grading changes allow flexibility

Kylie Fenger Commentary Editor

In 1906, Vilfredo Pareto noticed the unequal distribu-tion of wealth in his village. He calculated that 80 percent He calculated that 80 percent of Italy's land, the home of italy's land, the home of his village, was owned by 20 percent of the population. From here, Pareto observed that 20 percent of his fresh peas were derived from 80 percent of his pea pods. This created the Pareto Principle, which basically states 80 percent of the effects stems from 20 percent of the causes. Now the principle once used to gauge garden veggies' production, will measure students. duction, will measure students behavior and academic worth.

This year, eight teachers at Bellevue West are testing a grading version of Pareto's principle, where summative

tests are 80 percent of tests are 80 percent of the academic grade, while formatives are 20 percent. Every student graded with the method should be praising Pareto because his principle positively changed the way students are evaluated. The best part about this grading method is, under the "official" rules, all summa-tives can be retaken, regard-less of the initial score. This means no one has a reason

means no one has a reason to fail, which eliminates the stress and test anxiety, but it still proves how much stu-dents know because they still dents know because they still have to study in order to pass. Many teachers require extra work before their students are eligible to try again. School should always allow second chances.









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Food changes affect lunches, fundraising

Michelle Obama's campaign for obesity prevention, "Let's Move," prompted the Senate to propose the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, providing healthy options served at school to all students. The new standards include a list

of certain requirements that school lunches have to meet. A food item cannot be more than 350 calories per

tain amount of fat, sugar, and sodium, and needs nu-tritional value with almost no empty

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fall within nutrition guidelines. However, students may run

food-based fundraising activities off-campus or 30 minutes after school ends. Students may purchase an item at school that can only be consumed or prepared at home, like okie dough. DECA, FBLA, and ROTC are

some of the groups being impacted. Many of the food they sold in previous years is now prohibited, previous years is now prohibited, potentially putting a hamper on

ndraising. FBLA's students marketed candy bars during the fall and Krispy Kreme donuts three days a week throughout the school year.

"We fundraise to send our national qualifiers so we don't have tional qualifiers so we don't have to pay so much if we make it to nationals. With the fundraising be-ing affected that might affect how much FBLA can put for national qualifiers this year," senior Christian Perdomo said. Instead, the clubs will try and great opportunity," Slade said.

Instead, the clubs will try and utilize the four days given per year to fundraise.

"Last year we started Krispy Kreme because they are a national sponsor of FBLA, and it worked out great. We earned a lot of money selling donuts three days a week, so with that being off the table we are still going to utilize our four days during the year and will sell dount at the still day long on those four days." all day long on those four days," FBLA sponsor Pat Hinkle said.



Photo by Katie Allen nacks have been replaced.

of the two days per semester.

"Our ideas are hopefully incorporating it with some spirit weeks and getting people happy for spirit weeks means getting more money to which definitely usweeks means getting more money to spend hopefully. We're definitely using all of those days," senior Jazmine Rosemond said.

Other the reduct in lunches. "I play

Rosemond said.

Last year, ROTC participated in a fundraiser selling Chick-fil-A to students while the school dismissal bell rang; now, the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act restricts selling the sandwiches on school property.

"We won't be able to do it because of the calories we're allowed to have as students," senior James Lewis said.

Although the new legislation shook things up for students at

shook things up for students at West, at least one student sees a silver lining.

"At the same time...I think it's a "At the same time...I think it's a great time and a great way for all the DECA students to show what we're really about because this is what we do, finding new ideas and actually being marketing students. So it's a

great opportunity," Slade said.
The changes also apply to lunch.
"I find it easier because they tell me exactly what I have to serve.
Before we could pick and choose vegetables, but this way I know exactly what we're going to serve. The thing is if the kids don't eat it what do you do?" head of kitchen staff Beverly Rha said.

According to the Government.

According to the Governmen Accountability Office (GAO), 48 out of 50 states found difficulties with the act. Combinations like

cheese sticks chasing school lunches declined by more than one mil-

"I play football and I know that I'm hungry when I go to practice. I'd rather be full at school. That way I can focus in my classes," junior Adonis Dotson said. Still, some see the new policy differently.

differently.
"I didn't really notice any changschool treaty notice any chang-es. I'm a person who normally at school tries to make healthier deci-sions anyway and I feel like that's something everybody should con-sider. Even athletes who say that they need more calories during the day that's completely understandable, but at the end of the day it's about what you're putting in your body not how much," senior Delaney

After Prom planning lacks leader

With no chairpersons stepping up to head the various planning committees, Bellevue West may not

see an After Prom this year.

"Typically what happens in a given year is the chair people from last year would have lined a couple people up to thair this year's event. One of the [previous] chair people has moved, and so that never happened. At this point we don't have a chairperson to oversee the white production of the content with the hippoints; a chairperson to oversee the who will be promised as a chairperson to oversee the whole of the production of t a chairperson to oversee the whole project," Principal Kevin Rohlfs said.

ment.

"It was so rewarding knowing that I was involved in something that my kids had a great time at, and that so many of their friends and my students had a great time

Much of the groundwork has already been laid for this year's After Prom. The previous chairperson made contact with the hypnotist; leftover money from last year's After Prom was set aside; and plans for various games and attractions are in progress.

We're trying to get the word out right now that we need a couple sets of parents to step up and chair. [After Prom] is a parent event, and if we don't have the parents to run it, it won't be held.

If no one accepts the position, Rohlfs warned West wouldn't have an After Prom.

"It's a parent event, and if we

But there's no required [financial] expenditure," Rohlfs said.

Business teacher Gogi Supenski and math teacher Cindy Seager, who served 8 consecutive years as co-chairs, noted that the position involves months of planning and coordination.
"We were trained somewhat. But

once you jump into it, you learn a lot about the details that need to be done," Supenski said.

"A lot of the pieces are in place: our last chairperson left [us] in good shape," Rohlfs said. Ideas for fundraising are likewise

"It's a parent event, and if we don't have the parents to run it, it won't be held," Rohlfs said, but it's not for financial reasons that no ent has accepted the position: parents who help organize After Pom are under no stipulation to give money. "It does take some take work.

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goes to post prom. So we raise al-most \$2,000 every year," Rohlfs said. While the PTSA contributes to

After Prom, they are ultimately not responsible for its organization-that task falls to the hands of willing

parents.
Though After Prom is still months out, preparatory work still needs to begin. "Somebody now has to get the ball rolling," Rohlfs said.

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Top five gym rules for winners Testing limits true learning



Codi Pierce Reporter

There is always a first time for everyone at the gym You don't want to be the person who goes in and makes a complete fool of yourself. These five simple rules will help you get through your first couple of weeks in a

1. Call attention to

 Call attention to yourself with every rep.
 It is your job in the gym to look cocky, arrogant, and act like you're the biggest human known to man. Every own the cym. Force. you own the gym. Force-fully grunting and screaming adds to your masculinity. Also, slam the weights on the ground once you're finished. Researchers suggest watchresearchers suggest watching "King Kong" or "Planet of the Apes" to perfect that ape-like roar you need.

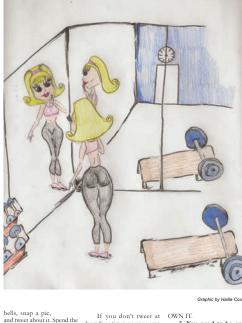
2. Make sure to flex in the mirror every chance

you get.

If you aren't checking yourself out in the mirror after each set, how will you know if that muscle got any bigger? If you're going to be the best, you have got to look the best. Besides, you have to practice posing for your next bodybuilding physique competition. Removing your shirt is an excellent way to get a better look.

3. Ladies, minimal ef-fort attracts the attention

fort attracts the attention you need. You're single and ready to mingle with some ex-tremely attractive body build-ers. Here's the deal: Minimal effort is key. He'll know that you're into fitness if you grab a couple of five-pound dumb-



5. You need to be an

excellent spotter.
First of all, don't look at the person you're spotting, it's awkward for them. Secondly, awkward for them. Secondly, if they start to struggle with the weight, yell for help or if you're able to, pull all of the weight on your own. Don't even try to help. Lastly, it's okay to space off or day-dream. Live your own life.

Emily Bran **Entertainment Editor**

In the weeks that I've In the weeks that I've been in school, I've taken eleven tests and am currently preparing for two more. How-ever, in the weeks I've been here, I don't think I've learned enough to be tested on.

In a majority of my seven In a majority of my seven classes I've written, read, and reviewed in order to prepare for tests that take an entire class period. This material is forgotten in the next week as I plow through new material. When we do this every few weeks, I'm never truly learning. I'm memorizing for a test and then forgetting, and I can't be the only one. School is already becoming overis already becoming over-whelming with the amount of testing I'm doing. Personally, I love learn-

ing. We're only alive for a short time and I want to know short time and I want to know everything I can about the world before my time is up. As cheesy as that is, it's the reason I read nonfiction and ask all the questions that pop into my head. In the past few years I've stopped associating learning with school. I learn in my classes, don't ext. me, wrong. I just don't year me, wrong. I just don't

get me wrong. I just don't think I learn as much as I could because we're focusing on speed instead of depth. The closer I get to college, the more I see a shift in my classes from actual learning

Since schools have got-ten a portion of their money based on students' test scores, a policy from No Child Left Behind, it has become easier for teachers to focus on what students need to know for tests rather than go deeper into each subject. As a stu-dent, I feel like all of the

dent, I feel like all of the testing is taking away from my education.

This year, I decided I would take advantage of everything my school had to offer me. Within the first few days I joined multiple clubs and started really pay-ing attention to my classes. clubs and started really paying attention to my classes. Education is meant to be about expanding your mind, learning things and going in depth with those things. There's no point in knowing about something if you don't know why it matters, how it works, and what it's all about. With the constant testing, I don't see any in depth education happening because we're learning the minimum for what we need for our tests. In the classes where tests aren't as frequent and the hour is spent discussing a

hour is spent discussing a topic, whatever it may be, I know I'm learning more. I leave those classes thinking about what we talked about and how it directly affects

and how it directly affects aspects of my life. I look forward to these classes.

I don't blame my teachers for the way I feel. I know there are certain curriculum requirements they have to follow and that more often then not if these requires the control of th than not, it's those require-ments that stifle learning and push testing. With all of the changes going on with school this year and the years coming up, I'm just hoping that some-one higher up in the education board realizes that testing and learning are not synonymous.

your girlfriends about him. Also, please have a little decency and put on fresh makeup, straighten your hair, and wear a matching outfit before you leave the house. Come on, on't make the gym look bad. 4. Use at least 85% of your gym time on the gym's free wifi. 80/20 grading saves students

be recorded, just not as a grade. It will be measured by a student's ability to meet deadlines and participate in group activities. As time goes on, students and their parents will have the oppor-tunity to track their progress on PowerSchool. They can calculate where improvement is needed, and then set goals to advance. This will encour-age students to socialize with peers, without the pressure of grades being affected, which is helpful since breaking out of one's shell can already be stressful. goes on, students and their stressful.

The new emphasis on behavior gives teachers a chance to understand their chance to understand their pupils; personalities and learning styles, since they have to observe students in depth. According to Vicki Za-krzewski, Ph.D., an education director of the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California-Berkeley, taking interest in a student's learning behavior shows the

student they care. It's impor-tant for students to feel like they are valuable in class, in order for them to exert all their strengths and potentially

rest of your gym time casually checking him out and texting your girlfriends about him.

Under the new method. Under the new method, homework will no longer be graded. While opposers of the hed. While opposers of the state of time because it's no longer being checked or affecting grades, it's still a valuable part of education. Homework is synonymous to practice. This puts more responsibility on students to do their homework so they are equipped for the test. In are equipped for the test. In college, students are expected to use their homework as a study guide, and now the

a study guide, and now the same is expected of high school students. Like college professors, our teachers can no longer balpy us. 80/20 drastically changes grading, but this is not a reason to discourage it. With time, students and teachers can choose to appreciate the benefits it provides.

experience, one of those being a selfie, then you're doing it wrong. All of your followers have to know you went to the gym. Otherwise, you show signs of weakness. After you do a few sets, just chill on the bench and watch a few Vines. Don't worry about anyone cles wanting to use the equipment. Remember, YOU Eating politics, not health food



If you don't tweet at least four times on your gym experience, one of those

Grant Harrison Editor in Chief

Following Michelle Obama's "Let's Movel" cam-paign, health and wellness have again fallen in the lime-light of political conscious-ness; and now, despite the healthful goals of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, much of that initial burst of passion has been lost in the political mire.

Consider, for example, the fact that the soda ma-chines are now lined with diet sodas, and Doritos replaced with their low-fat cousin. Both derivations are bastafs of their already inglorious predecessors. Certainly, no greater inny could have been produced than by performing a dietary sleight-of-hand, substituting one poison for the next.

And then there is, of course, the issue of fundraisers. Cookies are gone. Chocolate bars are gone. Just with their low-fat cousin.

about anything without a "low calorie," '100 calorie," or "100 calorie," or "low fat." label is ancient history now. Sure, you can get around the rules by selling food that needs to be prepared at home, but the inconvenience remains. Federal overreach? I think so. ingly scientific and morally pure as the issue of children's health and nutrition.

health and nutrition.

Lobbyist groups are all over the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, aiming to change rules and temporarily exempt schools from adher-But if the homogenous mixture of education, nutrition, and big business isn't troublesome enough, the legislation only consolidates power for the federal government.

So, like any legislative monster, Michelle Obama's noble goal of improving school lunches has been per-verted, strangling its best ideas with needlessly dra-conian rules and allowing ridiculous exemptions.

ridiculous exemptions.

But while a genuine lack of lunch reform is troubling enough, my real concern lies with what this episode reveals of our government's ability to address issues objectively-

ing to the regulations; in one proposal, a <u>year-long waiver</u> would be given to schools who can prove the new standards cost too much. All this would be fine if not for the fact that much of the lobbying has been done by food ing has been done by food companies. Businesses like Schwan's Food Service, which Schwan's Food Service, which sells pizzas to schools, have clear incentive to change the legislation. Even the School Nutrition Association, a co-

professionals" and original proponent for the HHFKA, is under considerable influenc

under considerable influence from big businesses; in 2012, \$6.7 million of the group's \$10 million sponsorship fees came from food companies. But if the homogenous mixture of education, nutri-tion, and big business isn't troublesome enough, the legislation only consolidates power for the federal govpower for the federal gov-ernment. The <u>USDA</u> reports that now, after HHFKA, "the that now, after HHFKA, "the Secretary has the authority to set nutrition standards for all food products sold on school grounds during the day". Control over the meals of millions of students is an enormous power, one that shouldn't necessarily be concentrated all in one place. The act also means that now, more than ever, big business and Washington are able to control school lunches.

able to control school lunches. Food is more centralized, more commercialized, more globalized than ever, meaning politics plays an ever expand-ing role in its regulation.

It doesn't matter how

good the food; such a recipe makes me sick to my stomach.

The friendzone does not exist



Rae Rangel Features Editor

Features Editor
For the past three years
I have witnessed the tragic
dance dealing with love and
loss called the friendzone.
The dreaded friendzone that
boys always want to avoid,
that girls tend to put boys
"in," that makes everyone feet
tension when a boy freaks out
about being in the friendzone.

Except one thing is rong. The friendzone isn't

. The friendzone is a theoretical place that a boy is "placed in" when he makes a move on his friend who does move on his friend who does not return feelings for him. Where the boy plays Mr. Nice Guy expecting you to fall for him like girks always do in the movies. But life is not a movie. Sometimes being niw gets you nowhere. Now I'm not saying that you shouldn't be nice, I'm just saying you should not be nice to a crid inst to see her po date

to a girl just to get her to date you. In fact, that makes you

her "shoulder to cry on," and so on - just to get her to date you, maybe you should look at yourself. Sometimes people don't need a shoulder, they

don't need a shoulder, they need the whole thing. No one is supposed to date you because you're nice to them. They are allowed to tell you no, and they shouldn't have to feel bad about saying no. Ladies, you should not feel bad about saying an You are allowed to have a choice and you are allowed to like whoever you do. Don't ever leaving they are the are they are they are they are they are the they are they are they are they are they are they are the are the they are they are you. In fact, that makes you leading look bad. If you are seriously friend.

We are not leading you on by letting you be our friend. We don't have to say yes when you ask us out, and we definitely don't deserve to be called the not so nice b-word for saying no. Maybe the girl just does not have romantic just does not have romantic feelings for you or she's not looking for a relationship. Whatever the reason may be, she just doesn't want to date you. Rejection is a hard thing to take, and this won't be the

first time you're rejected. And instead of acting like a kid and blaming someone else, per-haps you should learn from it--and move on.



Shades of Success

Coaches leave legacies for T-Birds

Emma Larson Reporter

Over the years, Bellevue West has made significant achievements in sports. The credit goes not only to the team, but to the coaches who used their individual styles to guide the players to success.

used their individual styles to guide the players to success.
"Success comes in a lot of dif-ferent shades and a lot of different colors, and everybody's got to find their own way of coaching, and be successful doing that," boys varsity basketball coach Doug Woodard said.

basketball coach Doug Woodard said.

Woodard has been the head basketball coach since 1998, and is one in a long line of legacy-building coaches at Bellevue West. He is fol-lowing in the footsteps of the late Labs Fairma John Faiman. Faiman, who was the varsity

Faiman, who was the varsity football coach at Belieuw West for 25 (years, passed away in June of 2012. During his coaching career, Faiman earned ten state playoff appearances. Faculty members remember him for his compassion for his athletes, not only in how they executed on the field, but more importantly how they carried themselves as people. "[Faimans] impact was more than just football; it was about doing what's fight for each of our student-athletes. His saying always was 'family, school, football,' and

was 'family, school, football,' and he really believed that. He coached some amazing games, and really got the kids to believe in what he was doing," principal Kevin Rohlfs said.

In addition, Joanne Kappas took over the volleyball program in 1987, and made West a strong competitor. Under her reign, the team won 11 state championships, six of them consecutively. She retired from West in 2005, and now coaches at Millard Courth.

in 2005, and now coaches at Millard South.

"Kappas put this school on the map in volleyball. They won an in-credible amount of championships in the decade of the 90s and the mid 2000s, and people are still respectful of Bellevue West from a volleyball perspective because of what she built," Woodard said.

perspective because of what she built," Woodard said.

The list of notable coaches at Bellevue West continued with Matt Fritsche, who accepted the position of head girls basketball coach in 2002. During the next decade, he built up the program, and pushed the team to earn a win-loss record of 199-56, as well as three state championships. Fritsche moved on in 2012 to the head coaching position at Midland University, and is now the assistant coach for women's basketball at Creighton University.

"Coach Fritsche got that program turned around and moving in a very positive direction. [Fritsche] focused on what was best for the student-athletes first, and said we'll be good at basketball, no. He's really catablished us as a powerhouse for girls basketball," Rohlifs said.

These coaches are no longer employed at Bellevue West yet are still prominent figures in our school's athletic history. Various tributes have been made to these individuals to

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acknowledge their achievements. The football field has been renamed

The football field has been renamed in memoriam of John Faiman.

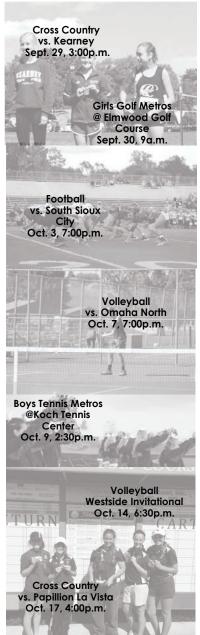
Rohlfs explained that in addition to the dedication, fundraising projects have been put in place to construct an entryway in honor of the coach, Joanne Kappas was added to the Bellevue West Ahletic Hall of Fame in 2014 in recognition of her success in the volleyball program.

Over the last several years, the athletic department has welcomed a

athletic department has welcomed a number of new members. Michael Huffman led the football team as head coach beginning last season, and Jon Mauro took the position as West's new Activities Director. This West's new Activities Director This pear's new coaches are Rick Mintken, girls basketball head coach; Laura Kratochvil, head softball coach; Christina Reicks, head volleyball coach; Tom White, head boys soc-er coach; and Jeremy Shockey, head baseball coach. These new coaches have been chosen to lay the foundation for success and to keep Bellevue West as a strong athletic competitor. "I want somebody that the stu-dents respect, that the community dents respect, that the community

"I want somebody that the students respect, that the community respects; somebody [who] represents Bellevue West in a positive light every time they set pout. Any kind of legacy means long term. It's got to be somebody who's going to do that over a period of years, and then when they leave, what they've started is going to continue. It just doesn't stop because they're gone," Rohlfs said.

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Homecoming game recap

DEFENSE: Sacks-Yards Lost

The student section showed The student section showed their spirit by wearing jungle-themed attire, the marching band took the field for their performance at half-time, and C.J. Johnson and Katie Cashin were crowned king and queen. On top of all the excitement, the Thunderbirds came out on top

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with a win over Omaha South.

The final score of the homecoming game was 56-22. West finished with 380 offensive yards over South's 344. Senior Kyle Dosher and senior

Senior Kyle Dosher and senior Michael Perkins each had a sack for a total of 11 yards lost. Chris Hahn was eight for eight for PATs. According to maxpreps.com, Hahn leads the state in PATs. Junior Jayden Kowalski scored

three rushing touchdowns while senior C.J. Johnson and junior Cade Johnson each put two touchdowns on the board. Sophomore Jaylin Bradley contributed by adding one touchdown.

The Thunderbirds fell to Omaha The Thunderbirds fell to Omaha North Vikings the week after, 62-21. On Sept. 26, West will play cross-town rivals Bellevue East at Faiman Field. Both school records cur-rently stnd at 3-1.



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Making the cut: What it takes to play on varsity at Bellevue West

Reporter

Sports have been a significant part of the "high school experience" for decades. Athletes practice long and hard to represent their school, and the rest of the student body makes memories by attending the games. While supporting their school from the stands, students don't realize how much time and effort these individuals put into the sport to leave the game victorious. sport to leave the game victorious. Student-athletes from Bellevue West share their secrets to success, and the dedication it takes to compete at a

dedication it takes to compete at a varsity level. Earning a spot on a varsity team is not an easy accomplishment. The glory comes with a fair share of long and hard hours of practice, off-season conditioning, and mental challenges. Coaches decide which individuals can withstand this pressure and benefit Bellevue West's athletic program as a whole. Head football coach Michael Huffman explained what he expects from his varsity football players.
"We look for a commitment

"We look for a commitment level. They need to be both mentally and physically ready, meaning at the varisty level you're going to get beat sometimes. Are you able to be persistent and bounce back, and not get down if someone happens to get the best of you?' Physically, in the game of football, there are some attributes that you have to have. You've got to have a certain strength level, some speed, and some size to be able to speed, and some size to be able to compete on a Friday night," Huff-

Most athletes are pursued by the coaches, although the motivation comes not only from their instruc-tors, but from within themselves. A tors, but from within themselves. A level of passion has helped Bellevue West students to succeed in their respective sports. Sophomore Jaylin Bradley made the varsity football team his freshman year. He felt that his love for the game helped him stick with the sport has led to his accomplishments in football.

accomplishments in football. "Football is something I plan on playing for the rest of my life," Bradley said.

Another factor that helps ath letes succeed in a game are strong bonds they develop with their team-mates. Coaches look for leadership qualities, and the ability to work well with the other players on the team. Sophomore Kevin Ponec made the Freshman A football team last school year, and took pride in being a varsity starter this season. Omaha a varsity starter this season. Omaha news channel KXVO referred to him as the "anchor of the Bellevue West's defensive line." He credits some of his accomplishments to the teammates that have helped to create a positive environment.

"I play football because I like the game, and the atmosphere you get when you're with your teammates," Poorer said

Ponec said.

In addition to being emotion ally connected to the sport and teammates, athletes described that teammates, athletes described that accomplishments they have made in their sport motivate them to train hard and reach their full potential. Junior Christian Young made the varsity cross country team as a sophomore. He placed 15th out of 126 runners at the Class of the Metro Invitational on Sept. 15.

"I'm most proud of placing well arm year. They were a lot of owns

at my race. There were a lot of guys running," Young said.

An athlete must also be dedi cated to earn a spot on varsity. Most sports teams at Bellevue West practice four to five days a week, if not more, as well as conditioning

not more, as well as conditioning during the off-seasons.
"You have to be dedicated 100 percent. There's no off days or anything," sophomore Nate Frazier, who made varsity this season, said. During the off seasons, athletes are expected to stay in shape and eat healthy. Bradley wrestles during his off-seasons, and Frazier conditions in the weight room. Sophomore Travis Burmeister made the varsity tennis team this season, and he sity tennis team this season, and he stressed the importance of staying active even when his season ends.

"If you want to be good at the sport you have to put in the extra work. I took a lot of extra lessons,



Photo by Bryn Estlund

Sophomore Travis Burmeister warms up for a dual . Burmeister hits a forehand retur Tennis players are required to practice for a maximum of ten minutes before a match

Freshmen achieve varsity spots

Codi Pierce Reporter

This year at Bellevue West, two rookies are on varsity. Freshman A.J. Forbes has earned a starting spot on the football field while freshman Laura Jurek has earned a starting spot on the volleyball court. Compared to middle school of the property high school peace at the property with the property of the property of the property with the property of the property with th

sports, high school sports are more intense and competitive. Going from being a middle school athlete to a starting varsity athlete is a

huge leap.
"High school ball is a whole new

"High school ball is a whole new game and a very different scheme," freshman A.J. Forbes said. Freshman Laura Jurek feels like being a freshman on varsity is a pressured position. This requires her to step up and not let her team-mates and coaches down. "I think my coach expects a low from me and has high standards I.

"I think my coach expects a ior, from me and has high standards. I think she just wants to see me do my best and not lack responsibility and try my hardest," Jurek said.

Being a varsity athlete requires certain physical attributes that per-

certain physical attributes that per-tain to the sport in which you're competing in. A player has to have the mental ability to recognize com-plex play situations that wouldn't exist on a younger team.
"You have to have some per-sistence because at the varsity level

you're going to get beat once in awhile because the other teams have good players as well," head varsity football coach Michael Huffman

Forbes believes Huffman ex-



Photo by Codi Pierce

Football players A.J. Forbes and sophomore Tyler Ciurei walk off the field after practice

pects a lot out of him as a player and to go to Creighton Prep," Forbes

has made it a goal to
exceed his expectations.
"Since I'm a freshman on varsity he expects me to learn the offense and defense because he brought me up to varsity for a reason," Forbes said.

said.

Jurek and Forbes prepared for their seasons by working with the varsity teams over the summer.

"I played summer league and also did a Creighton camp with the team," Jurek said. Forbes worked with his dad and

Forbes worken wan in did a weightlifting program.

"As far as footwork and plays are being right beside the seniors.

"Dead-Docka and doesn't mean they aren to appear to being right beside the seniors.

"I don't like the thought of concerned, senior Brook Pecka and sophomore Tyler Ciurej pose as role

sopnomore Type Churel pose as role models for Forbes. "Typer is one of the guys that made me consider going to Bellevue West because I was really determined

"Then I shadowed over here

said. "Then I shadowed over here and just feit really at home."

Jurek said seniors Savannah
Conyers and Sage Meyer are her role models on the team. Meyer's talent as an outside hitter and Conyers's ability to lead her team are inspiring for lurek.

ability to lead her team are inspiring for Jurek.
"They set a good example for me and I want to do my best to be like them," Jurek said.
Usually, the upperclassmen are

the ones getting the starting posi-tion. Just because they are freshmen

me being a freshman makes me any different from everyone else," Forbes said. "I'm just part of the team. I have as much responsibility as anyone else."

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Sam Sobczyk Reporter

Many students like to miss school. Whether they are absent for a doctor's appointment, for a school sponsored competition, or for a school sport, they just want to get out. Among all the ways for students to not attend school, the most common way is through he most common way is through

school sports.
Of all the athletes in the school, rolfers are absent the most days. gontes are absent inclines tays:

Golfers regularly miss their classes in order to compete. That can make the sport more appealing to some tstudents, while others may view ment, athletes are required to practice.

this as a problem. Golf takes a tice almost every day that there is large commitment from those who not a game.

Golfers' absence affects academics

participate in it.

"A lot of people think it's cool that we get to miss so much school, but the reality is that it is really hard to catch up, especially when you have AP and advanced classes," senior Kim Gau said.

The golf season lasts seven weeks from mid-August until mid-October, and students will miss an average of two days season weeks.

average of two days each week in order to attend golf meets. These

tice almost every day that there is not a game.
Athletes of any sport are rarely home before 600. Then they cat dinner and do their homework. Some athletes even have to work. By the time this is all done, it is often as lare as 10:00. Golfers will regularly have a full days worth of homework to complete when they have meets.
When golfers miss school for Office and the mount of home office and the sum of the mount of home of the sum of the mount of home of the sum of th

golf meets the amount of home work that they have to make up often very overwhelming. They will have missed out on valuable in-class lectures dealing with the homework they were given, making it even more difficult to complete.



Sam Sobczyk Asks Mark Scobey

Sam: Have you ever played or considered playing a sport other than football?

Scobey: Yeah I played basketball in gym class once,

Sam: What is your favorite part about football? Scobey: When my foot touches the ball.

Sam: Are there any fine honeys in your life? Scobey: What does that even mean?

Sam: How many times have you watched Eat Pray Love? Scobey: Nope.

Sam: What are your plans for after High School? Scobey: Sleep.

JROTC tries new ways of collecting for food drive

Every year Bellevue West's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Train-ing Corps (JROTC) puts on a food drive during the West-East game for the Bellevue Food Pantry to help fill its stock for the upcoming holiday

food drive will gain more publicity than years past and because of that a lot more food will be donated. They do the food drive every year but this is the first time they will be doing it during school before the game. Normally it only takes place at the game itself.

"Last year we didni get a lot of response so this were wear trying response so this were wear trying."

response, so this year we are trying to advertise it more and seeing if we

"I haven't been involved much

group and a team and we are all doing this together," JROTC stu-



its stock for the degree season. This year they are changing things up a little. "We have two competitions going One is for the GPSes to compete against each other; for those that gather the most canned food will get a pizza party. The other one we are going to do is raffle inclex. You bring in a can of food you get a raffle ticket, bring in three cans of food you get three raffle tickets, POI bring in a can of food you get have raffle tickets. The hope is that this year the The hope is that this year the The hope is that this year the The American Theorem 1 (The West-East game like they have in the Southway as a T-shirt, the students in the Southway is a darker of the students of the students of the students on its returned and even gone above, The container at the game. The container at the game of the game of pool can bring can be the game of the students of the students of the students in the students. The hope is that this year the students of the stude



Brooke Riley Reporter

Photo by Rae Rangel

At Bellevue West, many teachers work very hard to help their students succeed, but physics teacher Janis Elliot proved herself to be an exceptional teacher. Last April, she became a State and National winner of the Teaching Excellence Award.

"Mrs. Elliott takes the time to build relationships with the students in her classroom, the families of her students, her colleagues, and the community. The extra effort allows her to be effective in the classroom, 'science department chair person Nicole Menard said.

Ellist preformed certain tasks.

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to meet the criteria of nomination. Elliott said the teacher must be innovative in the classroom and teach "creatively and hands on" while still applying the real world to learning, Canidates need to teach all the students regardless of their needs or skills and reach out to the

her," Rohlfs said.

Het reaching styles, according to students, makes the class interesting, Junior Veronica Bryant said Elliot doesn't give unnecessary work and won't allow students to take a test unless she feels they are ready for it. Elliot was inspired to become a teacher from her own high school treachers, and has been working at

teachers and has been working at Bellevue West since 1998. Many of her co-workers impacted her as a

her co-workers impacted her as a teacher. Elliot said "the professional as fhellevue West are the best."

"Mrs. Elliott stands out from the teachers I have had in the past... She adds in fun facts that you wouldn't know that are really interesting and it makes the class easier to listen to," junior Gabby Duron said. Elliott said her students are hands on in the lessons. They work together and teach each other. Roblfs said any teacher could pull out a textbook and have it be a dry class, but she looks at ways to

Principal Kevin Rohlfs said the students also had an impact on Elliott's nomination.

"The award groups like to hear from students and the students have a lot of positive things to say about her" Rohlfs said.

"I am no good at science but what she has been teaching so far makes sense," Bryant said. Elliott said she was thrilled when she found out she won the award and it was nice to be recognized by her peers.

award and it was nice to be recog-nized by her peers.
"Mrs. Elliott is a great self-advocate. She is not afraid to ac-knowledge what she does well and celebrate those talents. We could all learn from her example," Menard said.

Elliot said her future plan is to learn Spanish for her upcoming

to learn Spanish for her upcoming trip to Peru as a part of a 10 month learning fellowship. She, along with

learning fellowship. She, along with about 40 other teachers across the nation, will study online about the culture, history, and economy. Their rip is next June; they will represent America in the fellowship. According to the NEA foundation website, the awards for Feaching Excellence "recognize educators whose professional practice and advocacy for the profession are exemplary." Learn more about the NEA Foundation Global Learning fellowship at www.neafoundation.org



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Aca-Deca changes from class to club; causes struggles

Haille Cox

Academic Decathlon (Aca-Deca) changed from a class to a club at the end of last year, due to the increased enrollment in English and Creative Writing and the low enrollment in Aca-Deca. Principal Kevin Rohlfs first

Deca) changed from a class to a club at the end of last year, due to the increased enrollment in English and Creative Writing and the low corollment in Aca-Deca.

Principal Kevin Rohlfs first thought to make the switch when he noticed that the class had little to do after their competitions, which ended in February. Then he found that they had a decrease in their on the only problem the Aca-Deca was changed to a club with Mr. Mauro and that they had a decrease in their on the only problem the Aca-Deca was twiff Mr. Mauro and he has assured me that I do have

numbers, which nudged him to make the ultimate decision

Aca-Deca coach Britt Sullivan has reassured the team that they will meet, but it will not be as often as

team faces.
"Not as many people will be as interested in doing it for extracur-ricular, because as a class there is some incentive to actually do the

the funds for two scrimmages--one in Lincoln and one in Ravenna, Nebraska--and we will be participat-ing in the district event here," Sul-livan said.

Rohlfs mentioned he has ad-

Rohlfs mentioned he has ad-ditional plans for change next year. No final decisions have been made, but ideas are stirring. "It will be in there next year, if the numbers are solid and we have room on the English staff, or if a social studies teacher would teach it and we have room in the social studies staffing, it could be possible

a social studies teacher could take it

With the different opportunities for change, next year could be new and eventful.

and eventful.

Aca-Deca starts this year with ten sets of binders, novels and CDs in stock. No new members would have their own studying tools, but Sullivan is willing to have people share.

This year's topic focuses on energy and the future for energy. Students interested in Aca-Deca should see Sullivan in room 118.

Sophomore English teacher transitions to Dean position

Rae Rangel Features Editor

Bellevue West teacher Jessica Frank joined the administration staff as a dean this school year. She taught sophomore English for three years at

sophomore English for three years at West prior to being a dean.

Frank made the decision to transition to the dean status last school year. In 2008 she earned her master's degree in administration, but decided to teach for 10 years because she wanted to make sure she had a solid foundation for teaching.

"I just thought it was a good time to move on because I want to have more of an impact school-wide and district-wide versus just impact students in my classroom."

impact students in my classroom," Frank said.

The transition from teacher to dean has been different for Frank. dean has been different for Frank, who is used to being a teacher. She said that she's been in the classroom so long and this position is so new, that there's still so much she doesn't know yet, but she's looking forward to learning what she doesn't know as a dean. Frank has already noticed the difference between teaching and

difference between teaching and

being a dean.
"Sometimes when you have a "Sometimes when you have a classroom of 25 - 30 students it's really hard to target and work with those kids you know really need you, whereas in the dean's office I have more of a one-on-one time with those students, 'Frank said. Senior Renee Pineda believes Frank is a good addition to the administration staff. She said that she thinks Frank is a good dean because

Photo by Rae Rangel

Jessica Frank monitors the students in the common prior to the start of the school day on Sept. 23. Frank believes that she can impact students better as a dean by working one-on-one with them. "I love to help kids individually," Frank said.

she understands students well.
"She is a teacher, but at the same time [a person] that students tend to treat more as a friend than a teacher.

Tank knows that being a dean treater. And in some regards, some people may think that that's bad, but I think that it works well because many kids understand her, and she understands

them," Pineda said. Junior Katrina Nesbit said that she missed having Frank as a teacher. Nesbit had Frank her sophomore

year.
"It was one of the periods of the day where I knew that I was go-

Frank knows that being a dean might change the opinion of how students view her. Frank acknowledges the fact that deans normally get viewed as the "bad guy"

"I think it's interesting that people have always viewed the dean as a bad guy. And as a dean do I need to give consequences? Yes, but I always try to make it a learning experience. I don't want to just say "bey, you messed up, here's five demerits,"

I want to say 'Ok, yes, you messed up, but how can we fix this situa-tion and prevent this situation from happening again.' So I really like to

one-on-one with students, I feel like I have more input in building and district initiative and I can help make positive change in the students at Bellevue West," Frank said. Dr. Sharra Smith, Bellevue Pub-

Dr. Sharra Smith, Bellewe Pablic Schools Director of Personnel, said that what they look for when hiring a dean is people who aspire to be building administrators. The hiring process usually starts with the need to fill a vacancy, the selection team—which includes Principal Kevin Rohlfs and Superintendent Frank Harwood—then spends time reviewing all of the applications.

In the Bellewue Public School district there are 40 certified admini-

district there are 40 certified admin-istrators, 24 of them who were previously Lead Teachers (Dean equiva lent at Elementary level) or Deans, and 18 were classroom teachers like

Frank before they transitioned. "The Lead Teacher/Dean role

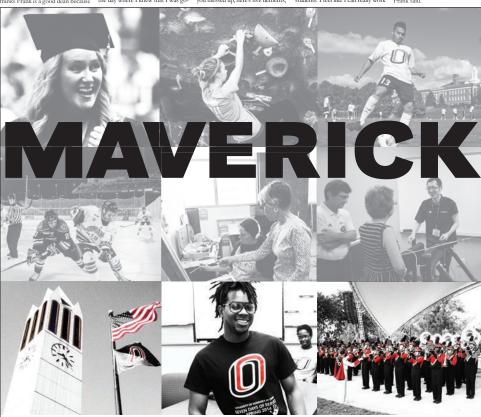
"The Lead Teacher/Dean role is a great position for growing administrative staff," Smith said.

Frank looks forward to being a dean this school year, and making a difference at Bellevue West.

Nesbit and Pineda said that they think Frank relates to students well.

Nesbit and Frank is easy to talk to because she is so bubbly. Pineda said that she wishes she rould have said that she wishes she could have had Frank as a teacher. Pineda hopes

Frank stays for a long time.
"I like to be involved in my "I like to be involved in my school and my community. And I think that any time you're involved in your school, your district, your community, you're that much aware of what's going on. And it makes you that much of a better leader," Frank said.





Voodoo Taco offerings just right and satisfying

Emily Brandon Entertainment Edit

Nebraska Crossing, the area's newest outlet mall, is becoming a hot spot for food as well as clothes. In the midst of the eight restaurants scattered around the mall is Voodoo Taco, a small, crowded building. I originally found myself walking

in because of the aroma that sur-rounded it. Inside, the small eatery's scent was overwhelmingly delicious.

scent was overwhelmingly delicious. The smell of Mexican spices and grilling met me with such urgency that I knew I would need to try something from there. Since I visited right during the Lunch rush, it was packed. However, the walk-up ordering process was quick due to the menus available right by the door. Every person at the counter knew what they wanted right away, so the line moved smoothly. smoothly

While waiting for my food to be finished, I went to the soda fountain to get my drink. I not only found to get my drink. I not only found the usual assortment of sodas, but also freshly brewed coffee in a pot. Although I wasn't interested in the coffee at the moment, it was a nice surprise. Any place with fresh coffee is a place I'ld like to be.

The wait for my food was only about three minutes. By the time I finished filling my cup with sweet tea-which was perfectly sugary, cold and refreshing, my name was being

and refreshing- my name was being

and retreshing- my name was being called to pick up my taco and salsa. The only difficult part of my visit was finding seating. I'm not saying it was impossible, just inconvenient. Due to my timing, all of the indoor seats were either taken or dirty from previous guests. I ended up finding a

nice seat outside, but when I tried to open the umbrella to protect myself from the sun, it actually came right back down and time Luckly, I was able to just move to another seat so that the sun him yback instead.

Voodoo tacos, and man, do they deliver. As a vegetarian, it can be hard to find good food that also fits my cating standards. Voodoo's menu,

eating standards. Voodoo's menu, however, had at least three great options for me. I decided on an avocado taco and I was thoroughly

impressed. Not only was this taco full of de-Not only was this race full of de-licious veggies; it also had crumbled cheese scattered over the top. The mix of that and the freshly cut vegetables was refreshing but also very filling. Underneath all of that was a slightly fried avocado. It was lightly browned and crunchy and was obviously fresh. In a world of fast food, it can be hard to find such pood produce.

good produce. Along with my taco, I ordered Along with my taco, I ordered mango salsa. The side dish was just as delicious. The mix of spicy and sweet along with the freshly fried tortilla chips fit he meal well. What I was most impressed by with the foods was the serving sizes, though. The healthier taco and salsa were both portioned out into healthy amounts; when I was finished I was neither hungy nor stuffed.

I would fully recommend going to Voodoo Taco the next time you have the chance. Although it is a little bit of a drive from Bellevue West, I have no doubt some students will have no doubt some students will

have no doubt some students will find themselves in the area while exploring the new shopping mall. The speed, taste and sizes make the trip out worth it.



Photo by Michael Navratil



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iOS 8 better than jailbreak

Michael Navratil Graphics Editor

Every single year we get all up in arms for what comes next from Apple. As humans we tend to want new and fresh styles as soon as pos-sible, never satisfied with the same look for longer than we have to. We like to have control over what our phones look like, which is why so many people like to jailbreak. It gave them the the access they needed to make your phone different from

others
With the New Features that
come in iOS 8 you can have more
control of your operating system
with Apple's biggest feature: Developer Extensions. This lets you have
more choices over the overall look
of certain apps and keyboards in its
coverain series. operating system

Keyboard Extensions: Gives you the Ability to change your keyboard with the help of a third party Keyboard start App developers put on the Apple App Store. With Keyboard Extensions this gives you total control to add a new look to work between the trende out to the control to add a new look to your keyboard that stands out from the the rest of your peers. it all give you access to different ways to type.

you access to different ways to type.

Messaging: Apple has now given you the ability to "LOL and OMG" even faster than before. With quick reply you can reply from any app or even your lock screen. To reply from an app all you need to to is when an notification banner appears on your screen just swipe down and type till you cant. "CANT'E VEN" anymore. Also if you are tired of the pesky autocorrect turning a word like "haha" into "Waffles are cool" you can now send a voice message

you don't have to think, "Mart Not another group message!" Now you can say, "I will show you guys not to put me in a group message ha!" Photo App: Trued of going to Instigram or other photo editing apps to find the perfect filter to put on your photos? Then you're going to love this. With CS 8 you can put all of those filters into one place. Your photo app to mob becomes the place for all the filters so you never have to leave your photo app to make your to leave your photo app to make your selfies look super fine.

Some of the other features that

are also pretty cool is quick reply and the health app. But the features I mentioned are the things that makes iOS 8 a superior operating system.

The Fault in Our Stars: rewatch the story on DVD

Reporter

One of the best rated fiction books-turned-into-movies has final-ly come out on DVD. "The Fault in our Stars" is a romance movie filled

our Stars" is a romance movie filled with drama and suspense.

The main character, Hazel Lancaster (Shaikene Woodley), has terminal thyroid canner. While at a cancer support group, she meets Augustus Waters (Ansel Elgort) who lost his leg from a cancerous bone tumor. Neither expected that through their time together, they would fall in love. In a book Hazel read, 'An Imperial Affiction' the main character has Affliction' the main character has cancer just like her. The book ends without explaining what happened. Augustus is driven to help Hazel in Augustus is driven to help Hazel in her search for answers. Hazel wants to know and Augustus gives her his Make A Wish to take her to Amster-dam to meet the author. Through a series of events, they come across top, fear, and most of all, love. I read 'The Fault in our Stars' before I saw the movie. The book was inspiring but the movie was captivating and thrilling. Watching the movie and physically seeing the emotions of the characters rather

emotions of the characters rather than reading about it brought tears

really can be. The movie brings real life situations and turns them into exciting adventures.

Along with all the drama and romance is comedy. The comic relief of the movie adds in some fun and joy. Throughout the movie the characters, especially Augustus, tell jokes and make sarcastic comments.

The movie brought out many different emotions. I laughed with the comedy, cried on the sad parts, and just enjoyed the movie as a whole.

screen as the movie played. It be-came very captivating and I felt like I was in the movie with the characters.

Unlike some movies, I was glad to see that the movie was similar like the book. The movie left out a few

the book. The movie left out a few small details, but nothing major that threw off the overall plot. The theme is the best part of the movie. As Hazel said, "Everyone is here by accident. We are all just a fault in the stars. Everyone must find the reason while they are here." Hazel knows that everyone is going to die eventually, some earlier than others. She is determined to find her was before her time expires. way before her time expires

Overall, this movie is a thrilling.



