

# THE ROUND-UP

## College Football End-of-the-year Wrap Up

By: Alec Herrera

The first Saturday of December marks the last week of the regular season for division I football and brings an end to an eventful season of college football.

The team ranked number one throughout the majority of the season, Louisiana State Tigers, have gone undefeated this season defeating the likes of the Oregon Ducks, Auburn Tigers, West Virginia Mountaineers, Arkansas Razorbacks, Georgia Bulldogs, and even the #2 ranked Alabama Crimson Tide. Alabama themselves have been having success this year with the loss to LSU being their only of the year. They featured a defense that was 1st in division I in points against and a top rusher in Trent Richardson who rushed for over 1500 yards this season. The #3 team, the Oklahoma State Cowboys, utilized a 2nd ranked passing attack led by quarterback Brandon Weeden. The Stanford Cardinals, the #4 team, had an impressive season despite last head coach Jim Harbaugh leaving for the NFL. Stanford's quarterback, Andrew Luck, is widely considered to be best player entering next year's NFL draft and may be picked 1st overall.

Another team that has garnered attention is the University of Houston, who commands both the top ranked passing offense and top ranked scoring offense. Despite being the only other undefeated team in the BCS standings, Houston is only ranked 6th. Boise State, Arkansas, and Oregon are all teams that at one point of the season were ranked in the top 5 of most rankings; they now sit at 7, 8, and 9 respectively. Georgia, who started the season with two losses, hasn't lost another

all season and now ranks at 14. Lastly, despite the scandal surrounding assistant coach Jerry Sandusky and losing long tenured head coach Joe Paterno, the Penn State Nittany Lions have put together a solid season, finishing 9-3 and being ranked 21st.

Many individual players have displayed their talents as well this season, most in hopes of receiving the coveted Heisman trophy or even a chance to play in the NFL.

Andrew Luck, as previously mentioned, is likely to be drafted this year, but he is also a top candidate for the Heisman trophy. He's thrown for over 35 touchdowns as opposed to 9 interceptions, as well as having a 70 completion percentage. Alabama's Trent Richardson is often considered Luck's top competition for the Heisman. He amassed 1583 yards rushing, coupled with 20 touchdowns. Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon and South Carolina's Alshon Jeffery are considered top receivers going into the NFL draft. Illinois defensive lineman Whitney Mercilus leads division I in sacks this year with 14 and a half. Leading the league in interceptions is North Carolina State cornerback David Amerson with 11, four more than the next player.

This season has had its fair share of interesting games, whether they were ranked team match-ups, unlikely upsets, or were attention worthy due to circumstance.

The season began with a big game between then ranked #3 Oregon and #4 LSU which resulted in a win for LSU. Also important in week 1, was a game between originally ranked #5 Boise and #19 Georgia, ending 35-21 in favor of Boise. Upsets were plentiful this year though, the first notable one being former #16 Notre Dame's 23-20 loss to unranked South Florida. Formerly



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This year brought many exciting college football games. The competition is escalating as the end of the year draws near.

undefeated Wisconsin lost to Michigan State on week 7, and then followed that up with another loss, this time to Ohio State; Wisconsin was favored in both games. Another former undefeated team, Boise State, went into a game against unranked TCU heavily favored, but left with their first loss of the season. A week after winning 66-

6, Oklahoma State received their first loss of the season to unranked Iowa State in a game that went to double overtime. Oregon, coming off a big win against Stanford, lost their second game of the season to USC in week 11.

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# Losing It

By: Marisa Stoudmire

Have you ever thought to yourself how could I possibly not be losing weight? Feel like you try to lose weight but can't? The number one thing to remember is that there is NO QUICK FIX or magic pill to the problem. Losing weight isn't just exercising a couple times a week, or cutting calories. These things are very important in losing weight, but must be applied right. To choose to lose weight should be because you want a healthier lifestyle for life. There are many factors that could be going wrong by not being applied into the process.

Yo-Yo Dieting: Dieting on and off

from week to week is very bad. Remember losing weight and maintaining it is for life so your going to want to be stable. By doing this it slows down the body's metabolism which can cause weight gain.

Eating well: Changing the way you eat is another thing you have to change for a long lasting weight loss. Eating healthy and drinking fluids regularly is very beneficial to your physical and mental health. Indulging once a week to a food of your choice is a good way to not deprive your body of your temptations. Getting in whole grain carbohydrates, low fat protein, and vitamin packed vegetables in every meal is the kind of change that is ideal.

Exercise is needed: As many calories as you put in your going to want to burn.

Not exercising often makes losing weight difficult. However you don't need to spend hours in the gym, an hour and a half 5-6 times a week is a great amount of time. Going to the gym is a great place to get exercise, but just getting outdoors or playing sports is also a great way and fun.

Other factors could be stressing out or not getting enough sleep. When your body is in stress it has other things to worry about then what you want it to. Lack of sleep leads to not wanting to work out and just lay around. No one can lose weight overnight in a healthy way. Stay focused on your goal to bettering yourself and will be rewarded in the end.



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## iPads for Teachers

By: Meghan Sisneros

The South High Alumni Foundation generously generates money to help with special programs involving teachers and students. Recently, the Foundation has purchased twenty iPads for South's teachers. The iPads are intended to help teach and instruct in new, exciting, and up-to-date ways.

According to Mr. Bravo, some South High teachers already owned an iPad and somewhat initiated the idea. Initially eleven were given out, and the remaining nine will be given sometime soon. The goal is to provide every teacher with an iPad by next semester.

The Foundation services many students, and their ultimate goal is to supply every student at South High with an iPad. "They're pretty close to raising enough money. It's very exciting," Mr. Bravo says.

With these new updates the South High Alumni Foundation hopes to provide new and current learning techniques.

## A Christmas Classic

By: Kayleigh Guadagnoli

"You'll shoot your eye out!", is probably the most memorable quote from a Christmas movie. But, this movie isn't just a movie, it's a classic! Many people just can't get enough of the 1983, "A Christmas Story" directed by Bob Clark, starring Peter

Billingsley as Ralphie. This movie is so popular even the TV station, TBS, plays it for 24 hours on Christmas Day.

Reasons why this movie is a classic is probably because of all the unforgettable scenes, characters, and hilarious quotes through out the film. Who could forget the boy who gets his tongue stuck to the pole in the school yard because of a "TRIPLE DOG DARE". And Ralphie convincing everyone like his mom, dad, his teacher miss Shields and even the Santa Clause at the store for an, "Official Red Ryder Carbine Action Two Hundred Shot Range Model Air Rifle". But they all reply with those five dreaded words Ralphie hates to hear, "You'll shoot your eye out!". Or



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Make this classic Christmas movie a part of your Christmas tradition.

the infamous leg lamp scene, also known as, the soft glow of electric sex gleaming in the window. And Randy screaming " I can't put my arms down", through the layers of clothes his mom over dressed him in. Last but not least, when Ralphie says the word,

the big one, the queen mother of dirty words, the F-dash- dash- dash word in front of his mom that ends up getting him into trouble!

This movie is a family favorite, and has been for nearly 30 years!

## Let's Get Physical

By: Megan Patterson



Megan Patterson

Next semester South High School will be offering all female athletes the opportunity to receive advanced physical training for their specific sport. The training will be considered a P.E. credit and will be held in the morning as a zero hour. The class provides the Lady Colts with a chance to improve their physical fitness and performance for their sport. Coach Goddard, head football and hurdles coach, plans on running the class and hopes to make an impact on all the athletes who come through the

course. "This class was put together to benefit all female athletes who want to enhance their performance and fitness level with a wide variety of exercises." This is extremely unique in the way that it allows all girl athletes a chance to train with their teammates and other serious athletes that are at a similar fitness level. Olympic lifts, squats, and bench will be implemented to improve explosiveness, agility drills will be executed to improve balance and speed, and all the while you will be conditioning which improves your stamina for your competition. Coach Goddard is on the verge of taking the female athletics department to a whole other level and it is recommended that all serious athletes join this course.

## LOL to Your Teacher?

By: Cassie Horn



Cassie Horn

With all the advancements in technology, getting an education can be done with the click of a mouse, but it is really as effective as classroom learning? There are two sides to every story, and when it comes to online learning, that is definitely the case. Many people strongly believe it is just as, if not more effective than a seven hour day in a classroom. Others do not think results have proven online schooling provides the same education.

For online students, their education is really in their hands. They choose their schedule and pace. They can decide when to wake up, when to take a break, and when to learn. Students are able to challenge themselves by taking advanced courses. They are separated from other students that can cause distractions and are able to concentrate on

their own work. Some teachers are available to email, call, and video chat for extra help. It seems like a pretty solid program, but it has not proved to be completely bulletproof.

Online students do not have the chance to participate in classroom interaction and hands on activities. When they have questions, they cannot just raise their hand to get the answer; they have to wait for a teacher to become available. Also, in Colorado alone, taxpayers will spend one million dollars a year for online students, but half of that money ends up being useless because those students transferred back to public school. As online students enroll back into public school, they are shown to be further behind than when they started. A Colorado study based on 2010 standardized test scores proves that online students consistently fall below the scores of public school students.

Online schooling may provide the appropriate education for one student while it can be completely wrong for another. For students with bullying problems, hectic schedules, or a slower pace in learning, online schooling could be the answer. In the end, your education is really what you make of it.

## Wrestling For a Title

By: Brianne Simmons

Jerry Sisneros also known as Coach Sis has been at South for 30 seasons, and coached fifteen state champions.

Coach Sis who has coached for over 25 years loves the sport of wrestling, it has always been a huge part of his life, and always has interested him. Sis loved wrestling as a student athlete especially for the Centennial Bulldogs. "It became part of my routine," said Sisneros.

South has a lot of great athletes and a lot is expected of them. Robert Deherrera and Bobby Ross are both wrestlers who are dedicated and would like to make a career out of wrestling someday. Bobby who has a bad back, doesn't

think he would be able to make it in college wrestling. Robert on the other hand is on the development team at the Olympic training center and is being coached by a gold medalist himself.

"Make it or break it yourself," said Ross. Bobby loves the competition. In wrestling you depend on yourself, it's such a challenge and that is something Bobby and Robert both love, a good challenge. For Robert wrestling isn't just a sport it's a part of his life. "The commitment you need for it and the feeling of accomplishing something no one else thinks you can" said Deherrera. The boys should have a good season and are working as hard as possible to bring home the state title.

South has other very good wrestlers coming back this year, besides Bobby and Robert. Including Marco Chavez who placed 4th in state last year as a freshmen, Jesse Gribble a senior, Marcus Martinez a sophomore, Hunter Reinert a junior, Damon Christie a senior, and Geno Long who are all expected to do great things this season.



Pax Lowe

Colts varsity wrestling team defeated Mesa Ridge on December 1 with a 56-16 win.

# Operation Christmas Child

By: Joni Alber

Christmas is enjoyed by many people all over the country. The family gatherings, the joy of putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it with lights and ornaments, and the kids, who are filled with excitement on Christmas morning when they see all of the presents under the tree.



Some children, all over the world, aren't able to spend Christmas like most people do. Instead they spend Christmas surrounded by war and weapons.

**Joni Alber**

Most of these children spend Christmas alone or huddled behind a trashcan with no family, because of war and lack of supplies.

Operation Christmas Child is a way to brighten up Christmas for children across the world, and South High School is contributing to this cause. Students can bring shoe boxes filled with toys and gifts. These boxes will be shifted to a child who has nothing. By participating, a child's life becomes a little better, and Christmas becomes a little more exciting, and all it takes is a shoe box filled with things children adore.

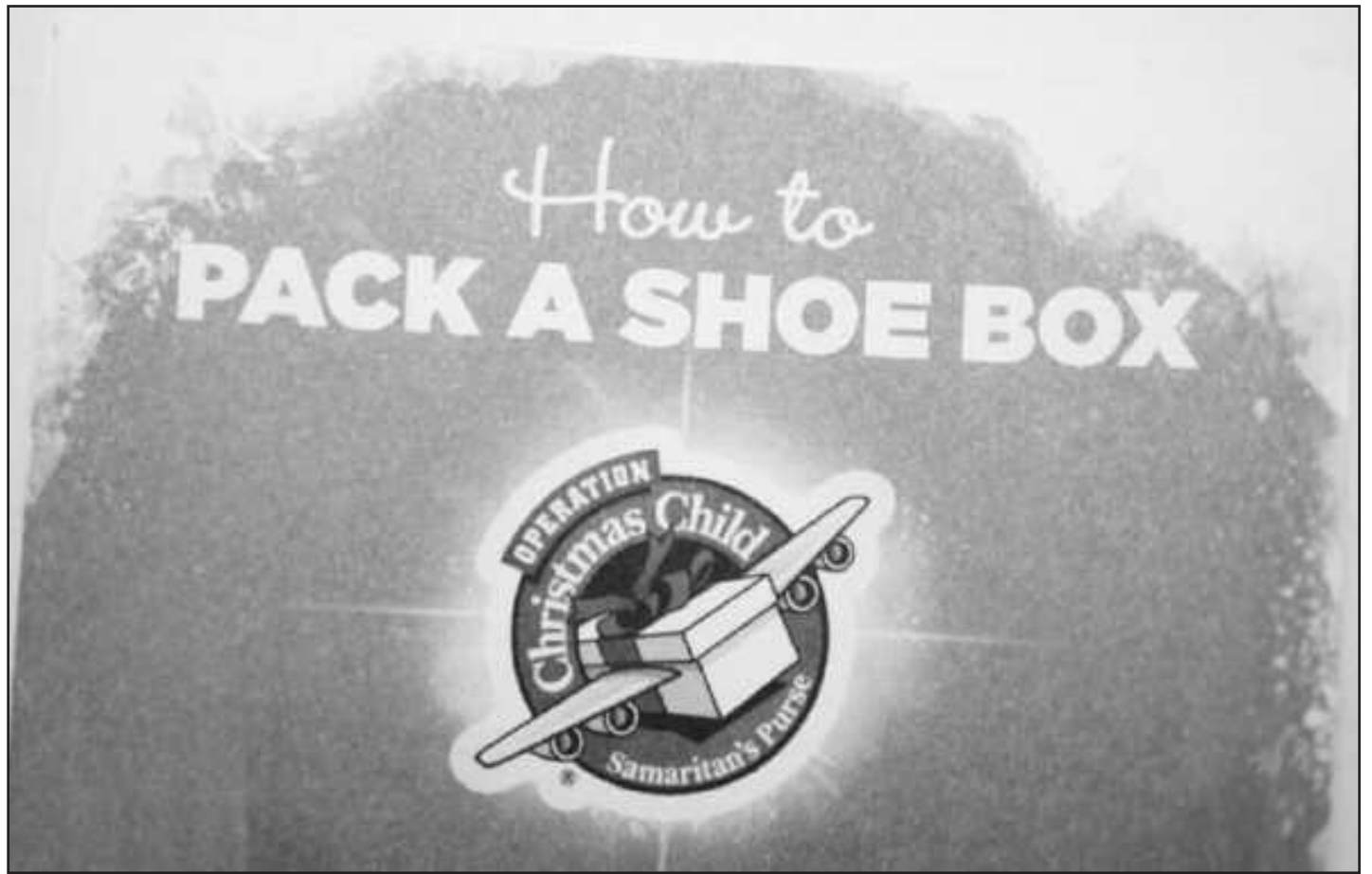


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Some people aren't as fortunate this time of year, so instead of just getting, start giving with a shoe box

If you still want to contribute there's still time.

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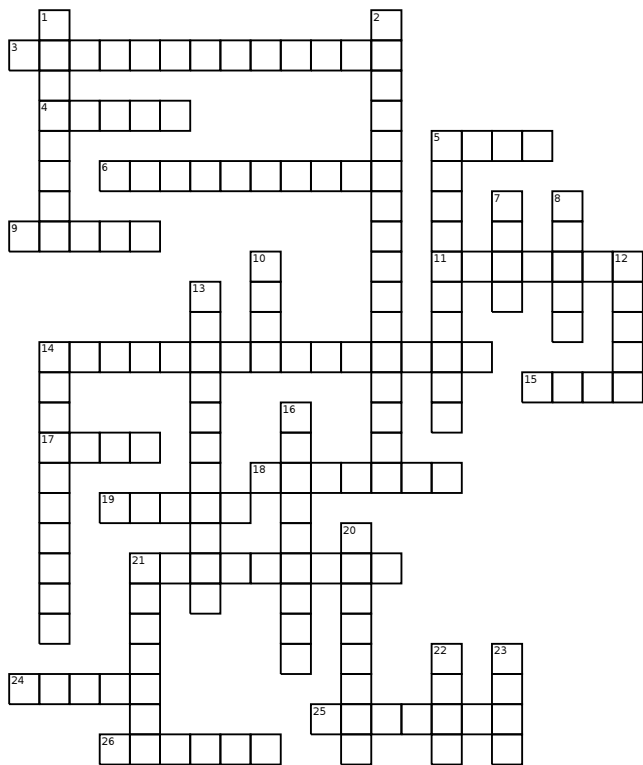
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## How Well Do You Know South? Mariah Yarbrough



**Across**  
 1 New head volleyball coach  
 3 Cannon Booms  
 4 I wanna know...If You'll Be My  
 6 Our rivals from the west  
 7 Here come the boys from the  
 8 2 0 1 2, 2 0 1 2, ROCK ON  
 9 2011 shotput state champion  
 10 Nation  
 11 Get off your feet and around!  
 12 Math teacher that has worked with NASA  
 13 Are you scared to go down hall?  
 14 You might pass this when entering South, The  
 15 Pueblo's  
 16 2 0 1 3, 2 0 1 3 ROCK ON  
 17 The has been at South for 15 years now

**Down**  
 1 South's new principal  
 2 2011 wrestling state champion  
 5 2011 state champions: South's first  
 7 Do right, be  
 8 We are on a schedule  
 10 South's fashion show is ran by  
 12 GET TO CLASS! You dont want to get hall  
 13 New activities Director  
 14 Boys head basketball coach  
 16 2011 swimming state champion  
 20 South's newspaper is called The  
 21 Mr. might stop you in the hall  
 22 TICK! TICK  
 23 South's rival school

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(What most kids know about preparing for college.)

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# Sports

## Boys Basketball Gears Up For Season

By: Mariah Yarbrough

The 2011-2012 boys basketball season is about to begin and the South boys are preparing for a great season! With returning senior starters such as Taylor Voss, Dominick Bregar, and Jordon Colarelli the team has experience on their side. Voss and Colarelli are guards on the team and Bregar serves as a forward. Also returning junior guard Jimmy Makloski, and a first year varsity forward, Garrett Krage, are gearing up as starters. "We have high expectations", says coach Johnson in a recent interview. The boys are not only ready for this year

but they are also preparing for future years. Johnson is keeping an eye on Cory Voss, Justin Sisson, and Brian Pratt. They are all sophomore boys who have a lot of potential.

"We should be competitive and i'm not going to make any predictions yet". Johnson, who has been the boys varsity coach for the last two years believes in his team and plan on having a great season comes with hard work. You may want to see the varsity boys practicing after school or you could catch a game. The first home game of the season will be December 13th against Air Academy. Hopefully the boys bring home a win and put on a performance. Good Luck!



Hannah Zabukovic

Basketball season is here. Come and be a part of the excitement.

## Girls Hoops Begins

By: Jayda Rayas

As winter is upon us, there is a kick off to winter sports. One sport in the rise is Girls Basketball.

The Girls basketball team is set in stone and ready to go. Friday, November 11, was the first official practice. Returning players from last year are Seniors Megan Patterson, Megan Garcia, and Gabby Herrera, Junior Mikala Gordon, and Sophomores Kendra Jesik and Shannon Patterson. These girls are the solid six players on the varsity team. A few other girls like Juniors Jayma

Martin, and Megan Valdez, Sophomores Jayda Rayas and Riane Bailey, and Freshman Jaylyn Duran are practicing and suiting up with the Varsity team.

The girls have been having great, intense practices getting ready for season. Recently, the girls had seven scrimmages in Colorado Springs and Denver, and competed very well.

Coach Shannan Lane was one to critique their play, expecting her girls to do quite well. As the girls continue to practice and work hard, they should be able to achieve their high-set goal of winning a Championship for the season.

## Bregar: A True Colt

By: Sierra Alcon

Dominick Bregar is one phenomenal student, who represents character, leadership, and determination in everything he does. Being a student Athlete, Bregar has managed to keep a 3.4 grade point average with his busy sports schedule.

Bregar engages in 3 diverse sports, which are golf, basketball, and baseball. His sophomore year, he was awarded with 2nd team all-state in golf. Junior year was an extremely successful year for him. Bregar received the awards of MVP for the South-Central League in

baseball, honorable mention in golf, and first team all-conference for basketball. Bregar's senior year has just begun, and he has already qualified for state in golf.

Bregar also has plenty of school spirit by being the Colt Nation leader. "Being the Colt Nation leader is cool because you have control over the whole student body and sporting events." Bregar says.

College is in his plans to succeed. He wants to go to a Junior College on a baseball scholarship and focus on business while he is there. We are proud to call Dominick Bregar a perfect example of an outstanding colt.

## The Running Angel

By: Katie Donovan

Mike Tearpak is a name South High doesn't recognize enough but should. Tearpak graduated from South High in 1969. He was involved in SCR (Southern Colorado Runners), and also ran cross country for South High. Running was his sport. On April 10, 2006 Tearpak passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

In the fall of 2011 SCR received a letter from the south high cross country coach requesting help with funding. Ron Dehn (a member of the SCR) mentioned to those present at meetings that Tearpak left SCR \$500 in his will. Since times are tough in education, South needed money so the cross country team could compete. So the SCR donated all of the \$500 to South in Mike Tearpak's name.

Mr. Zundel the cross country coach says he used the money for new uniforms, because the others were so tattered and worn. The cross country team did outstanding this year. The boys cross country team won 17th

place in state overall and the boys also won 2nd place in the SCL (South Central League). City was a first place win as well. The boys also took 3rd place for regions. The girls cross country team did just as well this year. In state

the girls finished at 21st. not the best but all that matters is how hard they tried. The girls took 4th in SCL and regions. The girls also won 3rd place in city. Zundel says he is "super proud of all of them especially how the season first started off."

This cross country season the Colts did great! Yet they wouldn't have been able to compete if SCR had not given them the money from Tearpak's will. Tearpak was a loving man who will always run for South High. The last race he ever ran was the Corporate Cup for the YMCA in 2004. When he ran this race he had just finished his first chemo treatment. Running proud and bald, He won the "Spirit Award." No matter what, no one could stop Tearpak from running or giving. Mike Tearpak will always be missed and remembered by everyone who knew him, including me, his niece.



Katie Donovan

A donation by a former Colt finds its way back to the Cross Country Team

## What Are Your Plans?

By: Cherokee Gonzales

Now that Christmas break is approaching, students and teachers prepare for the break. Christmas break is all about getting away from school and work and enjoying the time you have off.

Since there are two weeks of break, there is plenty to do to have fun. Some people may take advantage of the snow and enjoy recreational activities such as skiing, snowboarding, tubing and or going on vacations. South high school sophomore Kelsey Aumiller

spends most of her break out of town. We go to Aspen, Colorado and rent out a cabin. Every time we visit, we always go sledding. We have so much fun. I enjoy these trips very much quoted Aumiller. Along with Aumiller, junior DeAndre Gonzales also appreciates family trips. My family and I visit Breckenridge every winter break. Its a lot of fun. We mostly snowboard; its a great way to hang out with family and friends stated Gonzales. To these students family trips are enjoyable and a great way to spend the break.

You can either leave town for a vacation or stay with your family in the comfort of your home. South high school sophomore Alyssa

Guerrero believes Christmas break is about having one another to give and share memories. Being home with the family, watching Christmas movies, looking at the lights, going to bigger cities to shop and really just

have fun and enjoy that's what it is all about mentioned Guerrero.

Most people would appreciate Guerreros thoughts, like sophomore Mark Espinoza. Any break I get from school, I always hang out with my friends and especially my family, we like to be together and have a laugh. Many students would enjoy being with family and friends to make the break last. Just like the students above, and you can do the same. Cherish the

time you have off and spend it with your family and friends.

Most people around town may think that Christmas break is all about students getting a two week vacation, but really though teachers also

get to spend a two week workless break. In a recent interview, a few teacher had input on the topic. I like shopping, baking holiday treats, not worry about work and hang out with cousins stated Mrs. McGee. On the other hand Mr. Filipi spends his break a little differently. "I spend time with my family, play with my kids, and exchange gifts...and before the holiday I decorate the tree with my sons."

## Jingle Bell Rock

By: Cassiopeia Gonzales

The evening of December 13 the South High School Choir will be performing a Christmas special. Young singer Josh Bits explained that he is serious about his voice. "I rehearse everyday with everything piling on, but I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

The boys choir will be performing their own person of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas." This has become one of the traditions that the guys perform. Joseph Leger, grade 11 tells the Round Up his struggles, "High notes are always a challenge because either I'm not loud enough to be heard well or I strain my voice." He says straining his voice damages it and it hurts his voice.

Leger tells how hard he practices, "I participate in many extra curricular honor choir so I'll spend about six extra hours rehearsing, and the songs I learn in class, I keep learning in different choirs." Making sure everything is ready before the concert can be hectic, Kaylie Morganson says the hardest thing is remembering all the words right before the performance.

They are going to be singing Charlie Browns Christmas song, which Mrs. McGinn was especially excited about. Besides the choir they are also preparing for the Magical Dinner that the choir organizes with other functions. So if you want to be in the mood for the season remember to stop by the Christmas concert for some holiday music.

## Winter Sports Schedules

### BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	VS.	TIME	PLACE
Tues. Dec. 13	Air Academy	7 p.m.	Roncalli
Thurs. Dec. 15	Rampart	7 p.m.	Roncalli
Fri. Jan. 13	West	7 p.m.	Roncalli
Tues. Jan. 17	Centennial	7 p.m.	Roncalli
Tues. Jan. 24	East	5:15 p.m.	EC*
Fri. Jan. 27	Canon City	7 p.m.	Roncalli
Tues. Jan. 3	Central	7:30 p.m.	EC*
Tues. Feb. 14	County	7 p.m.	Roncalli

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	VS.	TIME	PLACE
Fri. Dec. 9	Sand Creek	7 p.m.	South
Mon. Dec. 19	Sierra	7 p.m.	South
Tues. Jan. 3	Canon City	7 p.m.	South
Sat. Jan. 7	Douglas County	3 p.m.	South
Tues. Jan. 10	Central	7 p.m.	South
Fri. Jan. 20	County	7 p.m.	South
Tues. Feb. 7	West	7 p.m.	South
Fri. Feb. 10	Centennial	6 p.m.	EC*
Fri. Feb. 17	East	7 p.m.	EC*

### BOYS WRESTLING

DATE	MATCH	TIME	PLACE
Sat. Jan. 7	Colt Classic	8:30 a.m.	South
Fri. Jan. 12	Central Dual	7 p.m.	South
Fri. Jan. 26	County Dual	5 p.m.	South
Fri. Feb. 10	REGIONALS	TBA	EC*
Sat. Feb. 11	REGIONALS	TBA	EC*

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

DATE	VS.	TIME	PLACE
Tues. Dec. 6	County	5 p.m.	South
Tues. Dec. 13	La Junta	5 p.m.	South
Tues. Jan. 17	Central	5 p.m.	South

\*Event Center



Photo Courtesy of Marvin London

Taylor Voss goes up for a shot against Mitchell High School.



Photo Courtesy of Marvin London

Megan Garcia shoots a free throw against Mesa Ridge.



Photo Courtesy of Pax Lowe

Varsity wrestling team in a dual against Mesa Ridge at South, on December 1.

# College Football Continued....

By: Alec Herrera

December 3rd marks the last day of the regular season for division I football and brings an end to the 2011 season.

The team ranked number one throughout the majority of the season, Louisiana State, has gone undefeated this season defeating the likes of Oregon, Auburn, West Virginia, Arkansas, Georgia, and even #2 ranked Alabama. Alabama has experienced success this year with the loss to LSU being their only of the year. They featured a defense that was 1st in division I in points against and a top rusher in Trent Richardson, who rushed for over 1500 yards this season. The #3 team, the Oklahoma State, utilized a 2nd ranked passing attack led by quarterback Brandon Weeden. Stanford, the # 4 team, had an impressive season that featured quarterback Andrew Luck, who is widely considered to be one of the best college football players this year.

Another team that has garnered attention is the University of Houston, who commands both the top ranked passing offense and top ranked scoring offense. The team only lost one game, yet Houston is only ranked 19th. Oregon, Arkansas, and Boise State are all teams that at one point of the season were ranked in the top 5 of most rankings; they now sit at 5, 6, and 7 respectively. Georgia, who started the season with two losses, would only lose one more game to LSU and now ranks at 16. Lastly, de-



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Although the college football season is coming to a close, there is still plenty of competition to watch.

spite the scandal surrounding assistant coach Jerry Sandusky and the firing of head coach Joe Paterno, Penn State have put together a solid season, finishing 9-3 and being ranked 22nd.

Upsets are standard in any college sport, what isn't however, is a regular season match-up between the #1 and #2 ranked teams. The biggest game this season, #1 LSU at #2 Alabama hap-

pened on November 5th. The game produced no touchdowns and even went to overtime, where LSU kicked a third field goal to win 9-6. This game will happen again however, as it was announced to be this season's BCS National Championship Game. The rematch will happen on January 9th, at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

# Electronically Confused?

By: Abriana Montiel

Have you ever misinterpreted a text message, email, or even a Facebook wall post? Some people always misinterpret what other people send electronically because they don't know what kind of tone of voice the other person is using. Facebook is a really big relationship fighting source, almost 50%. When a girl posts on your boyfriend's wall, what are you going to think? Some assume the worst and then BOOM! You and your boyfriend are fighting.

Some things are just worth calling someone instead of being electronically confused. It's the same issue with text messages. Some people misinterpret a lot of things when they don't need to. Be more specific or pick up the phone and ask that person what they are doing.

There are simple issues that can be avoided and solved. Some phones may auto correct a word when you don't want it to. This also occurs when texting in a hurry or when you're busy. The best thing to do to avoid these problems and issues from occurring would be: Calling that person, being careful what you text, and being clear on what you're saying, texting, posting, emailing, etc...

Not everyone knows your texting, posting, and writing tones.

# A New Title For a Familiar Face

By: Megan Lange

Jarrett Sweckard has been at South for 13 years. He has been the head J.V head football coach, a psychology, and a history teacher, but is currently the Activities/ Athletics director. Sweckard puts all the athletics schedules together, and for the Athletics Director he schedules busses, refs, announcers, and score keepers.

Mr. Sweckard did say he misses being on the football field and

being in the classes, but he does like his new job. According Sweckard, being an AD is a lot of independent work and that it is a new challenge everyday. "I never want to work anywhere else besides South," said Sweckard.

Mr. Sweckard attended County High and graduated in 1989. While he was at County he played football, wrestled, and ran track. After graduating he continued to play Football for the Western State Mountaineers. He then went to Colorado State University Pueblo to finish his teaching degree.

Mr. Sweckard graduated in 1994 from C.S.U-P. His wife is a fourth grade teacher and they have two daughters, 12 and 8.



Megan Lange

From football fields and classrooms to the Activities Office, Mr. Sweckard settles in.

# Moving On

By: Genna Cortese



Genna Cortese

For most people, change is a hurdle that no one wants to jump over. Paul Otellini said "It's a lot easier to change when you can than when you have to." Pueblo is facing a hurdle that many may not want

to face. The schools we grew up with make us part of who we are. The teachers and the subject material may fade with time but something most people can't forget is the experience they gained as a person living within the thick concrete walls. The school, the people, and the experiences were best for us at the time. More and more, what was good for us is no longer good for a new generation living in a world ruled by tech-

nology streaming at a constant pace.

Advancements never slow down, and in a town like Pueblo, we can no longer afford to hold our traditions before our needs. The current suggestions made by the Realignment Committee to the Pueblo City Schools board is packed with change to move grades around and change the focus of some schools, which is part of moving at a constant pace. The more we produce members of society that can function in a technological world and have the ability to adapt to change, the better chance we have for advancing as a community. The PCS Board has given parents and students alike many options for personal advancement, and supporting these can lead to a thriving, more viable future for our community. This is a progressive movement, but taking a chance on something new rather than sticking simply with what we know is what Pueblo needs to thrive in the 21st century.

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